



## GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM WORKSHEET

### A. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. 120 academic credits—not including institutional credits. At least 30 academic credits must be completed “in residence” at UMBC, with at least 15 of those credits in upper level courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level.
2. A minimum cumulative UMBC grade point average of 2.0.
3. One course with the writing intensive “WI” designation: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Completion of UMBC’s general education program, outlined below.
5. 45 credits of upper-level courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level.
6. Completion of an academic major offered by UMBC.

### B. GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM:

All areas listed below must be completed as specified.

1. ENGLISH COMPOSITION: Completion of English 100 or an equivalent course.  
*a. Students are expected to complete the English Composition requirement within their first 30 credits of enrollment at UMBC.*
2. ARTS/HUMANITIES: Three courses with “AH” designation; courses must come from at least two different academic disciplines. Ancient studies and archaeology are considered the same discipline.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_
3. SOCIAL SCIENCES: Three courses with “SS” designation; courses must come from at least two different academic disciplines. Sociology and anthropology are considered the same discipline.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_
4. MATHEMATICS: One course in mathematics or statistics with the “M” designation.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_
5. SCIENCES: Two courses with the “S” designation. At least one science course must include a laboratory component, either as an integral part of the course or as a separate course with an “L” after the course number.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ Lab \_\_\_\_\_
6. GLOBAL CULTURES: B.A., B.F.A. students: two courses with the “C” designation. B.S. students: one course with the “C” designation.  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_
7. LANGUAGE: Completion of a foreign language through the 201 level or demonstrated proficiency at that level.  
201: \_\_\_\_\_

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## GEP COURSES



Students must complete a foreign language through the 201 level or demonstrate proficiency at that level. Placement and proficiency are determined by previous experience as follows:

- Completion of Level 4 or higher of a language in high school (see table below) or
- Corresponding AP, IB, or CLEP credit (see Undergraduate Catalog),
- Completion of a language through the 201 level at another college or university, accepted for transfer credit at UMBC

Highest language level attained in high school	Meets 201-proficiency requirement	Number of courses to complete requirement (continuing with H.S. language)	Appropriate placement level* (202 & 301 are "C" designated for GEP)
5	yes	none	301
4	yes	none	202
3	no	201	201
2	no	102, 201	102
0-1	no	101, 102, 201	101

\*Students should not enroll in language courses below their appropriate placement level without authorization from the Department of Modern Languages, Linguistics, and Intercultural Communication (MLLI). For students who have completed level 3 of a language in high school, but who feel unprepared for the 201 course, a 103 review course is available in French and Spanish. Students intending to enroll in 200 or 300 level Latin courses should consult with the Chair of the Ancient Studies Department in order to determine their appropriate placement level.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS proficient in a language other than English may receive equivalency for the 201 level proficiency requirement, provided that they present documentation showing that they have studied at the secondary school level (i.e., sixth grade or above) for at least one year in a country other than the United States. Such students should submit an application form available at [mlii.umbc.edu](http://mlii.umbc.edu) or the Department of MLLI office to determine whether the 201 level proficiency has been met. Although UMBC does not offer language proficiency testing, results from certain tests may be considered in evaluating whether this 201 proficiency has been met. Students may obtain additional information about this option from the Department of MLLI.

### C. ADDITIONAL POLICIES CONCERNING THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. All courses used to satisfy the general education program requirements must be completed with a "C" or better. Courses taken on a pass/fail basis may not be used toward general education program requirements.
2. Within the general education program requirements, no one course may be used to satisfy more than one area. Therefore if a course has been approved as "AH" or "C" it may be used to satisfy either one, but not both, of these areas.
3. A cross-listed course may be considered as any one of its assigned disciplines, no matter under which departmental designation the course is taken.
4. No more than two courses from the same discipline may be used to satisfy either the arts/humanities or social science areas. No more than three courses from the same discipline may be used throughout the general education program requirements, except that three English courses may be used in addition to English composition.
5. Credit earned through AP, IB, and CLEP may be used toward general education program requirements when equivalent to a UMBC general education program requirement course. Departmental credit by exam does not apply toward general education program requirements.
6. Only one First-Year Seminar (FYS) course can be used throughout the general education program. In the arts and humanities (AH) or social sciences (SS) areas, if one of the courses applied is an FYS course, then the two remaining courses must come from two different disciplines. In addition, many FYS courses meet the mathematics (M), global cultures (C), or science (S) requirements.
7. Within the graduation requirements for GEP students, one Writing Intensive (WI) course must be completed. A course taken to meet the WI requirement must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.