

Goals for Competencies, Areas of Thought and Expression, Values and Cultures

The general education program at Wilmington College is designed to give students a broad understanding of the world in which they live. Through successful completion of the general education program each graduate is expected to acquire competence in the use of standard English and Mathematics, knowledge of the world outside the United States, knowledge of the basic areas of human thought and expression, and institutional mission and values.

1. ENGLISH COMPETENCE:

EN101 OR EN103H (for the Honors Program student) with a grade of "C-" or better. Students are strongly encouraged to take EN101 or EN103H during their freshman year. Placement in EN100, EN101, or EN103H is based on ACT/SAT scores and high school GPAs. A writing sample is used to confirm placement the first week of classes.

Students earning a grade lower than "C-" [including drops after the drop/add period noted with the grade of "W" (Withdrawal)] in EN100, EN101, or EN103H will be required to retake the course for a better grade.

Students earning lower than a "C-" in EN100, EN101, or EN103H following the second attempt* [including drops after the drop/add period noted with grade of "W" (Withdrawal)] are placed on academic probation and will be required to repeat the course. Students will work with the Student Success team and advisor to determine when the class(es) will be repeated.

Students earning a grade lower than "C-" following the third attempt (including drops after the drop/add period noted with grade of "W" (Withdrawal)] are subject to immediate academic suspension.

*Withdrawals are considered attempted credits

2. MATHEMATICS COMPETENCE:

MT106 (or MT102 and MT103) or higher numbered mathematics course: a minimum of 3 semester hours required. Students are strongly encouraged to begin the math requirement during the freshman year. Placement in MT099, MT100, MT106 or MT107 (or MT102 and MT103), MT109, or MT140 is based on ACT/SAT scores and high school GPAs. Tests will confirm placement the first week of class. MT099 does not count toward the 124 hours required for graduation; however, it does count for the purpose of determining academic standing, financial aid completion rate, and student classification. Students failing MT099 will be required to repeat the course. Students will work with the Student Success team and advisor to determine when the class(es) will be repeated.

3. GLOBAL AWARENESS:

8 hours of Global (G) courses. A student may not satisfy the Global Awareness requirement by passing a CLEP, AP, IB (international baccalaureate), or proficiency exam in a language.

4. BASIC AREAS OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION: 8 hours in each Basic Area of Thought and Expression OUTSIDE of the Major Area of Study (A., B., C., and D.), fine arts, humanities, natural science, and social science, must be completed.

A. **Fine Arts: 8 hours of designated fine arts credits** from Art, Music, Theatre or Communication Arts unless students major resides in the Fine Arts Area or are required by major or concentration.

AR – Any course in Art

CA230, 337

EN236

MU – Any course in Music

TH – Any course in Theatre

- B. **Humanities: 8 hours of designated humanities credits** from English, History, Religion & Philosophy or Spanish unless students major resides in the Humanities Area or are required by major or concentration.

ED160, 161, 162, 163

EN150, 232, 233, 235, 239, 242, 244G, 245G, 250G, 251, 330, 331, 334, 338, 350, 430G

HI130, 131, 150, 160G, 161G, 170, 250G, 342, 350, 351G, 352, 353G, 381

ID134G

PC233, 332

RP – Any course in Religion and Philosophy, except RP495

SP – Any course in Spanish, except SP285, 385

- C. **Natural Science: 8 hours of designated natural science credits, with a minimum of one (1) laboratory course**, from Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Health Sciences, Physical Science or Sport Sciences unless students major resides in the Natural or Sport Sciences Area or are required by major or concentration.

AG130G, 133, 250

BI100/100G, 131, 203, 230, 231

CH101G, 230, 231

EQ240, 349

ES101G

HS344, 345

PH – Any course in Physics

- D. **Social Sciences: 8 hours for designated social science credits** from Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology or Social Work unless student's major resides in the Social Science Area or are required by major or concentration.

EC130, 131, 430G

ED230 and SE230

PS130, 231G, 234G, 330, 333G, 337G, 343, 348G, 350, 350G

PY130, 231, 331, 334, 336, 350, 350G

SW230

SY130, 230, 333G, 335, 340, 350

**Self-Designed Majors must propose and be approved on how they will fulfill the four Basic Areas of Thought and Expression requirement.*