

## GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM - (EFFECTIVE FALL 2017)

The General Education program will be composed of eight demonstrable student competencies organized into three tiers. The foundation and distribution levels already exist at Ferris. The primary change effected is the combination of Global and Race, Ethnicity, and Gender under the common banner of Diversity. The two diversity courses will most likely also count for either Self and Society or Culture. Therefore, no net increase in student credit hours is required.

The two new competencies are clustered in the application area. These courses are intended to be currently required upper-division (200- to 400-level) program courses. It is conceivable that two double-dipping courses could satisfy these competencies completely.

Only courses numbered 100 or higher may fulfill the General Education requirements.

### Foundation Competencies

- **Communication** (typically 12 cr) 3 written courses and 1 oral communication course. One of the written courses must be 300-level or higher or 3 writing intensive courses, or 2 writing intensive courses and an additional oral communication course at the 200-level or higher
- **Quantitative Literacy** (typically 3 cr) 1 course of MATH114 or higher, or either a College Algebra or Calculus CLEP test, a College Algebra, Calculus, or Statistics AP score of 3 or higher, or AccuPlacer score > 50 in college math, or SAT math score > 580, or ACT math score > 24

### Distribution Competencies

- **Culture** (typically 9 cr) 3 courses from at least two different disciplines with 1 being 200-level or higher and a max of 5 cr of cultural activities.
- **Diversity** (double-dip) 2 courses with 1 with a global and 1 with a national orientation
- **Natural Sciences** (typically 7 cr) 2 courses including at least 1 with a lab
- **Self and Society** (typically 9 cr) 3 courses from at least two different disciplines with 1 being 200-level or higher and 1 being a foundation course.

### Application Competencies

- **Collaboration** (min 4 cr) 2 program courses, to be identified by disciplinary content experts
- **Problem Solving** (min 4 cr) 2 program courses, to be identified by disciplinary content experts

## COMPARISON OF THE OLD AND NEW GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

To ensure a smooth transition to the new General Education program, existing General Education courses will be automatically certified and mapped according to the following mapping scheme:

Current General Education Designation	New General Education Designation
Communication (oral)	Communication
Communication (written)	Communication
Cultural Enrichment	Culture
Global Consciousness	Diversity
Quantitative Skills	Quantitative Literacy
Race, Ethnicity, and Gender	Diversity
Scientific Understanding	Natural Sciences
Social Awareness	Self and Society
Writing Intensive Courses	Communication
---	Collaboration (new from programs)
---	Problem Solving (new from programs)