

New Program Overview Ways of Understanding **Essential Skills** • Arts and Humanities: 9 credits · Written and Oral Communication: 6 credits • No more than 6 credits in any one discipline • Includes First Year Writing (WRT 105 or WRT 110): 3 credits • Includes Literature: 3 credits • World Languages: 0-6 credits · Social and Behavioral Sciences: 12 credits • No more than 6 credits in any one discipline • Thriving in College: 2-3 credits • Includes History: 3 credits • Mathematics and Natural Sciences: 9-10 credits **General Ed Free Elective: 3 credits** • Includes Mathematics or Statistics: 3 credits • Includes Lab Science: 3-4 credits May include 3 credits of World Languages Total Credits: 41-46 CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

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Additional Requirements

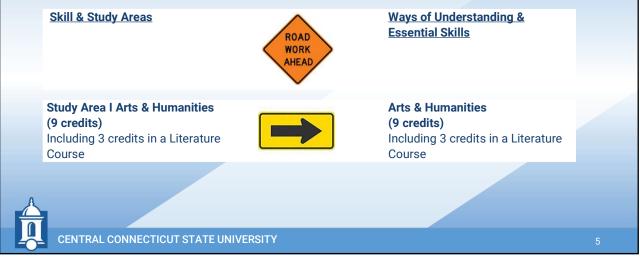
(No Change) - International Requirement (6 credits)

(No Change) - Equity, Justice, and Inclusion Requirement (3 credits)

NEW: Writing in the Disciplines (3 credits)



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Skill & Study Areas	ROAD WORK AHEAD	Ways of Understanding & Essential Skills	
Study Area IV - Natural Sciences (6 or 7 credits) Including 3-4 credits in a Lab Science		Mathematics & Natural Sciences (9-10 credits) Including 3-4 credits in a Lab Science	
Skill Area II - Mathematics (6 credits) Including a MATH or STAT course numbered 102 or higher		Including a MATH or STAT course numbered 102 or higher	

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Writing in the Disciplines

- All students shall be required to complete a writing-focused course or courses, totaling at least three credits, in or related to their major.
- At a minimum, all courses qualifying as WID courses shall involve not only a substantial, discipline-appropriate amount of writing but also attention to the writing process including instruction in and opportunities for brainstorming, topic development, revision, peer response, editing and proofreading.

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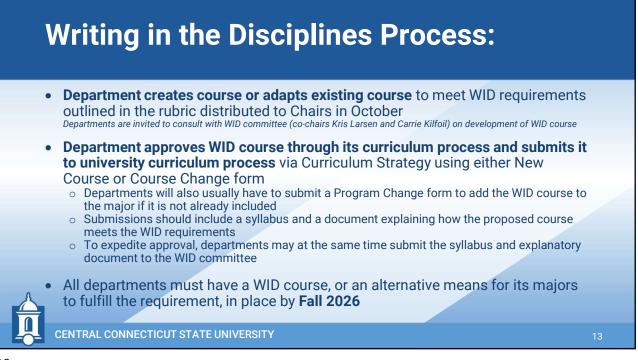
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Writing in the Disciplines Options:

- An **"introduction to writing in the discipline" course** designed to prepare students for the sort of writing tasks they will encounter as students and practitioners of their discipline. This course may already exist in many majors.
- A course associated with or taken as a **capstone experience**, in which students undertake a major discipline-based assignment with a significant writing component. This course may already exist.
- Credits added to existing classes to accommodate an additional writing component
- If a department feels unable to offer such a course, it may require its students to take an equivalent **course offered by a related discipline** (with the consent of the department offering the course)
- If no such equivalent course is available, or if the major department prefers, students may take a qualifying writing focused class in their minor, a Writing in the Disciplines course offered by the English Department, or HON 315 (with the permission of the Honors director)



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Implementation Timeline & Advising Resources

- General education revisions are effective in catalog term Fall 2025 Admitted students in/after this term will default to the revised general education program. (Exception: WID -> Fall 2026)
- Updates to systems and publications will be made in early February 2025 (Banner, Degree Works, Catalog, Civitas, curriculum sheets/website)
- Current students will be able to evaluate if moving to the revised general education program is advantageous

The Degree Works what-if tool will be made available for this use in February 2025 to both students and advisors

• Current students will be able to opt-in to move into the revised general education program

Students who choose not to opt-in will remain under the Skill/Study Areas general education program

Double Counting

- A maximum of **four courses totaling no more than 16 credits** in the **Essential Skills** and **Ways of Understanding** portions of General Education may be fulfilled by courses in a student's major and/or minor that are designated as applicable to General Education, with no more than 8 credits total from any one field of study.
- Courses that fulfill the International, Writing in the Disciplines, or Equity, Justice and Inclusion requirements may also fulfill another General Education requirement; otherwise, no course can count in more than one area of General Education.
- FYE: An embedded FYE course can only be used to satisfy one general education requirement, even if the course carries credit for multiple general education areas.

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