



General Education Program Requirements for Transfer Students

Fitchburg State University values the education that you have completed prior to enrolling with us and so the number of General Education courses that you will need to complete at Fitchburg State will be determined by the number of transfer credits accepted. The university has a tiered approach to General Education requirements for transfer students:

1-29 Credits

- Students must meet all General Education requirements, however students transferring in a First Year Experience (FYE) course will complete a self-paced, zero-credit Transfer Student Experience instead of the FYE course.

30-59 Credits

- Students will complete a self-paced, zero-credit Transfer Student Experience in place of the FYE course.
- Students must complete all other Foundation courses.
- Students must complete eighteen (18) credits of Exploration coursework and nine (9) credits of Integration requirements including three (3) credits of Integrative High Impact Practice.

60 or More Credits

- Students must complete all Foundation courses other than FYE as well as nine (9) credits of Exploration coursework including three (3) credits of Integrative High Impact Practice.

Associate's Degree or 90 Credits

- If students transfer in at least thirty-four (34) credits of general education-equivalent courses (courses that satisfy the breadth of the General Education Program), the General Education requirements are considered fulfilled.

Bachelor's Degree

- General Education requirements are considered fulfilled.

Please note that transfer credit will apply if equivalent to Fitchburg State courses.

Through their complete educational experience, Fitchburg State graduates will be creative and critical thinkers who integrate and communicate their learning from a variety of disciplines and experiences in ways that enhance their civic, personal, and professional lives.

For additional information about our General Education Program, please visit fitchburgstate.edu/gen-ed-program

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General Education Program

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS



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FOUNDATION

Foundations for Lifelong Learning
15 credits minimum

Reading/Information Literacy: First Year Experience (R&IL).....	3 credits
Writing: Writing I (W).....	3 credits
Writing/Information Literacy: Writing II (W&IL).....	3 credits
Quantitative Reasoning: Math and Developmental Math, if required (QR).....	3 credits
World Languages, Speaking and Listening (WS).....	3 credits

EXPLORATION

Critical and Creative Thinking
Across the Disciplines
27 credits minimum

Civic Learning (CV).....	3 credits
Diverse Perspectives (DP).....	3 credits
Ethical Reasoning (ER).....	3 credits
Fine Arts Expression and Analysis (FA).....	3 credits
Historical Inquiry and Analysis (HI).....	3 credits
Literary Inquiry and Analysis (LI).....	3 credits
Personal Wellness (PW).....	3 credits
Procedural and Logical Thinking (PL).....	3 credits
Scientific Inquiry and Analysis (SI).....	3 credits

All Exploration courses will also include instruction on at least one of the following skills: Creative Thinking, Critical Thinking, Digital Literacy, Information Literacy, Quantitative Reasoning, Reading, World Languages, Speaking and Listening, or Writing.

INTEGRATION

Advancing and Applying
Liberal Arts & Sciences Learning
9 credits minimum

Integrative Learning (AIA).....	6 credits
Integrative High Impact Practice (IHIP).....	3 credits

OR

Minor or Second Major (courses beyond the 9 credit minimum can also be applied to Foundation and Exploration requirements).....	9 credits
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Majors may have selected up to three General Education requirements from the EXPLORATION and INTEGRATION portions of the curriculum to fulfill with major courses. See your advisor and/or your major's four-year plan of study for this information.

