

# College of Letters & Science Degree Requirement Self-Check

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

This self-check form is a summary of the University and College of Letters & Science Degree requirements. Students must satisfy all the requirements below, in addition to their Major program requirements to be eligible for a degree from UC Davis. If you have questions about your major, see an advisor in your major department.

## 1. Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) *May be met in one of the following ways:*

- 30 or better on the ACT, English Language Arts (*note ACT English section does not satisfy ELWR*)
- 30 or better on the ACT, Combined English/Writing (last administered June 2015)
- 680 or better on the College Board SAT Reasoning Test (last administered January 2016)
- 680 or better on the SAT, Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing (beginning Fall 2018)
- 3 or above on Advanced Placement Examination in English Language and Composition or English Literature and Composition
- 5 or above on an International Baccalaureate Higher Level English A: Literature exam (formerly known as Higher Level English A1 exam)
- 6 or above on the International Baccalaureate Standard Level English A: Literature exam (formerly known as Standard Level English A1 exam)
- 5 or above on an International Baccalaureate Higher Level English A: Language and Literature exam
- 6 or above on an International Baccalaureate Standard Level English A: Language and Literature exam
- A grade of C or higher in an acceptable English composition course offered by an accredited college or university (must be completed prior to entering UC)
- A passing score on the Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE)
- Placement into Path 4 on UC Davis Writing Placement 2020
- A grade of C or higher in an ELWR satisfying course at UC Davis. <https://elw.ucdavis.edu/elwr-at-davis>

## 2. American History and Institutions Requirement (AHI) *May be met in one of the following ways:*

- Completing one high school unit in American History, or ½ high school unit in American History and ½ high school unit in Civics or American Government, with a grade of C or better in each course
- Completing any of the accepted UC Davis courses listed in the General Catalog: <https://ucdavis.pubs.curricUNET.com/Catalog/undergraduate-education#amer>
- Present evidence that the requirement has been accepted as satisfied at another University of California Campus
- Present evidence that the requirement has been satisfied through courses in the area of American History and Institutions at another collegiate institution whose credits are acceptable for transfer to UC Davis.
- Successful completion of the Advanced Placement (AP) Examination in United States Government and Politics taken May 2014 and prior with a score of 3 or higher. As of May 2015, the AP United States Government and Politics exam no longer satisfies the American History and Institutions requirement.
- Successful completion of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Examination in History of the Americas Higher Level (HL) with a score of 5, 6, or 7.
- Successful completion of the SAT Subject Examination in U.S. History with a score of 550 or higher.

## 3. General Education Requirement (see worksheet)

*The following conditions apply to courses used in satisfaction of General Education:*

- A single course *may* be counted toward one Topical Breadth *and* one Core Literacy component—*except* for courses used to satisfy the College English Composition Requirement
- A course *may not* be applied to more than one area *within* either Topical Breadth or Core Literacies
- Courses may be taken on a Passed/Not Passed basis up to the limits set by College and University regulations (see #6)
- Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) credit *may not* be used to satisfy GE requirements—*except* for the Lower Division College English Composition section.
- Courses used to satisfy major requirements may also be used to satisfy General Education requirements
- Transfer students who have successfully completed an Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) are exempt from General Education—*except* for the Upper Division English Composition Requirement.



## College English Composition

The Entry Level Writing Requirement must be satisfied prior to completion of this requirement. Courses used toward this area **may not** be counted toward any other Topical Breadth or Core Literacy Area

- By passing the Upper Division Composition Examination **after** completion of 70 units of degree credit. The examination itself does not yield unit credit. <https://writing.ucdavis.edu>
- By completing both of the following:
  - One Lower Division course in English Composition, with grade of C- or Pass, from Comparative Literature 1, 2, 3, 4, English 3, Native American Studies 5, University Writing Program 1/1Y/1V; **or** Advanced Placement (AP) credit for English 3 and University Writing Program 1 with a score of 4 or 5; **or** International Baccalaureate (IB) credit for English 3 with a score of 5, 6, or 7; **or** Fully certified Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

### **AND**

- One Upper Division course in University Writing Program 101, 102, or 104 with grade of C- or Pass. Must be taken **after** completion of 84 units.

