

This page is only for students admitted before spring 2003. Undergraduate Requirements and GELS Course List

This document includes the graduation requirements and the official list of Metropolitan State GELS courses for students admitted to the university before spring 2003.

General Education Requirements 40 semester credits

All students must complete 40 semester credits distributed in the categories described below.

Liberal Studies Requirements 8 semester credits

All students must complete eight upper-division semester credits (the equivalent of 300-level or higher) selected from the general education core areas described below.

Summary of Credit Requirements

General education	40
Liberal studies	8
Major requirements	36–63*
Minimum free electives	13
Minimum total credits to graduate	120 to 124*

* *Depends on major.*

Minimum upper-division credits	40
Minimum credits completed at Metropolitan State	30

Core Areas

Only courses numbered 399 or below and bearing three or more semester or quarter credits may be used to meet Core Area General Education requirements.

Communication

Writing (*two courses*)

For approved courses, see Goal 1 under current GELS List.

Oral and Visual Communication

(*one course*)

For approved courses, see Goal 1 under current GELS List. In addition, the following courses can be used:

FREN all 100 and 200-level courses
HMNG all 100 and 200-level courses
SPAN all 100 and 200-level courses

Mathematics

For approved courses, see Goal 4 under current GELS List.

Natural and Physical Sciences

(*one course*)

BIOL all courses
CHEM all courses
GEOL all courses
NATH/NSCI: all courses
PHYS all courses
PSYC 312 Research Methods
PSYC 343 Drugs and Behavior: An Introduction to Behavioral Pharmacology

Social and Behavioral Science

(*two courses from two different disciplines*)

For approved courses, see Goal 5 under current GELS List. However, students fulfilling the 1998 GELS may not use history to meet this requirement.

Humanities

(*two courses from two different disciplines*)

For approved courses, see Goal 6 under current GELS List. In addition, students fulfilling the 1998 GELS may use history to meet this requirement.

General Education and Liberal Studies Electives

Students who have completed the general education core areas and liberal studies may still need additional credits to bring the total to 48. Any course listed on the current GELS list (*courses with asterisk (*) excluded*) may be used as electives.

Cultural Diversity and Global Awareness

Note: Students must complete one course in cultural diversity and a different course in global awareness. Only courses bearing three or more semester or quarter credits may be used to fulfill these two requirements. Courses meeting either of these requirements may also be used to fulfill other general education or major requirements. *Courses marked with an asterisk (*) do not fulfill general education or liberal studies requirements.*

Cultural Diversity in the United States (*one course*)

For approved courses, see Goal 7 under current GELS List. In addition, the following courses may be used:

HMNG all courses
SPAN all courses

Global Awareness (*one course*)

For approved courses, see Goal 8 under current GELS List. In addition, the following courses may be used:

FREN all courses
HMNG all courses
SPAN all courses

Notes

- Students who have completed the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum since fall 1995, or who have earned an associate of arts (A.A.) degree from a Minnesota community college or state university since 1985, do not have to complete the general education requirements at Metropolitan State. However, students with this general education exemption must still meet the university's liberal studies requirements. This exemption does not apply to the A.S., A.A.S., or any other associate degrees.
- GELS requirements may be met by transfer courses or courses completed at Metropolitan State.
- Courses must be a minimum of three semester or quarter credits to meet the core area, cultural diversity, global awareness and liberal studies requirements. This restriction does not apply to general education electives.
- Students with fewer than 16 credits must take METR 101 Your Academic Journey; all students transferring fewer than 30 semester credits will benefit from taking this course.
- Up to 12 credits used to meet major requirements or prerequisites may also be used to meet general education and liberal studies requirements.
- Liberal studies requirements may not be used to fulfill any other GELS requirements.
- Core area requirements may also be used to fulfill either cultural diversity or global awareness requirements.
- Some courses may be used as GELS electives but cannot be used to meet the core areas, liberal studies, cultural diversity and global awareness (see 2003 GELS course list).