

## General Education/Writing Guide for Harpur College Students: Selecting Courses to Petition

### **Aesthetics (A)**

- Possible subject areas: Studio Art, Art History, Cinema, Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Theater

### **Composition (C)**

- In order to qualify for C credit, a course must emphasize expository writing completed in the English language. Courses that will be considered for C credit include: Composition, Expository Writing, Technical Writing, Journalism, English Literature, courses specifically designated as writing emphasis or intensive, and other writing intensive courses upon review of a syllabus.

### **Oral Communications (O)**

- O courses must require at least 2 oral presentations and an evaluation of speaking. At least 15% of the course grade must be based on oral presentations. The language of communication must be English
- Possible subject areas: Public Speaking, Oral Communication, Policy Debate

### **Global Interdependencies (G)**

- The primary focus of Global Interdependencies (G) courses is to study how two or more distinctive world regions have influenced and interacted with one another and how such interactions have been informed by their respective cultures or civilizations. G courses must focus on at least one non-Western civilization.
- Possible subject areas: Intro to Geography, World/Global History, International Politics/Relations/Affairs, Intro to Cultural Anthropology, Intro to Social Anthropology, Intro to Art History

### **Humanities (H)**

- Possible subject areas: English Literature, Comparative Literature, Philosophy (excluding reasoning/logic)

### **Lab Science (L)**

- Possible subject areas: Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Geology, Physics

### **Mathematics (M)**

- Possible subject areas: Calculus, Statistics, Logic/Reasoning

### **Physical Activity (Y)**

- Possible subject areas: Yoga, Swimming, Taekwondo, Running, Physical Fitness, Bowling, Walking, Jogging, Dance, Tai Chi, Karate, Hiking, Bicycling, Weight Training, etc.

### **Wellness (S)**

- Possible subject areas: Human Sexuality, Nutrition, Developmental Psychology, Stress Management, Contemporary Health Issues, Substance Abuse, Physiological Effects of Exercise, etc.

**Pluralism (USP/P):** Please see a Harpur Advisor to ensure that you understand your Pluralism requirement.

### **Social Science (N)**

- Possible subject areas: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Government, Political Science, Sociology

**Foreign Language (FL):** Please see a Harpur Advisor to confirm your foreign language requirement.

- FL1 level: Beginning I/Intro I/Elementary I language courses
- FL2 level: Beginning II/Intro II/Elementary II language courses
- FL3 level: Intermediate language courses

### **Writing (W)**

- In order to qualify for W credit, a course must emphasize expository writing. Courses that will be considered for W credit include: Composition, Expository Writing, Technical Writing, Journalism, English Literature, courses specifically designated as writing emphasis or intensive, and other writing intensive courses upon review of a syllabus.

- General education courses may not be taken pass/fail; they must be taken for a letter grade.
- General Education courses must be at least 3 credits (exceptions: O, B, Y, S).
- General Education descriptions: <https://www.binghamton.edu/harpur/advising/transfer-credit-evaluation/gen-ed.html>
- Important Policies for Transfer Credit (NOTE: Binghamton study abroad coursework is not transfer credit.)
  - All transfer credit approvals are contingent upon receipt of an official transcript from an accredited college/university and an earned grade of C- or better.
  - Students may transfer a maximum of one C (Composition) course and two W (Writing) courses.
  - Transfer credit policies: <https://www.binghamton.edu/harpur/advising/transfer-credit-evaluation/policies.html>

**Questions about your general education/writing requirements? See a Harpur Academic Advisor in OH 110!**