



Core Curriculum - General Course Information

For titles and descriptions of courses, see department under rocky.edu/academics/academic-programs

Typically 40-46 semester hours of general education courses, including:

Core Areas and Course Codes	Requirements are 3 semester credits each, unless noted.
WRITING (6 credits)	ENG 119 First-Year Writing Seminar Sometimes called College Writing I, College Composition I, Freshman English Not applicable: Developmental writing; business or technical writing, creative writing, literature, AP credit.
	ENG 120 Critical Reading and Evaluative Writing Sometimes called College Writing II, College Composition II, Critical Reading and Writing. Not applicable: developmental writing; business or technical writing, creative writing, literature, AP credit.
MATHEMATICS (3 - 8 credits*) <i>Number of courses and credits varies, depending on placement scores and courses chosen</i> *Note: MAT090 credits are not counted toward Core or other degree requirements	MAT 100 College Algebra (or qualifying placement exam score) See course description. May use a higher level math such as Pre-calculus to satisfy this requirement Not applicable: developmental math, pre-algebra, technical math, business math, applied math, AP credit.
	MAT 152, 175, 176, or 210 Accepted courses may include Probability and Statistics if high enough level (see course description for MAT 210) and Calculus. May require approval of the math department and/or faculty in student's major. Not applicable: courses that do not meet course outcomes, AP credit.
COMMUNICATION (3 credits)	COM 102 Public Speaking A minimum of 3 speeches are required, given to a live audience. Courses not called Public Speaking may require approval by the communication studies department.
See catalog for course titles FINE ARTS (6 credits) Art, Music, Theater #1 (lecture based) ART 220, 221, 222, 232, 244, 250, 321, 322, 323 MUS 101, 140, 201, 202, 204/304, 205/305 THR 101, 131, 433, 434 #2 (performance/activity) ART 101, 121, 215/315, 231, 232, 243, 244, 247, 250, 251, 252, 321, 322, 323 MUS 215/315 or 3 semesters in either 271/Choir, 283/Band or 286/Jazz Ensemble THR 132, 135, 230, 235, 240, 245, 310, 315, 318, 320, 336, 347, 391	2 courses from different disciplines Fine Arts #1 (lecture based) These are lecture-based general education courses in art, music or theatre. Course titles/descriptions may include "Intro to," <i>Appreciation, History, or Survey</i> . For example: <i>Art History, Music Appreciation, Intro to Theater</i> . Similar courses in film/cinema (theater), architecture (art) may be accepted with faculty approval. AP credit may be accepted in art and theatre depending on type of course. Not applicable: hands-on performance/activity courses (See Fine Arts #2).
	Fine Arts #2 (performance/activity)* <i>*Must be in a different discipline from Fine Arts #1</i> 3 credits of a performance hands-on general education course, such as drawing, painting, sculpture (ART) or acting, scene painting, set-building (THR). In music (MUS), participation in choir, band, or jazz band for 3 semesters (1 credit per semester) or MUS 215 Creativity (cross-listed as ART 215) fulfill this requirement. Not applicable: lecture-based survey courses (see Fine Arts #1), private music lessons, hands-on music classes that are not ensembles. AP credit may be accepted in art and theatre depending on type of course.
HUMANITIES (9 credits) <i>1 course from each discipline</i> HST 103, 104, 211, 212, 232, 260, 263, 303, 304, 311, 313, 324, 325, 356, 358, 363, 365, 370 ENG 223, 224, 242, 244, 245, 247, 252, 270, 272, 273, 282, 283, 291 PHR 100, 120, 205, 210, 211, 212, 218, 220, 236, 303, 304, 310, 312, 317, 320, 321, 330, 340, 362, 370, 375, 378, 421, 460, 490	General humanities courses that do not represent a specific discipline may transfer in as elective credit. History Courses offered in the History department (HIS, HIST, HST), not in fine arts. AP credit accepted.
	Literature Typically, these are courses offered by the English department (ENG or LIT); usually have "literature" or a genre of literature in the title, such as <i>American Literature I</i> , or <i>Close Reading of Poetry</i> . The course may require writing papers, but is NOT a course about writing. Not applicable: writing courses, AP credit.
	Philosophy and Religion Courses offered in a philosophy or religion department (PHIL, REL, THEO, etc.). AP credit accepted.
SOCIAL SCIENCES (6 credits) Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Environmental Management & Policy POL 101, 225, 313; PSY 101, 205, 206 SOC 101, 225; ECO 205; GPY/EMP 102, 224	2 courses from different disciplines Social Sciences #1 and #2 General education courses offered in RMC social science departments are typically accepted (see left column). Transfer students may get approval to count courses from cultural anthropology, archaeology, criminal justice (may count as sociology), educational psychology (psychology). AP credit accepted. The two courses must be in different disciplines.
NATURAL SCIENCES (7 - 8 cr.) Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Geology, Physics BIO 102, 105, 120; CHM 100, 101, 260 CSC 112 (non-majors) ESC 105 (add 106 for lab); 215, 243, 244, 262 GEO 101 or 218; (add 104 for lab) PHS 101, 105, 201	2 courses from different disciplines; 1 must have a lab Natural Sciences #1 and #2 General education courses offered in RMC science departments are typically accepted (see left column). AP credit generally accepted for core. Contact department for acceptance for major. Computer Science must be a science course (not computer applications/technology) – contact department. Science courses not available at RMC may also be accepted, for example Zoology (counts as biology), Astronomy, physical anthropology (biology), physical geography. The two courses must be in different disciplines. One of the sciences must have a lab (4 semester credits) and the other may be without the lab (3 or 4 semester credits).

This worksheet is only a tool. Incoming students may request an initial transfer credit evaluation by the [Office of Admissions](#). A final evaluation is made by the Office of Student Records during the student's first semester. Approval of courses for a major or minor is made by department faculty. For additional information, including AP & CLEP credit, see rocky.edu/academics/course-catalog and rocky.edu/academics/office-registrar/forms-policies-services/transfer-and-nontraditional.