

General education requirements

An education for life requires the ability to read, write, speak, reason, compute, and listen effectively. This is true for all students, whether they are in the social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, or any other faculty in the University. The General Education Requirement is meant to provide breadth to the student's program of study.

A candidate for graduation must satisfy the Arts and Science General Education Requirement by successfully completing a minimum of **six credits** from course offerings outside the candidate's disciplinary sector. Students may also draw from courses offered by the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, the Faculty of Fine Arts and the John Molson School of Business.

Number of general education credits required: 6

DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT

The Faculty of Arts and Science divides its departments and their respective programs into three disciplinary sectors as follows:

HUMANITIES

Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics
English
History
Liberal Arts College
Philosophy
Theological Studies

Communication Studies
Études françaises
Journalism
Loyola International College
School of Canadian Irish Studies

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Applied Human Sciences
Education
Political Science
School of Community and Public Affairs
Simone de Beauvoir Institute

Economics
Geography, Planning and Environment
Religion
Sociology and Anthropology

SCIENCE

Biology
Exercise Science
Physics
Science College

Chemistry/Biochemistry
Mathematics and Statistics
Psychology

EXAMPLES

Here are some possible programs and the General Education Requirement to show you how the distribution requirement works:

OPTION 1: ONE CONCENTRATION

Major: Biology

You have 3 possible choices. You can take:

3 credits social science + 3 credits humanities OR

6 credits social science OR

6 credits humanities

OPTION 2: TWO CONCENTRATIONS FROM THE SAME DISCIPLINARY SECTOR

Majors: Theological Studies and History

Again, you have 3 possible choices. You can take:

3 credits social science + 3 credits science OR

6 credits social science OR

6 credits science

OPTION 3: TWO CONCENTRATIONS AND TWO DISCIPLINARY SECTORS.

Honours: Psychology; Major: Religion

You've satisfied the general education requirement! You do not need to take any further courses to fulfill this requirement.

Remember! Students **will not be permitted to graduate** if all of their courses are drawn from one disciplinary sector only.