

## PLU DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The General University Requirements (GURs) are required of all students earning baccalaureate degrees from PLU. Except where noted, no course may be used to meet more than one GUR.

**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.

**FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE:** Required of all students entering with fewer than 20 credits of college-level work.

- **FRESHMAN = First-Year Writing Seminar** (WRIT 101) (4 hours): A writing course from another regionally accredited college may substitute for WRIT 101.
- **FRESHMAN = First-Year Inquiry Seminar** (4 hours): In addition to fulfilling major or minor requirements, an Inquiry Seminary may fulfill no more than one GUR.
- **JTERM = January Residency Requirement:** All first-year students must enroll in a course 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 no more than one GUR.

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:** These are required of all students, whether they take the Distributive Core or are in the International Honors Program.

- **MATH = Mathematical Reasoning** (4 hours): This may also be satisfied by Computer Science 115, Statistics 231, or by the completion (with at least a B average) of the equivalent of four years of college-preparatory mathematics (through mathematical analysis or calculus or equivalent).
- **SCSM = Science and Scientific Method** (4 hours): This course must include a laboratory component.
- **WRIT = Writing** (4 hours): First-year students satisfy this requirement with Writing 101 Inquiry Seminar: Writing for Discovery as part of their First-Year experience. A first-year writing course from another accredited college may substitute for Writing 101.
- **Perspectives on Diversity: Alternative Perspectives** (4 hours): A course which creates an awareness and understanding of diversity in the United States, directly addressing issues such as ethnicity, gender, disability, racism, or poverty. **Cross-Cultural Perspectives** (4 hours): A course that enhances cross-cultural understandings through examination of other cultures. One of the two diversity requirements (but not both) may be met by a course used simultaneously to meet another GUR. Students transferring to PLU with junior standing must satisfy one of the two requirements at PLU with a course that does not fulfill another GUR.
- **PHED = Physical Education** (4 hours): Four different activity courses, including Physical Education 100, are required. Activity courses are numbered from 150 to 259. Teaching methods courses or courses for PE majors may not be used. One hour of credit may be earned through approved sports participation.
- **SMNR = Senior Seminar** (2–4 hours): as designated by the academic unit of the student's major.

**CORE REQUIREMENTS:** All undergraduate students must complete the requirements listed below for either the Distributive Core or the International Honors program.

### Distributive Core (32 hours)

- **ARTS = 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.
- **LITR = 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 to meet this requirement.
- **PHIL = 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.
- **RELI = Religious Studies** (8 hours): Four credits must be taken from each of two of the three lines: (1) Biblical Studies; (2) Christian Thought, History, and Experience; and (3) Interpretive and Comparative Studies. 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 either line 1 or 2 at PLU.
- **SSC1 = Anthropology, History, or Political Science** (4 hours)
- **SSC2 = Economics, Psychology, Sociology, or Social Work** (4 hours)
- **NSCI = Natural Sciences, Computer Science, or Mathematics** (4 hours)

### International Honors (28 hours)

**IHON =** Students who have applied to International Honors are admitted to the program upon admittance to PLU. Students may switch from the International Honors program by requesting that the Program Coordinator apply their International Honors course credits to Distributive Core requirements.

- **IHON 111 and 190** (4 hours each): Taken in the first year, this pair of courses lays the groundwork for the 200-level courses that follow.
- **200-level IHON courses** (16 hours): These topical courses vary somewhat from year to year.
- **One 300-level IHON course** (4 hours).

**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.

A minimum of 128 semester hours must be completed with a grade point average of 2.00 (2.50 may be required by individual departments. Students should check with department chairs or academic advisors for verification of GPA requirements.

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.