

**University of Northern Iowa - 2014 Liberal Arts Core Advising Guide**

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**I. Core Competencies 11 units**

**1A. Writing and Reading** (3 units required)

ENGLISH 1005 College Writing and Research	3
ENGLISH 2015 Craft of Academic Writing	3
<i>ENGLISH 2120 Critical Writing About Literature</i>	3
UNIV 1000 First-Year Cornerstone: Integrated Communication I and UNIV 1010 First-Year Cornerstone: Integrated Communication II	6

♦Students must successfully complete both courses in their first year of college, or they will not satisfy Category 1A and 1B.

**1B. Speaking and Listening** (3 units required)

<i>COMM 1000 Oral Communication</i>	3
UNIV 1000 First-Year Cornerstone: Integrated Communication I and UNIV 1010 First-Year Cornerstone: Integrated Communication II	6

♦Students must successfully complete both courses in their first year of college, or they will not satisfy Category 1A and 1B.  
♦For students admitted to UNI prior to Fall 1994, Category 1B. Speaking and Listening is not required.

**1C. Quantitative Techniques and Understanding** (3 units required)

CS 1025 Modern Tools for Exploring Data	3
MATH 1100 Mathematics in Decision Making	3
▪ Must take ALEKS--no score required	
<i>MATH 1420 Calculus I</i>	4
▪ Requires ALEKS score of 76 or higher	
<i>STAT 1772 Introduction to Statistical Methods</i>	3
▪ Requires ALEKS score of 50 or higher	
STAT 1774 Introductory Statistics for Life Sciences	3
▪ Note: not offered regularly; contact Math department for appropriate ALEKS score.	

♦Elementary Education students may meet the Category 1C requirement by completing MATH 1204 Mathematical Reasoning for Teaching I.

**1D. Dimensions of Wellbeing** (2 units required)

- Students must complete one lecture and one lab.

KAHHS 1020 Dimensions of Wellbeing – Lecture	1
KAHHS 1030 Dimensions of Wellbeing – Lab	1

**II. Civilizations and Cultures 9 units**

**2A. Humanities** (6 units required)

- Students must complete two Humanities courses.

<i>HUM 1021 Humanities I: Ancient, Classical, &amp; Medieval</i>	3
<i>HUM 1022 Humanities II: Renaissance, Reformation &amp; Enlightenment</i>	3
<i>HUM 1023 Humanities III: Age of Revolution to Present</i>	3

**2B. Non-Western Cultures** (3 units required)

- Students who transfer to UNI with an AA degree may still need to complete the LAC Category 2B requirement if they did not satisfy this category with a transferred course.

HUM 3121 Russia/Soviet Union	3
HUM 3122 Japan	3
HUM 3123 Latin America	3
HUM 3124 China	3
HUM 3125 India	3
HUM 3127 Middle East	3
HUM 3128 Africa	3
HUM/ANTH 3132 Native North America	3
HUM/ANTH 3137 Native Central and South America	3

♦SPAN 3020 Latin American Culture and Civilization may substitute for the non-Western Cultures requirement.

**III. Fine Arts, Literature, Philosophy and Religion 6 units**

**3A. Fine Arts** (3 units required)

ART 1002 Visual Inventions	3
ARTHIST 1004 Visual Perceptions	3
MUSIC 1100 Soundscapes: Music in Culture	3
PEMES 2034 Survey of Dance History	3
THEATRE 1002 The Theatrical Arts and Society	3

♦MUS HIST 1020 History of Music II: Baroque and Classical may substitute for the Fine Arts requirement for all music majors.  
♦THEATRE 3060 History of Theatre I may substitute for the Fine Arts requirement for all theatre majors.

**3B. Literature, Philosophy, or Religion** (3 units required)

ENGLISH 1120 Literature: (topic)	3
GER 1120 Introduction to German Literature in Translation	3
<i>RELS 1020 Religions of the World</i>	3
<i>PHIL 1020 Philosophy: The Art of Thinking</i>	3

**IV. Natural Science and Technology 7 units**

- Students are required to take a course with a scheduled laboratory from either LAC Category 4A: Life Sciences or 4B: Physical Sciences.
- Only 6 hours are required for students who meet the LAC laboratory requirement with a course other than the one listed in Life or Physical Sciences.

