

**University of Colorado Denver  
Downtown Campus  
Core Curriculum Oversight Committee**

**GENERAL EDUCATION - CORE CURRICULUM STATEMENT**

**Philosophy of the Core:**

The Core Curriculum of the downtown campus is designed to provide each UCD undergraduate student a high quality general education based on a liberal arts foundation while allowing students flexibility based on their individual backgrounds and specific career goals. The Core Curriculum develops multiple literacies, stimulates creative thinking, and utilizes technology. A goal of the UCD Core Curriculum is to engage students in developing sensitivity to diversity and developing their place in an urban environment as well as in the rapidly changing global environment.

**General Policies:**

1. Once an undergraduate student matriculates at UCD, all courses applied to the UCD Core Curriculum must be from the list of approved courses as established by the Core Curriculum Oversight Committee.
2. Specific core courses from the approved list may be identified by a college or program to satisfy requirements in the student's major.

**Intellectual Competencies:**

**9-10 hours**

Students must earn a minimum letter grade of 'C-' (1.7) in each Intellectual Competency course to satisfy the Core Curriculum requirements.

ENGL 1020, English composition I	3 hours
ENGL 2030, English composition II	3 hours
Any lower division MATH course	3-4 hours

**Knowledge Areas:**

**19-22 hours**

Students may not use approved core courses in the discipline defined by their major(s) to satisfy Knowledge Area requirements. In restricted disciplines, only courses approved for the specific Knowledge Area may be used to satisfy Core Curriculum requirements in that Knowledge Area.

**Arts and Humanities**

6 hours

For students not majoring in either Arts or Humanities, one course must be from the Arts and the second from the Humanities. For students majoring in Humanities, one course must be from the Arts and the second course may be from either category. For students majoring in Arts, both courses must be from the Humanities.

Arts  
ARTS  
FA  
MUS  
PMUS  
THTR

Humanities  
ENGL  
ETST\*  
Mod Lang – CNST, FR, GER, SPAN  
HIST  
PHIL  
RLST

Students planning to transfer to a Colorado college/university under the gtPathways guaranteed transfer program must take one HIST or ETST history course approved as gtPathways HI-1. Students should consult with their college advisor for a list of gtPathways approved HI-1 courses.

**Behavioral and Social Sciences**

6 hours

For students not majoring in either the Behavioral or Social Sciences, one course must be from the Behavioral Sciences and the second from the Social Sciences. For students majoring in Social Science, both courses must come from the Behavioral Sciences. For students majoring in Behavioral Science, both courses must come from the Social Sciences.

<u>Behavioral Science</u>	<u>Social Science</u>
ANTH (restricted)	ECON
CMMU	GEOG*
PSY (restricted)	PSC
	SOC
	ETST*
	ENVS*

**Biological and Physical Sciences, Mathematics**

7-10 hours

Students must take one biological or physical science course with a laboratory. The second course may be a science course with or without a laboratory, or may be a mathematics course, excluding the course used to satisfy the Intellectual Competencies mathematics proficiency.

<u>Biological and Physical Sciences</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>
BIOL	MATH
CHEM	
GEOL	
PHYS	
ANTH*	
GEOG*	
ENVS*	
PSY*	

**International Perspectives:**

**3 hours**

Students must take one international perspectives course. A pre-approved study abroad experience may satisfy this requirement. Courses may be selected from the discipline defined by the student's major(s).

**Cultural Diversity:**

**3 hours**

Students must take one upper division cultural diversity course. Courses may be selected from the discipline defined by the student's major(s).

**Total Hours in UCD Core Curriculum**

**34-38 hours**

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\* Restricted to CCOC approved list as found on [www.cudenver.edu/core](http://www.cudenver.edu/core).