

Queens College, CUNY
General Education Requirements Effective Fall 2009
as of December 11, 2008

College Competencies

Mathematics:

All students are required to complete a course numbered Math 110 or above, or to place into a course numbered above MATH 122 based on the COMPASS exam.

Foreign Language:

The Foreign Language Requirement may be satisfied by successful completion of one of the following:

- A course taught in a foreign language or American Sign Language at the third-semester level or higher.
- Three years of high school education in the same foreign language.
- A minimum grade of 80 on the New York State Regents exam in a foreign language.
- Completion of 11th grade or higher in which the language of instruction is a foreign language.
- A satisfactory score on a scheduled departmental proficiency exam at Queens College*.
- A satisfactory score on an approved external placement exam in a foreign language*.

(* Consult the Arts and Humanities web page for a list of approved departmental and external proficiency exams in foreign language.)

Area Requirements (PLAS)

All students must complete the following requirements:

1. Perspectives on the Liberal Arts and Sciences (PLAS) courses in the following Areas of Knowledge and Inquiry:
 - a. Reading Literature (RL): Two courses. For one, students may choose a substitute course from the category “Analysis of Meaning.”
 - b. Appreciating and Participating in the Arts (AP): One course.
 - c. Cultures and Values (CV): One course.
 - d. Analyzing Social Structures (SS): Two courses. For one, students may choose a substitute course from the category “Social Sciences.”
 - e. Natural Science (NS): Two courses. For one, students may choose a substitute course from the category “Physical and Biological Sciences.” One course must include a laboratory.

2. Three PLAS courses, which may be among the PLAS courses taken to fulfill the requirements above, each emphasizing one of the following Contexts of Experience.
 - a. United States (US): One course.
 - b. European Traditions (ET): One course.
 - c. World Cultures (WC): One course.

3. Two Extended Requirements, which may be satisfied by a course taken for the requirements above, or in the student’s major or minor, or as an elective.
 - a. Pre-Industrial Society (PI)
 - b. Abstract or Quantitative Reasoning (QR).

Summary of General Education Course and Credit Requirements

Type		Description	Courses	Credits
1. Areas of Knowledge and Inquiry	RL	Reading Literature (at least one PLAS course)	2	6
	AP	Appreciating and Participating in the Arts (PLAS course)	1	3
	CV	Culture and Values (PLAS course)	1	3
	SS	Analyzing Social Structures (at least one PLAS course)	2	6
	NS	Natural Science (at least one PLAS course)	2	7
2. Emphasis on Contexts of Experience ¹	US	United States (PLAS)		
	ET	European Traditions (PLAS)		
	WC	World Cultures (PLAS)		
3. Extended Requirements ²	PI	Pre-industrial Society	0-1 ²	0-3 ²
	QR	Abstract or Quantitative Reasoning		
Totals			8-9	25-28