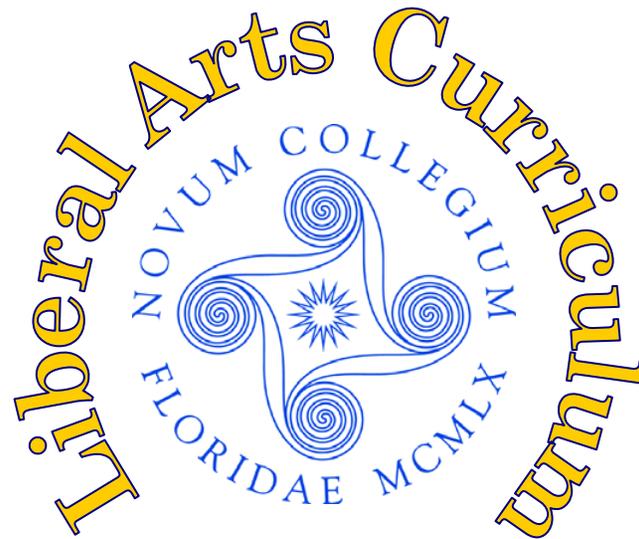


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New College Liberal Arts Curriculum Guidelines

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The Liberal Arts Curriculum (LAC)

At almost every college and university, an undergraduate education includes, at the very least, a concentration or “major” field of study in which a student acquires in-depth knowledge of a rather focused academic area, and a program of general education through which the student achieves academic breadth and acquires important intellectual skills.

At New College, the focus of general education is the *Liberal Arts Curriculum (LAC)*. We expect New College graduates to have achieved the following skills, ways of knowing, and basic competencies:

- **Communication Skills:** Students proficiently express ideas orally and in writing.
- **Critical Thinking Skills:** Students integrate ideas from various sources; analyze data; apply theory; and synthesize information. By employing these abilities and competencies students see connections and reach defensible new conclusions.
- **Ways of Knowing in the Humanities/Fine Arts:** Students understand how questions are posed and how insights into those questions, or creative responses to them, are developed in a Humanities or Fine Arts discipline.
- **Ways of Knowing in the Social/Behavioral Sciences:** Students understand how questions about individuals and social groups are framed and addressed through observational research, experimentation and data analysis.
- **Ways of Knowing in the Natural Sciences and Mathematics:** Students understand how conclusions are drawn through experimental data and understand mathematical reasoning from starting assumptions.
- **Basic Competence in Information Technology:** Students master basic word processing, spreadsheet and web-browser functions.

You and your sponsor will need to monitor your progress toward meeting these expectations as you negotiate each semester contract and as you make plans to complete the requirements of your chosen area of concentration.

Steps to Fulfilling LAC Requirements

Keep the following four steps in mind as you work with your faculty sponsor to plan to meet the goals of the Liberal Arts Curriculum, *i.e.*, to enhance your ability to communicate, to think critically, and to understand and appreciate different ways of knowing.

1. **Demonstrate basic *proficiency in information technology*.** At the beginning of your time at New College you will be asked to take an on-line test at the Office of the Registrar. When you pass this test you will be deemed to have demonstrated basic proficiency in information technology.
2. **Complete the equivalent of at least eight term-length courses designated as LAC courses** (module-length courses can be counted towards completion of the requirement, with two module-length courses equivalent to one term-length course). **These eight courses must include at least one term-length or two module-length LAC courses from each of the three divisions: Humanities (including art), Social Sciences (including behavioral sciences and history), and Natural Sciences (including mathematics).** Alternatively, you may satisfy all or part of this requirement through eligible transfer course credit or acceptable scores on the CLEP, AP, IB, or AICE examinations to fulfill the LAC requirements. (For more information on these examinations, see pages 3-6.)
3. **Demonstrate *basic competence in mathematics*.** Completing a math course at New College or receiving appropriate transfer credit fulfills this requirement. You may also demonstrate math skills through acceptable scores on the SAT, ACT, or appropriate CLEP, AP, or IB exams. (See pages 3-4.)
4. **Complete the senior thesis project and oral Baccalaureate Exam.** Acceptable performance on these final graduation requirements provide clear evidence that you have acquired *proficiency in writing and oral communication*.

