General Education/Liberal Studies/ Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Requirements

All undergraduate degree-seeking students must complete the General Education and Liberal Studies (GELS) requirements.

**General Education/Liberal Studies (GELS) (48 credits)**

To meet the university’s General Education and Liberal Studies (GELS) requirements, students must complete each of the 10 goal areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) and complete 48 unduplicated credits. Eight (8) of the 48 credits must be upper division (300-level or higher) to fulfill the university’s Liberal Studies requirement.

**Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) (40 or more credits)**

**Overlap:** A single course may be used to meet a maximum of two goal areas.

**Goal 1: Communication** Two writing courses—introductory and intermediate writing (6 or more credits). One oral and visual communication course (3 or more credits).

*Note:* Students must place at the intermediate level on the university’s writing assessment essay to be exempt from introductory writing.

**Goal 2: Critical Thinking** Students who complete the university’s general education requirements will have met this goal.

**Goal 3: Natural Sciences** (3 or more credits). At least one course including a laboratory, simulation or field experience.

**Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning** (3 or more credits).

*Note:* This requirement is waived for students placing above the college algebra level on the university’s higher level math assessment.

**Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences** (6 or more credits). At least two courses from two different disciplines.

**Goal 6: Humanities and the Fine Arts** (6 or more credits). At least two courses from two different disciplines.

**Goal 7: Human Diversity** (3 or more credits).

**Goal 8: Global Perspective** (3 or more credits).

**Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility** (3 or more credits).

**Goal 10: People and the Environment** (3 or more credits).

**Liberal Studies (8 or more credits)**

All students must complete eight (8) upper-division semester credits (300-level or higher) from the approved GELS Course List. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) do not fulfill Liberal Studies requirements. Liberal Studies courses may overlap with one or two goal areas.

**GELS Electives**

Students who have completed the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) and Liberal Studies requirements may still need additional credits to bring the total to 48 unduplicated credits. Any course listed for Goals 1–10 (except for courses marked with an asterisk [*]) may be used as electives. In addition, courses listed under the General Education and Liberal Studies Electives section of the approved GELS Course List may also be used.

**Summary of Graduation Requirements**

- General Education/Liberal Studies—48 credits (MnTC—40 and Liberal Studies—8)
- Major requirements—24–64* credits
- Minimum total credits to graduate—120–124*
- Minimum upper-division credits—40
- Minimum credits completed at Metropolitan State—30

*Depends on major

**Notes**

- Only courses worth two or more semester credits and a grade of “D” or higher can be used to meet goal area requirements.
- Students who have completed the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum since fall 1995, or who have earned an associate of arts (AA) degree from a Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system institution or the University of Minnesota, do not need to complete general education goal area requirements at Metropolitan State. However, these students must meet the university’s Liberal Studies requirement. This exemption does not apply to the AS, AAS or other associate degrees.
- GELS requirements may be met by transfer courses or by courses completed at Metropolitan State.
- Courses approved for a goal area at another MnSCU institution will apply to the same goal area at Metropolitan State. Students having completed a goal area at another MnSCU institution will have the goal fulfilled at Metropolitan State.
- The Interactive Degree Audit Report (DARS) will show the official means by which transfer credits are accepted and applied to GELS. Students may appeal transfer evaluation decisions to the Registrar’s Office, in consultation with their advisor.
- MnSCU policy requires a cumulative 2.0 Minnesota Transfer Curriculum GPA to certify completion.
- For additional information about each of the goal areas, go to http://www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s_mntc.php.

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Superscript Number:
- Superscript number (*) indicates that a course meets more than one goal area requirement. For example, NSCI 204 listed under Goal 3 meets Goals 3 and 10. Although the credits count only once, the course satisfies the two goal area requirements.
- Separated by a comma (,) indicates that a course will meet both goal areas.
- Separated by a forward slash (/) indicates that a course will meet one or the other goal area but not both.

Superscript LS (**): Indicates that a course will meet the Liberal Studies requirement.

Asterisk (*): Indicates that a course can be used to meet goal area requirements, but cannot be used as General Education or Liberal Studies Electives.

