In the Fitchburg State General Education program, you will …

• develop skills for personal, academic, and professional success
• increase your familiarity with campus resources
• gain knowledge about our world—past, present, and future—across many fields and through a variety of methods
• explore artistic, civic, diverse, ethical, historical, literary, and scientific perspectives while expanding your approaches to thinking and wellness
• develop skills that complement your major and prepare you to tackle more complex problems and ideas
• connect thinking with doing and apply your learning beyond the classroom walls in experiences that range from community engagement and study abroad to student/faculty collaborative research and internships

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.

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# General Education Program Requirements

## FOUNDATION
**Foundations for Lifelong Learning**
15 credits minimum

- **Reading/Information Literacy:**
  - First Year Experience (R&IL) .................................. 3 credits
  - 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

Majors may have identified up to three General Education courses from the EXPLORATION and INTEGRATION portions of the curriculum that will also meet major requirements. See your advisor and/or your major’s four-year plan of study for this information.