

College of Arts and Sciences Distribution Requirements

The College of Arts and Sciences Distribution Requirements are designed to further the purposes of liberal education by encouraging study in several different areas. Courses satisfying these requirements may impart specialized knowledge or broadly connect the subject matter to other areas of knowledge.

All requirements are in addition to University ACE requirements. A student may not use a single course to satisfy more than one of the following 5 Distribution Requirements. A student cannot use a single course to satisfy both an ACE outcome and a College Distribution Requirement. Independent study courses and internships cannot be used to satisfy Distribution Requirements.

Courses from interdisciplinary programs will count in the same area as courses from the home/cross-listed department(s). See <http://ascweb.unl.edu/academics/depts.html> for a complete list.

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science (19 credits + Language)

1. Written Communication: 3 hours
To be selected from courses approved for ACE Outcome 1
2. Natural, Physical and Mathematical Sciences: 7 hours
From 2 different departments, including at least 1 lab science course from the Natural or Physical sciences. Lab courses may be selected from Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Geosciences, Physics and Astronomy, Geography and Anthropology*. All other courses select from: Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science and Engineering, Geosciences, Mathematics, Physics & Astronomy, and Statistics.
** see degree audit or College of Arts & Sciences advisor for approved Geography and Anthropology lab courses*
3. Humanities: 6 hours
From 2 different departments, select from Classics*, English, History, Modern Languages & Literatures*, Philosophy, and Religious Studies*
**language courses numbered 210 or below apply only for the Foreign Language requirement*
4. Social Sciences: 3 hours
Select from Anthropology, Communication Studies, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology
5. Languages Classical & Modern: 0-6 hours
Fulfilled by the completion of 6 credit hours at the 200-level or above in a single foreign language in one of the following departments: Classics and Religious Studies, Modern Languages and Literatures, or Anthropology. Instruction is currently available in Biblical Hebrew, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin, Omaha, Russian, and Spanish. A student who has completed the fourth-year level of one foreign language in high school is exempt from the languages requirement.

In addition to the College of Arts & Sciences distribution requirements, the Bachelor of Science degree requires students to complete 60 semester hours in the Natural and Mathematical Sciences.