

General Education Revisions - Frequently Asked Questions (updated 12/16/24)

1. When are the general education revisions effective?

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: the Writing in the Disciplines (WID) requirement will be effective in catalog term Fall 2026.

2. Can current Central students move into the revised general education program?

Yes. 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.

3. How does double counting (sharing credits between general education requirements and a student's major or minor) work in the revised general education program?

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 and do not count towards the 16-credit/4-course limit. 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.

4. Where can I find lists of courses that fulfill the new general education requirements?

Official courses lists will be included in the 2025-2026 catalog when it is published in late-March 2025.

Temporary lists will be posted to <https://www.ccsu.edu/registrar/revised-general-education-program> in early February 2025.

5. When will systems and websites reflect the revised general education program?

Updates to systems and publications will begin to roll out in early February 2025. This includes Banner, Degree Works, Civitas (registration/schedule planning), the catalog and curriculum sheets on the website.

6. What is the new Thriving in College requirement?

A minimum of two credits in total are required for first-time freshmen entering Central with fewer than 24 transfer credits, as of the time of admission, taken from an accredited college or university.

Freshmen must complete CCSU 102, CCSU 103 or a designated First Year Experience (FYE) course. Courses in this area incorporate skills for success at Central, as defined by the FYE Learning Outcomes.

Transfer students who enter with 24 or more transfer credits may fulfill this area with any course that carries general education credit.

7. How is the World Languages requirement changed?

Language course numbered 112 or 118 satisfy both the world language requirement and the general education free elective.

Students with 3 years, or more, of one world language at the high school level, a passing score on a world language placement exam, or native proficiency in a language other than English will have the World Language requirement waived and can satisfy this requirement with any general education free elective (3cr).

- 8. The Mathematics and Natural Sciences areas have merged in the revised general education program. How does this work?**
The revised Mathematics & Natural Sciences requirement is 9-10 credits in total. This must include 3-4 credits in a Lab Science and a MATH or STAT course numbered 102 or higher. Remaining credits can be from any natural science or mathematics coursework.
- 9. The Behavioral Science and Social Science areas have merged in the revised general education program. How does this work?**
The merged Social & Behavioral Sciences requirement is 12 credits. This must include 3 credits in History.
- 10. What if a program requires specific general education courses?**
Many programs will continue to require courses that can fulfill general education requirement. These courses are typically noted in Degree Works as additional or related requirements. Double counting limits do not apply towards these courses, as they are not officially considered to be part of the major.
- 11. How does an Honors program student fulfill the revised general education requirements?**
Honors students will fulfill about half of their General Education requirements through the Honors Program curriculum. For further information on the Program, see www.ccsu.edu/honors or contact Kris Larsen.
- 12. Have the International and Equity, Justice, and Inclusion (EJI) requirements changed?**
No. There were no changes to the International and Equity, Justice, and Inclusion (EJI) requirements.