Pacific University’s “Core” Graduation Requirements: 2015-2016

Undergraduate students will undertake a broad course of study by completing the “Core” graduation requirements listed below. All courses used to complete these requirements must be letter graded, with a minimum grade of C-. Core requirements are subject to change. Certain courses are excluded from fulfilling Core requirements; see the Catalog for more details.

A. Mathematics (4 Semester Credits)
   All Math courses numbered 165 or higher, PSY 350 (Behavioral Statistics), SOC 301 (Social Statistics), or equivalent statistics courses.

B. Writing (4 Semester Credits)
   ENGW 201 Expository Writing or ENGW 202 Writing About Disability or ENGW 203 Professional Writing and Editing

C. Foreign Language (minimum 102-level course or proficiency)
   A proficiency in a language other than English must be demonstrated by the successful completion of a 102-Level course or its equivalent.

D. First Year Seminar (4 Semester Credits)
   All freshmen must take Humanities 100 (FYS) in the fall semester. Transfer students need to substitute 4 credits in English Literature or Philosophy (except logic and/or critical thinking classes).

E. The Four Cornerstones
   • Civic Engagement: a CE-designated course (2 or more credits) or CIV 110 project
   • International and Diverse Perspectives: IP- or DP-designated course (2 or more credits) or study abroad earning at least 12 credits
   • Research and Creative Achievement: senior capstone within major; other scholarly opportunities available
   • Future Focus: personal advising within major; other resources available via Career Development Center

F. The Arts (4 Semester Credits)
   One 4-credit course or two 2-credit courses in Art Studio, Art History, Dance, Music (including selected 1-credit ensembles: MUS 151, 153, 158, 163, 165, 167), or Theatre.

G. The Social Sciences (4 Semester Credits)
   One 4-credit course or two 2-credit courses in Anthropology, Economics, Politics and Government, Psychology (except 350), Sociology (except 301), Social Work, or selected courses in Comparative Religion, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Peace and Social Justice, and Criminal Law Justice and Society.

H. The Humanities (4 Semester Credits)
   One 4-credit course or two 2-credit courses from English literature, selected Gender and Sexuality Studies courses, History (except 391), Humanities (except 100; 300), selected Media Arts courses, Philosophy (except 212, Logic and/or other critical thinking classes), or selected World Languages courses.

I. The Natural Sciences (4 Semester Credits)
   One 4-credit course or two 2-credit courses in Biology, Chemistry, Exercise Science (Integrated Physiology), Physics, Science, and selected courses in Environmental Science.

J. Two Interdisciplinary Focal Studies (10-12 Semester Credits for each Focal Study)
   A focal study is a set of three related courses; many options are listed in the catalog.

K. Senior Capstone (2 or more Semester Credits)
   A senior project, internship (with a presentation), or performance/show in the major.