

## PLU GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The General Education Program Elements (Gen Ed) are required of all students earning baccalaureate degrees from PLU. Except where noted, no course may be used to meet more than one Gen Ed program element.

**ENTRANCE = ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:** Deficiencies in these requirements must be made up as soon as possible after entering PLU. Students entering in fall are expected to meet the language requirement in their first year. These requirements are not complete until an official final high school transcript is received.

- **Mathematics:** Two years of college preparatory mathematics (exclusive of computer science) with grades averaging C or higher, an approved course at the baccalaureate level, or demonstrated equivalent proficiency.
- **Foreign Language:** Two years of one foreign language in high school with grades averaging C or higher, one year at the baccalaureate level, or demonstrated equivalent proficiency.

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

#### WRITING REQUIREMENT

WRITING- (4 hours): All Students must complete a writing course.

EMBRACING THE LIFE OF THE MIND: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM. (For students with less than 20 hrs of college transfer work)

- **FRESHMAN = First-Year Writing Seminar (WRIT 101)** (4 hours): A writing course from another regionally accredited college may substitute for WRIT 101. **Writing 101 will fulfill Writing above.**
- **FRESHMAN = First-Year Inquiry Seminar** (4 hours): In addition to fulfilling major or minor requirements, an Inquiry Seminar may fulfill another Gen Ed program element.
- **JTERM = January Residency Requirement:** All first-year students must enroll in at least 4 hours during J-Term. In addition to fulfilling major or minor requirements, a course taken during J-Term used to fulfill this residency requirement may fulfill another Gen Ed program element.

#### ENGAGING ARTS AND PERFORMANCE.

- **ART, MUSIC, THEATER** (4 hours): Any course in art or music except teaching methods courses may count, including music lessons and ensembles. Communication courses do not count.
- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION** (4 hours): Four different activity courses, including PHED 100, are required. Teaching methods courses or courses for PE majors may not be used. One hour of credit may be earned through approved sports participation.

#### INTERPRETING LIVING TRADITIONS FOR A HUMANE FUTURE

- **LITERATURE** (4 hours): Any literature course from English may count. Literature courses offered by the Department of Languages (including Classics and Scandinavian Studies) may satisfy this requirement. Courses offered through correspondence, on-line, or independent study are not accepted for this requirement.
- **PHILOSOPHY** (4 hours): Any philosophy course except logic or critical thinking courses may count. Courses offered through correspondence, on-line, or independent study are not accepted to meet this requirement.
- **RELIGION** (8 hours): Four credits must be taken from each of the two lines (1) Christian Traditions (2) Global Religious Traditions. Courses offered through correspondence, on-line, or independent study are not accepted to meet this requirement. **Junior and senior transfer students must take one religious studies course from line 1, Christian Traditions, at PLU.**

#### EXPLORING NATURE AND NUMBER

- **MATHEMATICAL REASONING** (4 hours): This may also be satisfied by Computer Science 115, Statistics 231, or by the completion (with at least a 3.0 average) of the equivalent of four years of college preparatory mathematics (mathematical analysis or calculus).
- **NATURAL SCIENCES, COMPUTER SCIENCE, OR MATH** (4 hours): Any Natural Science, Computer Science or Mathematical Reasoning designated course can meet this requirement.
- **SCIENCE AND SCIENTIFIC METHOD** (4 hours): To meet the Scientific Method requirement, a course must include a laboratory component.

#### INVESTIGATING HUMAN BEHAVIOR, CULTURE AND INSTITUTIONS

- **SOCIAL SCIENCES** (8 hours): 4 hours from two different of the following disciplines: Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, or Sociology.

#### ENCOUNTERING PERSPECTIVES ON DIVERSITY

- **ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVES** (4 hours)
- **CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES** (4 hours)  
Students complete four credits from each of the two lines. The Alternative Perspectives course may concurrently fulfill another GenEd or major/minor requirement. The Cross-Cultural course may concurrently fulfill another GenEd or major/minor requirement.

#### PRODUCING AND PRESENTING CULMINATING SCHOLARSHIP: SENIOR SEMINAR/PROJECT

A substantial project, paper, practicum, or internship that culminates and advances the program of an academic major. The end product must be presented to an open audience and critically evaluated by faculty in the student's field. These credits count in the major.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES REQUIREMENT

In addition to meeting the entrance requirement in foreign language, candidates in the College of Arts and Sciences (all BA, BS, BARec, BAPE [excluding BAPE with certification], and BSPE degrees) must meet option I, II, or III below:

- **Option I:** Completion of one foreign language through the second year of college level. This requirement may also be satisfied by completion of four years of high school study in one foreign language with C average or by satisfactory scores on a proficiency examination.
- **Option II:** Completion through the first year of college level of a foreign language other than that used to satisfy the foreign language entrance requirement. This option may also be met by satisfactory scores on a proficiency examination.
- **Option III:** Four semester hours in history, literature, or language (at the 201 level, or at any level in a language other than that used to satisfy the foreign language entrance requirement) in addition to courses applied to the general university requirements; and 4 semester hours in logic, mathematics, computer science, or statistics, in addition to courses applied to the general university requirements.  
*201 level language courses used to satisfy Option I and language through the first year of college level used to satisfy Option II may be used simultaneously to satisfy the Perspectives on Diversity requirement. American Sign Language may be used to satisfy Alternative Perspectives, a foreign language (not SIGN) may be used to satisfy Cross-Cultural Perspectives.*

### OTHER DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 40 semester hours must be completed from courses numbered 300 or above.

An absolute minimum of 128 semester hours must be completed with a grade point average of 2.00 to earn a baccalaureate degree at PLU (2.50 may be required by individual departments). Students should check with department chairs or academic advisors for verification of GPA requirements and total number of hours needed for completion. Some degrees may require more than a 128 total hours.

44-Hour Rule: Not more than 44 semester hours earned in one department may be applied to the 128 hours required for graduation for BA/BS degrees.

Senior Residency: The final 32 semester hours of a student's program must be completed in residence at PLU.