

**A Brief History of University of Denver General Education Requirements**  
**(REVISED 3/14/18)**

**I. 1960: Distribution Requirements**

Physical Education (3 hrs.)  
Basic Communication (15 hrs.)  
Languages and Literatures (15 hrs.)  
Social Sciences (15 hrs.)  
Humanities (15 hrs.)  
Biological Sciences (15 hrs.)  
Physical/Natural Sciences (15 hrs.)

**II. 1971: General Requirements**

General English (9 hrs.)  
Physical Education (3 hrs.)  
Humanities (15 hrs.)      *Nature of Art/Arts and Ideas; Literary Experience; Introduction to Religions; Philosophy.*  
Social Science (15 hrs.)      *Cultural Anthropology; Geography; History; International Relations; Psychology; Sociology; Economics.*  
Science (15 hrs.)      *Astronomy; Biology; Chemistry; Math; Physical Anthropology; Geology; Physics.*

**III. 1972-1978: "Block Plan" to Integrate Studies at the Freshman Level (supported by a National Endowment for the Humanities grant)**

Quarter length, interdisciplinary, team-taught courses. Each course designed to explore in depth a single place at the zenith of its cultural achievement. Courses included:

- Periclean Athens
- Twelfth Century Paris
- Elizabethan England
- Sung China
- Weimar Germany

**IV. 1985-1998: Core Curriculum (also externally funded at its origins)**

General English (12 hrs.)      *Freshman English Program: Expository Writing/Persuasive Voice/Writing About Literature*  
  
                                         *Coordinated Humanities (Honors Sequence)*  
  
Arts & Humanities (12 hrs.)      *Making of the Modern Mind/Civilizations Compared/ Commercial Civilizations/Community, The Individual & The Quest for the Good Life/Multiple Voices of America*  
Social Sciences (12 hrs.)      *Social Science as a Craft/ Understanding Human Conflict/ Cities and Civilizations/ Culture and Technology: Dynamic Reflections/ or 3 courses from approved list of introduction to discipline courses*  
Natural Sciences (12 hrs.)      *The Origin and Evolution of Life/Great Discoveries in Science/Environmental Systems/From Molecules to Mankind/Life Sciences in the 1980s/Individualized option for selected Honors / advanced students*

<b>Math &amp; Computer Sciences (8 hrs.)</b>	<i>Analytical Inquiry/Introduction to Math and Computing/ (Quantitative Decision Methods or Introduction to Statistics) Individualized option for selected Honors / advanced students</i>
<b>Oral Communication (4 hrs.)</b>	<i>Oral Communication (ORCO)</i>
<b>Foreign Language (0-12 hrs.)</b>	<i>One year of college-level foreign language or equivalent proficiency (applies only to BA &amp; BS/Chemistry programs)</i>
<b>Freshman Experience (1hr.)</b>	<i>FREX 0100</i>

#### **V. 1998-2000: Revised University Core Curriculum**

##### **General English (12 hrs.) or Advanced Standing English Seminars**

<b>Integrated Experience Core 1000</b>	<i>Courses spread across divisions: introduction to and connections among disciplines</i>
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities (8 hrs.)</b>	<i>Making of the Modern Mind or 12hr. Travel course spring American Diversity/Models of Wholeness/Shaping the Story/Sources of Civilization</i>
<b>Natural Sciences (8-12 hrs.)</b>	<i>Science &amp; Social Issues/Environmental Systems/From Molecules to Mankind/Origin and Evolution/The 21/ Theory of Everything/Our Dynamic Earth</i>
<b>Social Sciences (8 hrs.)</b>	<i>Thematic Sequence: Understanding Human Conflict/ Psychology/Democracy/Global Issues/World Cultures/ Urban Poverty OR Foundations Courses in Anthropology/ Economics/Psychology/Sociology/Politics/Geography</i>
<b>Integrated-Experience Core 2000 (12 hrs.)</b>	<i>Natural Sciences &amp; Social Sciences/Social Sciences &amp; Arts &amp; Humanities/Natural Sciences &amp; Arts &amp; Humanities</i>
<b>Language Proficiency Requirement (12hrs.)</b>	<i>Passing CEEB Achievement Test/One year of language/ Placing in 2<sup>nd</sup> year or higher on Language Placement Test given by Dept. of Languages &amp; Literatures</i>

#### **VI. 2000-2010: University Requirements**

##### **Foundational Component**

- First Year Seminar (4 hrs.)
- Math & Computer Science (4 hrs.)
- Language (12 hrs.)
- Creative Expression (4 hrs.)
- Writing (8 hrs.)
- NATS Foundations (12 hrs.)
- AHUM Foundations (8 hrs.)
- SOCS Foundations (8 hrs.)

##### **Core Component (12 hrs.): One course from each of 3 thematic categories:**

- Self and Identities
- Communities and Environments
- Change and Continuity

## **VII. 2010-Present: Common Curriculum**

**First-Year Seminar – FSEM (4 hrs.)**

**First-Year Writing & Rhetoric (8 hrs.)**

**Language (4-12 hrs)**

**Analytical Inquiry-Natural (4 hrs.)**

*Math*

**Scientific Inquiry-Natural (12 hrs.)**

*3 sequential courses*

**Analytical Inquiry-Society (8 hrs.)**

*Courses from 2 different disciplines*

**Scientific Inquiry-Society (8 hrs.)**

*Courses from 2 different disciplines*

**Advanced Seminar- ASEM**

*(Writing Intensive) (4hrs.)*