

Degree Requirements Worksheet

College of Arts and Sciences

First-Year Writing Seminars (FWS)

FWS or AP

FWS

Language(s)

Option 1: Passing a language course or any other course taught in a foreign language at Cornell's 2000-level or above

OR

Option 2: At least 11 credits of study in a single foreign language

Science and Quantitative Reasoning

Physical and Biological Sciences primary list (PBS-AS)

Physical and Biological Sciences primary or supplementary list (PBS-AS) or (PBSS-AS)

Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning list (MQR-AS)

Physical and Biological Sciences primary or supplementary list or Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning list

Humanities and Social Sciences

Note: You must take 5 courses of 3 or more credits from at least 4 of 5 rubrics. No more than 3 of 5 may be from the same department.

Cultural Analysis (CA-AS)

Historical Analysis (HA-AS)

Knowledge, Cognition, and Moral Reasoning (KCM-AS)

Literature and Arts (LA-AS)

Social and Behavioral Analysis (SBA-AS)

Breadth

Note: One course may fulfill both breadth requirements and also a distribution requirement.

Historical breadth (HB)

Geographic breadth (GB)

Physical Education (PE)

Swim test taken? _____

Note: PE courses do not count for academic credit.

PE

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Electives (4-5 courses and 15 credits or more)

If you have two or more majors, this requirement is waived.

Course and term (to be) taken

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Major (intended)

Total: ___ Arts credits (at least 100)
 ___ credits (you must have at least 120)
 ___ courses (you must have at least 34)
 ___ 8 semesters of residency



Reminder:

1 credit course = 0 course credit
 2 credit course = ½ course
 3 or 4 credit course = 1 course
 5 credit Bio 2810 course = 1 ½ courses
 6 credit language course = 1 ½ courses
 Any other 5 or 6 credit course = 1 course
 INCs and NGRs must be resolved by graduation.
 AP credits may count as courses and as out-of-college credit.
 See courses.cornell.edu for further details.

Summary of Degree Requirements

1. Two first-year writing seminars
 - 5 on AP Lang or Lit substitutes for 1 FWS.
2. Foreign language requirement
 - Must be taken at Cornell.
 - Must pass intermediate-level course (see courses.cornell.edu) or complete 11-12 credits in a foreign language.
 - Native speakers of foreign languages may be exempted; see Academic Advising Office for more information.
3. PBS/MQR distribution requirements
 - 4 courses.
 - AP/IB credit cannot be used to fulfill.
 - May also count for major & breadth.
4. Distribution requirements in humanities and social sciences
 - 5 courses of 3 or more credits in CA-AS; HA-AS; KCM-AS; LA-AS; SBA-AS.
 - No more than 3 from same dept.
 - AP/IB credit cannot be used.
 - May also count for major & breadth.
5. Breadth requirements (HB)(GB)(GHB)
 - May overlap with other distribution requirements or with courses for major
 - AP/IB credit cannot be used to fulfill.
6. Major
 - Prerequisites & requirements vary. Check courses.cornell.edu.
 - Must be declared by end of soph. year.
7. Electives
 - 4-5 courses (15 or more credits) outside the major; not used to fulfill distribution requirements.
 - May be used to fulfill breadth.
 - AP/IB credits and out-of-college courses can be applied.
8. Residence (8 full-time semesters)
 - Semesters in *approved* study abroad & off-campus programs (such as Cornell-in-Washington) count as residence.
 - Summer study does not count. See courses.cornell.edu for more information.
9. 34 courses
 - AP/IB & transfer credit can be applied.
10. 120 credits (100 of which must be Arts & Sciences courses)
 - AP/IB and transfer credit may count toward the 120 total, but not as A&S.
11. 100 credits at Cornell at "C" (not C-) or above.
12. Physical education
 - Swim test plus 2 courses
13. Application to graduate
 - To be filed senior year.

Courses That Do Not Count Toward the Degree

The college does not grant credit toward the degree for every course offered by the university. Among these are courses in remedial or developmental reading, service as a teaching assistant, physical education courses, supplemental science and math courses offered by the Learning Strategies Center, EMT courses and most NAVS, MILS and AIRS courses, except for those cross-listed in other colleges. In addition, you will not receive credit for repeating a course for which you have already earned a passing grade. If in doubt, see an advising dean.

For a list of courses that do not count https://as.cornell.edu/sites/as/files/Copy-of-Non-credit-courses-2015-2016_0.pdf

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