**4A. Life Sciences** (3 or 4 units required)

- For all courses listed under Life Sciences, with the exception of ANTH 1001 Human Origins, a student must have satisfied university entrance requirements in English and Mathematics.

<i>ANTH 1001 Human Origins.</i>	3
BIOL 1012 Life: The Natural World	3
BIOL 1013* Life: The Natural World – Lab (Pre- or corequisite BIOL 1012)	1
BIOL 1014 Life: Continuity and Change	3
BIOL 1015* Life: Continuity and change – Lab (Pre- or corequisite BIOL 1014)	1

\*Lab course

- ♦The following major and/or minor courses may substitute for the Life Sciences requirement: BIOL 1033\* Principles of Microbiology (4), BIOL 2051\* General Biology: Organismal Diversity (4), BIOL 2052\* General Biology: Cell Structure and Function (4), BIOL 3101\* Anatomy and Physiology I (4), and SCI ED 1200\* Inquiry into Life Science (4).

**4B. Physical Sciences** (3 or 4 units required)

- For all courses listed under Physical Sciences, with the exceptions of EARTHSCI 1110 Astronomy Laboratory, EARTHSCI 1210 Elements of Weather Laboratory, and TECH 1015 Introduction to Sustainability, a student must have satisfied university entrance requirements in English and Mathematics.

CHEM 1010* Principles of Chemistry	4
CHEM 1011 Molecules and Life	3
<i>EARTHSCI 1100** Astronomy</i>	3 or 4
<i>EARTHSCI 1110* Astronomy Lab</i>	1
<i>EARTHSCI 1200 Elements of Weather</i>	3
<i>EARTHSCI 1210* Elements of Weather Lab</i> (Intended for science teaching majors and minors)	1
<i>EARTHSCI 1300* Introduction to Geology</i>	4
<i>GEOG 1210** Physical Geography</i>	3
<i>GEOG 1211 Physical Geography Laboratory</i>	1
PHYSICS 1400* Conceptual Physics	4
PHYSICS 1000 Physics in Everyday Life	3
TECH 1015 Introduction to Sustainability	3

- \*Lab course \*\*Lab course if 4-hour option elected.  
♦The following major/minor courses may substitute for the Physical Sciences requirement: CHEM 1020\* Chemical Technology (4), CHEM 1110\* General Chemistry I (4), CHEM 1130\* General Chemistry I-II (5), EARTHSCI 3328\* Fossils and Evolution (4), PHYSICS 1511\* General Physics I (4), PHYSICS 1701\* Physics I for Science and Engineering (4), SCI ED 1100\* Inquiry into Earth and Space Science (4), and SCI ED 1300\* Inquiry into Physical Science (4).

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**V. Social Science 9 units**

♦Students are required to complete one course from 5A, one course from 5B, and one course from 5C.

**5A. Sociocultural and Historical Perspectives**

<i>ANTH 1002 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology</i>	3
<i>GEOG 1120 Human Geography</i>	3
HISUS 1023 History of the United States	3
<i>SOC 1000 Introduction to Sociology</i>	3
<i>WGS 1040 Women's and Gender Studies: Introduction</i>	3

**5B. Individual and Institutional Perspectives**

ECON 1031 Introduction to Economics	3
<i>FAM SERV 1010 Human Identity and Relationships</i>	3
<i>POL AMER 1014 Introduction to American Politics</i>	3
<i>PSYCH 1001 Introduction to Psychology</i>	3

♦Satisfactory completion of both ECON 1041 Principles of Macroeconomics and ECON 1051 Principles of Microeconomics by all non-business majors and Business Teaching majors, through UNI or transfer, may substitute for ECON 1031 Introduction to Economics

