

IMPORTANT FAQ'S FOR FACULTY, ADVISORS, AND STAFF

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

How has the Foreign Language requirement changed?

The old foreign language requirement was met by passing a competency test, OR completing 12 hours of foreign language with at least 9 of those hours in one language. The new foreign language requirement is met by completing through level 205 in one language. You can also meet the new requirement by passing the competency test or by being placed in the 206 or higher level with the placement test.

I took the foreign language placement test and placed at the 206 (or higher) level. Have I completed my foreign language requirement?

Yes, if you change to the 2009-10 catalogue. You would need to supply the general education office with verification of your placement. Please remember that you must follow the catalogue you entered the college under or a subsequent one. However, the changes do not affect your program of study if you keep your current catalogue choice.

MATH

What is the new math requirement? Which math should I take?

The new general education requires you to complete either MAT 245: Statistics or MAT 211: Calculus. There are no prerequisites for MAT 245. If you completed through Algebra II in high school, you should be prepared to take statistics. MAT 211 requires a background in pre-calculus. If you took pre-calculus or higher in high school, then you may be ready for MAT 211. If not, you will need to take one or two pre-requisite courses (depending upon your level of preparation). Your advisor can help you determine which math is right for you and your intended major.

In the new program, do I still need to take Mat-245, Statistics I, if I have completed a statistics course within my major (e.g. PSY-200 or BUS-250)?

Yes, you must complete a course in mathematics (245 or Mat-211 *Calculus I*) to fulfill this requirement.

CORE 100, 200 400

I've already taken CORE 100. Does it count for anything in the new general education?

Yes. CORE 100 fulfills the "US Perspectives" requirement.

I was planning to take CORE 100 next semester, will it still be offered? How does it count?

CORE 100 fulfills requirements in both the old and the new gen ed. In the new general education, it counts as a “US Perspectives” course. A limited number of sections of CORE 100 will be offered both fall and spring of 2009-10.

I had planned to take one of the CORE 200 linked courses for the fall. How do they count in the new gen ed? Do I have to keep the link?

There are three 4-credit linked courses in the schedule for the fall 2009. Any of these will count as a “Global Perspectives” course in the new general education. During fall 09 you must take the link in order to fulfill the requirement, regardless of whether you are doing new or old gen ed.

I’ve already taken CORE 200. How does it count in the new program?

If you have taken a linkage that counted as a CORE 200 or have fulfilled the CORE 200 requirement through study abroad in the old general education, it will count as the “Global Perspectives” requirement in the new general education.

I’ve already taken CORE 400. How does it count in the new program?

All CORE 400 courses from the old general education program will fulfill the Global Perspectives requirement in the new general education.

General Education

Can I mix and match requirements from the old and new general education programs?

Good question, but NO. Whichever catalogue you choose, you are bound by the requirements of that entire catalogue.

If I have already completed some requirements in general education, will they apply to the new 2009-10 gen ed?

You can plan on the following:

If you completed CORE 100 it will count for your “US” requirement.

If you have completed CORE 200 or 400, that will count for your “GP” requirement.

If you have finished an ethics intensive course, it will count for your “EP” requirement.

Perspectives requirements

Do “Ethics Intensive” courses fulfill the new “Ethical Perspectives requirement?”

Yes.

What other courses fulfill US Perspectives, Global Perspectives, and Ethical Perspectives?

Eventually, all of these courses will appear in WebAdvisor with designations, just as you now see designations for Writing Intensive courses. During this transition, as new courses are being approved as “US” or “GP” or “EP”, they will be posted on the General Education website.

Threads

What are the new requirements related to threads, experiential learning, and cultural events?

You must complete one each of Writing Intensive, Oral Communication, and Information Literacy. One course may carry up to two of these threads. The writing intensive requirement was reduced and the ethics intensive course will now be part of the Meredith Signature. The experiential learning requirement remains unchanged; one approved occurrence will be required. Cultural events attendance requirements will be reduced from 12 to 8.

Majors, minors and catalogue's

Why would someone want to change catalogues?

The primary reason may be that the general education program approved for 2009-10 will have fewer hours required than the current program. However, this will not change the number of hours required for graduation (still 124) and may not apply in your individual situation. If you think you want to change, talk with your academic advisor about your goals and the possible impact on your academic program.

If I adopt the 2009-10 catalogue could that change my major or minor requirements?

Yes. If you change catalogues, you must accept ALL of the graduation requirements in the new catalogue. You should consult with your academic advisor about any changes in your major requirements and which catalogue is best for your individual situation. You are responsible for fulfilling all the requirements in the **one** catalogue you adopt. You cannot have major or minor requirements in one catalogue and general education in another. Again, this is an issue that you and your advisor need to think through carefully.

May I choose the requirements for my first major from one catalogue year and my second major or a minor from a different year?

No. Your entire program of study must be guided by the curricula as outlined in a single catalogue, including second majors or even minors.

If I want to adopt a new catalogue, what do I do?

Complete a new Declaration of Major form (online at <http://www.meredith.edu/registrar/forms.htm>). Be sure to fill in the blank that asks for Catalogue Year. Remember to have the form signed by your department head.

The complete new catalogue will be available on August 1, 2009, and should you decide to change catalogues, you can submit or resubmit your declaration of major form with a new catalogue year after this time.