The yellow worksheet in this booklet outlines the LAC requirements and methods for meeting them. You and your sponsor can use the checklist on the worksheet to track progress toward acquiring these abilities. The Office of the Registrar will also track your progress, and can provide you information on what requirements you may lack.

Different Ways to Fulfill LAC Requirements

1. Eligible New College Courses

The Two-Term Course Syllabus issued each academic year includes a listing of those courses designated by the faculty as Liberal Arts Curriculum courses during that year. A link to all LAC courses to be taught in 2012-13 is provided on page 7 of this book. (A complete list of all LAC courses ever taught at New College is available in the Office of the Registrar.) You may complete any New College math course to meet math competency expectations.

2. Transfer and Dual Enrollment Courses

Appropriate courses completed at other colleges or dual enrollment courses (community college courses taken while enrolled in High School) deemed *eligible* for transfer credit by the New College Registrar may be used to satisfy the LAC and math competency requirements. The Registrar will work with you to determine which courses completed at other institutions may be appropriate. Please note that a course that is *eligible* for transfer credit may be used to meet LAC requirements, or it may be awarded as part of a transferred contract of credit (New College does not transfer individual courses, but equates these courses with the equivalent of contracts. Students may transfer up to three contracts from another institution, but may not transfer individual courses.) Students awarded the AA degree from any Florida community college are deemed to have fulfilled the LAC requirements.

3. Scores on Examinations

Satisfactory performance on Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced Certification of Education (AICE) examinations may be used to meet the LAC math competency requirement. New College does not grant transfer credit for these exams.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

The International Baccalaureate Organization Diploma Programme is a pre-university course of study that leads to examinations. Scores of 5 or above on **IB** higher level (HL) or standard level (SL) in subject areas listed on page 5 will satisfy corresponding LAC requirements.

College Level Exam Program (CLEP)

CLEP examinations are administered by the College Board, and cover material taught in courses that most students take in the first two years of college. CLEP scores of 500 or above on general examinations and 50 or above on subject area exams listed on page 5 will satisfy corresponding LAC requirements including the mathematics competency requirement.

Advanced Placement (AP)

AP exams are administered by the College Board, and parallel AP courses offered in high schools. AP exam scores of 3 or above on subject area exams listed on page 6 will satisfy corresponding LAC requirements.

Advanced Certificate of Education (AICE)

AICE examinations may be offered during grades 11 and 12 in schools worldwide registered as CIE Centers, a nonprofit department of the University of Cambridge in England. AICE A-level examination scores of E or higher in subject areas listed on page 6 will satisfy corresponding LAC requirements.

Basic mathematics competency may be demonstrated by the following ways:

- Satisfactory completion of a course in mathematics at New College
- A score of 500 or above on the mathematics section of the SAT Reasoning Test, the re-centered SAT I, or its equivalent
- A score of 21 or above on the mathematics section of the ACT
- A score of 91 or above on the ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra exam
- A score of 3 on any Advanced Placement (AP) mathematics exam
- A score of 5 or higher on an International Baccalaureate (IB) mathematics exam
- A score of 50 or higher on a College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) mathematics exam
- A passing score on the mathematics section of the College Level Academic Skills Test taken prior to July, 2009
- A passing score on the FTCE General Knowledge Exam mathematics section or a score of 91 or higher on the mathematics portion of the Florida College-Level Entry Placement Test
- A 2.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) in traditional postsecondary-level course work identified by the Florida State Board of Education and Florida Board of Governors as meeting the requirement to demonstrate college-level skills in mathematics. (Contact the Office of the Registrar for details.)
- Six semester credit hour equivalents of mathematics course work completed at another accredited college or university, and deemed eligible toward transfer credit. (Contact the Office of the Registrar for details.)

Fulfilling the LAC through Examinations

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB) higher-level exams (with a score of 5 or above).

Biology	Math Advanced
Chemistry	Math and Computation
Computer/Computational Studies	Math Studies
Economics	Music
English	Philosophy
Environmental Systems	Physical Science
General Chemistry	Physics
Geography	Psychology
History	Social Anthropology
Math	Theatre Arts
	Art

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams (with scores of 500 or above on general examinations and 50 or above on subject area exams).

