UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext) section of the Guide.

General Education

• Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
• Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
• Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits
• Communication Part A & Part B *
• Ethnic Studies *
• Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

SOHE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Seven undergraduate majors are available in the school. There are common general education requirements for all SoHE majors, but these are reflected differently in each program. Please review each major requirement page for the specific general education courses needed for the degree.

Major Requirements and Electives

Minimum total for graduation: 120 credits with no fewer than 25 credits taken within the School of Human Ecology.

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SoHE will accept as humanities credit courses from designated humanities breadth courses as well as the following areas or departments: art, art history, classics, English, foreign languages (including beginning languages), cultural history, history of science, integrated liberal studies, literature (including comparative literature), music (including applied music), philosophy, communication arts, studies of cultures—e.g., African studies, East Asian studies, Hebrew and Semitic studies, South Asian studies, Scandinavian studies.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

The bachelor of science (B.S.) degrees granted by the School of Human Ecology require a minimum total of 120 credits, with a minimum of 25 credits in the school. To remain in good academic standing, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. A 2.0 cumulative GPA must be earned by the end of the senior year in order to be recommended for a B.S. degree.

The School of Human Ecology will graduate a student at the end of the semester (spring, summer, or fall) in which all SoHE major requirements are complete. Graduation will not be postponed for incomplete additional major(s), certificate program(s), specialization(s), study abroad, or honors program(s). It is the student’s responsibility to prepare for graduation and to ensure that all graduation requirements have been met. Students expecting to graduate and/or participate in commencement exercises should declare their intent through the My UW Student Center in accordance with campus deadlines.