**5C. Diversity and Global Issues**

<i>EDPSYCH 2030 Dynamics of Human Development</i>	3
<i>GEOG 1110 World Geography</i>	3
POL GEN 1020 Contemporary Political Problems	3
<i>POL INTL 1024 International Relations</i>	3
SOC 1060 Social Problems	3
SOC SCI 1020 Women, Men, and Society	3
<i>SW/SOC SCI 1041 Social Welfare: A World View</i>	3
SW 2045/ SOC SCI 1045 Am. Racial & Ethnic Minorities	3

**VI. Capstone 2-3 units**

- Junior standing is a prerequisite for all Capstone courses.
- The most current list of approved Liberal Arts Core Capstone courses is available in each semester's *Schedule of Classes*.
- The Capstone requirement must be fulfilled through UNI. No course from another institution will transfer to fulfill the Capstone requirement, regardless of equivalency.
- Students who transfer to UNI with an AA degree will still need to complete the LAC Category 6 requirement.

**6. Capstone (2 units required)**

CAP 3102/TECH 3102 Living in our Techno-Social World	3
CAP 3103 Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Genocide: Case Studies	3
CAP 3105 Sacred Space	3
CAP 3106/THEATRE 3100 Theatre in Education	3
CAP 3121 Creativity and the Evolution of Culture	3
CAP 3123 Greece: From the "Cradle of Democracy" to Today	3
CAP 3124 Democracies	3
CAP 3125 Globalization, Cultural Pluralism, and International Security	3
CAP 3128/COMM 4236 Ethics in Communication	3
CAP 3129 Being National	3
CAP 3130 Science and Pseudoscience: Critiquing the World Around You	3
CAP 3131 Analysis of Social Issues	3
CAP 3134 Back in the Valley: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	3
CAP 3140 Environment, Technology and Society	2
CAP 3144/ENGLISH3144 Genocide in Writing and Film	3
CAP 3148/ENGLISH 3148 The Holocaust in Literature and Film	3
CAP 3151/SOC 3151 Money, Sex and Power: Theories of Race, Class and Gender	3
CAP 3152/HPE 3650 Complimentary, Alternative and Integrative Health	3
CAP 3154/BUSINESS 3154 Global Skills	2-3

CAP 3155/BUSINESS 3155 Socio-Economic Reality of Central America	2
CAP 3157/RELS 3157 Monsters, Vampires, and Religion: An Awesome Alliance	3
CAP 3158 The Water Planet	3
CAP 3160/HPE 3160 Community and Public Health	3
CAP 3162 Ireland: Literature, Culture, History	3
CAP 3165/GER 3334/TESOL 3565 Intercultural Perspectives	3
CAP 3173/RELS 3510/PHIL 3510 Biomedical Ethics	3
CAP 3187/ENGLISH 4577 Blues and Jazz in African American Film and Literature	3
CAP 3190 Idea of the University	3
CAP 3194/PHIL 3110/RELS 3110 Perspectives on Death and Dying	3
CAP 3550/TESOL 3550 Constructing Cross-Cultural Bridges	3

**Liberal Arts Core Total 44 units**

**Administrative Policies**

1. Liberal Arts Core courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both the Liberal Arts Core program and the major, minor, and program emphasis.
2. Departments offering a liberal arts core course may preclude their major or minor students from taking that particular course to satisfy the requirements for the liberal arts core, the major, or the minor.
3. Liberal Arts Core requirements can be met through CLEP examinations, departmental examinations and the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board.  
CLEP examinations do not include the mandatory laboratory course requirement. A student who receives CLEP credit in *both* the physical and biological sciences shall be considered to have fulfilled the laboratory requirement.
4. No Liberal Arts Core course may be taken for graduate credit.
5. No Liberal Arts Core course may have a non-Liberal Arts Core course as a prerequisite.
6. All courses taken to meet liberal arts core requirements must be taken for graded credit.
7. The Liberal Arts Core program requirements apply to all undergraduate degree programs.