## **4. Foreign Language Requirement (A.B. degree only) May be met in one of the following ways:**

- Foreign Language Proficiency Exam with placement **above** course level 3. Exam does not yield units toward graduation. Consult the UC Davis Language Center for exam details <https://ucdlc.ucdavis.edu/>
- SAT Subject Test with a qualifying score of 550 on any College Board Foreign Language Subject Test
- College Board Advanced Placement Examination: a score of 5, 4 or 3 on any foreign language College Board Advanced Placement Examination, with the exception of Latin, taken in high school will satisfy the Foreign Language requirement
- International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination: a score of 7, 6, or 5 on the French A1, A2 or B Examination, or the German A1, A2, or B Examination, the Italian A1 Examination, Latin Examination, the Portuguese A1, A2, or B Examination, or the Spanish A1 Examination taken in high school will satisfy the Foreign Language requirement
- College course equivalent of 15-unit level of proficiency in one language at UC Davis (e.g. Spanish 3, Japanese 3, etc.) **or** equivalent transfer course
- Examination by other means: for further information consult the appropriate foreign language department
- Full Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) certification

## **5. Area Breadth Requirement (B.S. degree only)**

- A total of 90 units in Natural Sciences and Mathematics.  
For complete list of courses visit: <https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate-education/letters-science/>  
Courses numbered 92, 97T, 97TC, 98, 192, 197T, 197TC, 198 and 200-499 cannot be counted toward satisfaction of this requirement. A maximum of 10 units in special study courses (99, 194H, 199) in approved areas may be counted toward the requirement.
- Full Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) certification

**Students pursuing multiple majors that include an A.B. and B.S degree type must complete both the Foreign Language and Area Breadth requirements as outlined above.**

## 6. Unit Requirements

The following unit totals must be met prior to graduation. These totals are subject to the limitations below

**180 Quarter Units:** A minimum of 180 quarter units are required for graduation.

The maximum number of Lower Division units that can be transferred from another institution is 105 quarter units.

**64 Upper Division Units:** A minimum of 64 Upper Division units are required (courses numbered 100-199).

A minimum of 27 upper division units must be completed at UC Davis.

Passed/Not Passed Grading Limitations:

- Total P/NP units – Maximum of 1/3 of UC Davis units
  - Optional P/NP units – Maximum 1/4 of UC Davis units
- Totals will be calculated at graduation. Exceeding limitation in final term will prevent degree from being awarded.

Unit Limitations: The following limitations may impact your final unit total at graduation. Consult with an advisor prior to enrolling.

- Music Performance Courses
  - MUS 130, 131, 140 – 150 – Maximum 19 units combined
- Physical Education Activity Courses
  - PHE 1 and 6 – Maximum 6 units (UC Davis and transfer units combined)
- Non-Standard Courses – Maximum 30 units or 1/6 of the total UC Davis units (whichever is less) may be in the following areas:
  - Tutoring Courses (97T, 97TC, 197T, 197TC)
    - Maximum 10 units of tutoring may count toward 180-unit total
  - Special Study Courses (99, 194H\*, 199\*)
    - Maximum of 5 units of special study may be taken in a single quarter
  - Internship Courses (92, 192\*, and any transfer internship)
    - Maximum 12 units of internship may count toward 180-unit total

\*Must have completed 84 units before enrolling or no credit toward degree requirements will be granted

Units Granted by Petition Only: <https://lettersandscience.ucdavis.edu/forms>

Units approved by petition may **only** satisfy the 180 unit requirement unless otherwise indicated

- Graduate and Professional School Courses: Must have UC GPA of 3.300 and have completed 18 Upper Division units of basic subject matter of the course prior to submitting petition.
  - Graduate Courses (200 – 298)
  - Professional Courses (300 – 398) outside of the College of Letters & Science, and Postgraduate Professional Courses (400 – 498)
    - Not more than 9 units of combined 300 and 400 level courses may be approved by petition
  - No credit will be granted for Special Study courses 299, 399, or 499
- UC Davis Continuing & Professional Education courses with a designator of “X”
  - Not more than 9 units may be approved toward the 180-unit requirement
  - Units may not satisfy any other University, College, or Major requirement

## 7. Scholarship Requirement<sup>†</sup> (Grade Point Average):

The Scholarship Requirement is satisfied when all the following are met:

- 2.00 GPA for all University of California courses
- 2.00 GPA for all courses required for the **major\*** completed at **UC Davis**
- 2.00 GPA for all Upper Division courses required for the **major\*** completed at **UC Davis**

<sup>†</sup>For the purposes of calculating GPA at graduation any outstanding Incomplete “I” notations will be calculated as “F” grades to ensure compliance with the Scholarship requirement

\*Courses completed at other UC’s or through UC Davis Open Campus are not calculated toward Major GPAs

## 8. Residence Requirements: Consult a College advisor prior to enrolling in any courses outside of UC Davis

- A minimum of 3 quarters of registration in the University of California
- 35 of final 45 units completed while in residence at the University of California
- 27 Upper Division units completed while in residence at UC Davis
- 18 Upper Division units in the major while in residence at UC Davis