General Education Requirements

for freshmen



UC San Diego, Thurgood Marshall College

Hi and welcome to the Thurgood Marshall College Video Tutorial on General Education (GE) Requirements for freshmen.

In this video, we will discuss the specific GE requirements for incoming freshmen at Marshall College and how you can complete them.

Please note that several of the GE requirements can overlap with other major and/or University requirements. Let's begin!

Dimensions of Culture (DOC)

DOC 1: Diversity (4 units)

- Offered every fall quarter
- Provides an overview of the histories of various communities and origins of social stratification in the United States

DOC 2: Justice (6 units)

- Offered every winter quarter
- Explores tensions of founding American ideals and attempts by disenfranchised groups to attain that promise through institutional settings
 - Writing-intensive course

DOC 3: Culture (6 units)

- · Offered every spring quarter
- Builds on themes of DOC 1 & DOC 2 and investigates through a lens of American culture from post-World War II to the present

Writing-intensive course

DOC courses must be completed for a letter grade.

Dimensions of Culture, also known as DOC, is Marshall College's core curriculum and writing program.

Completion of the year-long DOC sequence satisfies the University of California Writing Requirement. Most students will complete DOC 1 in the fall. Check the New Student Site in August for your specific course recommendations.

DOC 2, offered in winter quarter, and DOC 3, offered in spring quarter, are both considered writing intensive and are six units each. Keep in mind that the DOC series is the only GE requirement that must be completed for a letter grade.



The next GE, your **Mathematics, Statistics, and Logic** requirement, can be satisfied by completing *two courses,* which you can select from the following three categories: Mathematics, Advanced Statistics; Introductory Statistics; and Computer Programming & Logic.

For example, you may complete two courses in the Mathematics, Advanced Statistics category. Or, you may complete one course in the Mathematics, Advanced Statistics category and one course in either the Introductory Statistics or the Computer Programming & Logic category. You may also complete one course in the Introductory Statistics category and one course in the Computer Programming & Logic category.

You are encouraged to select Mathematics, Statistics, and Logic courses that overlap with courses that you may be required to take for your major. There are plenty of course options available for both science and non-science majors.



For the **Natural Sciences** GE, you must complete *one course* in each Natural Science discipline – Biology; Chemistry; and Physics.

Similar to the Mathematics/Logic GE, students with majors requiring specific science courses will complete their Natural Science requirement by taking those major classes. Again, there are course options available for both science and non-science majors. Refer to the Marshall website for a complete list of course options.



The **Humanities/Culture** GE can be satisfied by completing *two courses* from an approved list of Humanities-based courses. This GE category is designed to focus on domestic and global cultures within a geographic location.



For your **Fine Arts** requirement, you will complete *one course* that focuses on an area of art appreciation from a list of approved courses. Like the other GE categories, this course can overlap with lower-division requirements for your major.

Disciplinary Breadth Two (2) courses must be lower-division Complete four (4) courses outside of your major discipline Lower-division = courses numbered 1-99 Major disciplines: Two (2) courses must be upper-division, one of which must include significant Social Sciences . writing Natural Sciences, Math, Engineering Upper-division = courses numbered 100 and Humanities/Fine Arts • above Foreign Languages Interdisciplinary/Interdepartmental Courses cannot overlap with courses for undergraduate major.

Finally, the **Disciplinary Breadth** GE is a four-course requirement that allows you to explore outside of your major field of study. Majors at UC San Diego fall within five overarching disciplines, including Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Math, and Engineering, Humanities/Fine Arts, Foreign Languages and Interdisciplinary/Interdepartmental.

Of the four courses you must take for this requirement, two of them should be lowerdivision (courses numbered 1-99) and two must be upper-division (numbered 100 or above). One of your upper-division Breadth courses must include Significant Writing.

Unlike the other GE categories, courses used toward the Disciplinary Breadth requirement *cannot* overlap with any requirements for your major. We recommend that you start with the other GE categories before pursuing this one, as any changes you might make to major selection may affect which classes you are allowed to take for this requirement.

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So, to review, your Marshall College GE requirements include:

- Three Dimensions of Culture (DOC) courses
- Two Mathematics, Statistics, and Logic courses
- Three Natural Sciences courses
- Two Humanities/Culture courses
- One Fine Arts course
- AND Four Disciplinary Breadth courses

You can find this list of requirements and more information on the Marshall College website.



Just go to the Marshall website - marshall.ucsd.edu/ge.

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Some students will have Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) credit that will satisfy various GE requirements. To determine how AP or IB credit might apply to various GE categories, review the AP and IB charts, available on UC San Diego's General Catalog at ucsd.edu/catalog/.

Once you have located the General Catalog, click on the section titled "Undergraduate Education," then click on the section for "Undergraduate Admission." On these charts, you can see which GEs you may have already fulfilled using AP or IB credit.

Be careful *not to* enroll in a course if you have already satisfied it through AP or IB credit. This is known as 'duplication of credit' and you will not receive units or grade points for classes you retake. You should also be aware that only 'Higher Level' IB credit is accepted toward units and course fulfillment at UC San Diego.

If you have not done so already, be sure to send your AP and/or IB scores to the UC San Diego's Office of Admission for review.

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That was a lot of information! We hope that you now have a better understanding of the GE requirements at Thurgood Marshall College.

If you have any questions about your first quarter courses or the specifics of the GE requirements, Marshall College Advising will be available during the Online Advising period in mid-August after you have completed your academic entries on the New Student Site.