

Description of Requirements

I. First-Year Seminars

These are small first-year writing seminars, each designed by a faculty member around a topic in their field of expertise, emphasizing discussion, critical analysis, and intensive instruction in writing. Incoming first-year students are required to take one seminar in the fall and one in the spring, for a minimum of eight units. FYS courses are graded on an S/U basis.

Note: Transfer students are waived from the First-Year Seminar requirement.

II. Culture and Fine Arts

Courses satisfying this requirement study difference in the U.S., with a focus on race, religion, ethnicity, class, gender, and/or sexuality; and use frameworks from different academic

Courses satisfying this requirement examine a region outside of the United States without privileging a U.S.-centric perspective. A CPRF course focuses on a region through unifying characteristics, which could be literary, artistic, religious, philosophical, economic, ecological, ideological, political, intellectual, linguistic, scientific, etc.

These courses provide students with an understanding of the interconnectedness of cultural, socioeconomic, and political systems on a global level. Courses satisfying this requirement have

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IV. Language Proficiency

All students must achieve at least 102-level proficiency or the equivalent in a language other than English. There are several ways that a student can satisfy this requirement:

- *Through the completion of language courses.* Placement exams are available to determine the appropriate level to begin your study. If you are placed into a 101-level course (or if you are studying a language that is new to you), you will need to complete both the 101- and 102-level courses in order to fulfill the requirement. If you are placed into a 102-level course, you will only need to complete the single course to satisfy the requirement.
- *Exemption through placement exam.* Students who take a placement exam and are placed into the 201-level (or above) have the option of taking an additional exemption exam, the successful completion of which will fulfill the requirement. (For some languages, the placement and exemption exams are combined.)
- *Exemption through AP or SAT Subject Exam.* Students who receive a score of 4 or 5 on an Advanced Placement language exam can satisfy t