GELS for 2016–2017

Critical Thinking

Goal 1: Communication (six or more credits in writing; three or more credits in oral and visual communication)

Oral and Visual Communication

COMM 182 Introduction to Oral Communication (3)
COMM 292 Introduction to Visual Communication (3)
COMM 313 Oral Communication (3)
COMM 323A Critical Thinking and Communication in the U.S. (4)
COMM 353 Communication in Work Groups (4)
COMM 353A Organizational Communication (4)
COMM 361A Managerial Communication (4)
COMM 372 Business Writing (3)

Intermediate Writing (one required course)

INF5 340 Research in Special Collections and Archives (3)
WRIT 231 Writing II (3)
WRIT 232 Writing III (3)
WRIT 271 Technical Writing (3)

Writing

Introductory Writing (one course required)

Writing: students must place at the intermediate level on the university’s writing assessment essay to be exempt from this requirement.

WRIT 121 Writing Intensive (5)
WRIT 131 Writing (13)
WRIT 132 Written and Visual Communication (4)

WRIT 231 Writing II (3)
WRIT 232 Writing III (3)
WRIT 271 Technical Writing (3)

Intermediate Writing (one required course)

INF5 340 Research in Special Collections and Archives (3)
WRIT 231 Writing II (3)
WRIT 232 Writing III (3)
WRIT 271 Technical Writing (3)

Goal 2: Critical Thinking

Students who complete the general university education requirements will have met this goal.

Goal 3: Natural Sciences (three or more credits including a laboratory: * indicates the needed lab index for previous course)

BIOL 101 Introduction to the Life Sciences (5) or BIOL 105 General Biology I (5) or BIOL 106 Biology of Women (4) or BIOL 111 General Biology I (5) or BIOL 112 General Biology II (5) or CHEM 101 Introduction to Chemistry (4) or CHEM 351A Organic Chemistry I (5) or CHEM 351B Organic Chemistry II (5) or CHEM 353 Chemistry Laboratory (0) or CHEM 351 Chemistry Laboratory (0) or CHEM 351A Organic Chemistry Laboratory (0) or CHEM 351B Organic Chemistry Laboratory (0) or CHEM 353 Chemistry Laboratory (0) or CHEM 353 Chemistry Laboratory (0)

CHEM 111 General Chemistry I (5) or CHEM 111 General Chemistry I (5)

GEOL 110 Introduction to Earth (4) or GEOL 111 General Chemistry I (5) or GEOL 112 Evolution of the Earth (4) or NSCI 201 Institute of Society and the Environment (4) or NSCI 201 Institute of Society and the Environment (4)

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GEOL 110 Introduction to Earth (4) or GEOL 111 General Chemistry I (5) or GEOL 112 Evolution of the Earth (4) or NSCI 201 Institute of Society and the Environment (4) or NSCI 201 Institute of Society and the Environment (4)

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Goal 8: Global Perspective (three or more credits)

ANTH 320** Approaches to Cultural Anthropology (4) HIST 377** Understanding Modern Japan (4)
ANTH 320** Approaches to Ethnology (4) POL 303** Beginning Ojibwe (4)
ANTH 320** Anthropology of the Global Environment (4) OJB 101** Biblical Worldview (3)
ANTH 321** Cultural Anthropology: Focus on Asia (4) PHIL 316** Ethical Inquiry (4)
CJS 340** Comparative Criminal Justice (3) POL 316** Constitutional Law: Civil Rights (4)
CJS 340** Comparative Criminal Justice (4) POL 318** Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties (4)
COMM 333** Interdisciplinary Communication (4) POL 321** Ethics in Indian Polity (4)
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COMM 333** International and Comparative Economics (4) POL 330** Ethics in Indian Polity (4)
GEOL 348** Global Perspectives on Gender (4) SOC 101** Civil Religion: Theory, Practice and Analysis (4)
HIST 347** The Vietnam War (4) SOC 102** Constututional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (4)
HIST 347** The Vietnam War (4) SOC 302** Interpersonal and Social Power: A View from Below (4)
HIST 353** Europe: Global Power, 1700-1945 (4) SOC 303** Ethics in Conflict in Global Perspective (4)
HIST 354** World History: The Holocaust (4) SOC 305** Ethnic Conflict in Global Perspective (4)
HIST 362** Africa: From Colonialism to Independence (4) SOC 306** Social Movements in Global Perspective (4)
HIST 370** World History: The Great Wall: The Real China (4) SOC 307** Social Movements in Global Perspective (4)

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