American Government	Human Growth & Development
American Literature	Introductory Psychology
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	Introductory Sociology
Biology	Principles of Macroeconomics
Calculus	Principles of Microeconomics
Chemistry	Trigonometry
College Algebra	Western Civilization I
College Algebra-Trigonometry	Western Civilization II
College Mathematics	
English Literature	
History of the US I	
History of the US II	

Advanced Placement (AP) exam scores of 3 and above in the following subject areas.

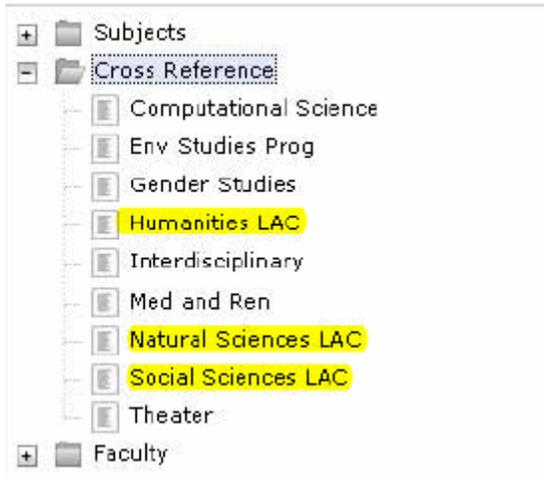
Art History	Government and Politics:
Biology	US
Calculus AB	Human Geography
Calculus BC	Music Theory
Chemistry	Physics B
Computer Science A	Physics C: Electricity
Computer Science AB	/Magnetism
Economics: Macro	Physics C: Mechanics
Economics: Micro	Psychology
English Language and Composition	Statistics
English Literature and Composition	Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio
Environmental Science	Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio
European History	Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio
Government and Politics: Comparative	US History
	World History

Advanced Certificate of Education (AICE) A-level exam scores of E or higher. In order to be counted as a part of the LAC, the exam must cover a subject that is an area of study at New College.

For a list of Liberal Arts Courses offered in AY 2012-13, please see the course schedules listed on the Registrar's Office page:

<https://myncf.ncf.edu/group/ncf-registrar-office/home>.

All courses meeting liberal arts requirements are indicated with an * and are listed together in the *Cross Reference* folder by Division.



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**New College of Florida
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Worksheet
2012-13**

Student _____

Sponsor _____

**Use this worksheet to track your progress toward fulfilling the Liberal Arts curriculum-related expectations.
Each of the five expectations listed below must be met prior to graduation.**

Computer Literacy Demonstrate Basic Computer Proficiency.

- Complete online computer training administered by the Office of the Registrar.

Math Literacy Complete one of the requirements below:

- Satisfactory completion of New College math course.
- A score of 500 or above on the mathematics section of the SAT Reasoning Test, the re-centered SAT I, or its equivalent
- A score of 21 or above on the mathematics section of the ACT
- A score of 91 or above on the ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra exam
- A score of 3 on any Advanced Placement (AP) mathematics exam
- A score of 5 or higher on an International Baccalaureate (IB) mathematics exam
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- Six semester credit hour equivalents of mathematics course work completed at another accredited college or university, and deemed eligible toward transfer credit. (Contact the Office of the Registrar for details.)

**One term length
LAC course from
Each Academic Division***

**Complete the three requirements below,
or appropriate AP, CLEP, or IB exams.**

List Course or Exam

Complete Three

- Humanities/Art LAC course. _____
- Natural Sciences/Math LAC course. _____
- Social/Behavioral Sciences/History LAC course. _____

**Five term-length
LAC Courses.***

**Complete the equivalent of five term-length courses.
(or appropriate AP, CLEP, or IB exams)**

List Course or Exam

**Complete five
additional LAC
courses from any
Division for a
total of eight.**

- 1. Course from LAC list. _____
- 2. Course from LAC list. _____
- 3. Course from LAC list. _____
- 4. Course from LAC list. _____
- 5. Course from LAC list. _____

***Students may complete two module-length LAC courses in place of one term-length course.**

**Proficiency in
written and oral**

Complete the thesis project and oral baccalaureate exam.