

## **ARTS & LETTERS and SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT\***

This requirement is only for transfer students with 90 or more transfer credits. Students who complete the Freshman Inquiry (FRINQ), Sophomore Inquiry (SINQ) and Junior Cluster Courses (JC) at PSU do **NOT** need to fulfill this requirement. For students transferring in with 30 or more credits, there is a requirement of 21 AL/SS requirements in addition to the SP100 (or equivalent—for CS majors SP220 is required) and WR 121 (or equivalent).

### **The disciplines or courses that qualify for the AL/SS requirements are given below:**

- Administration of Justice (AJ 220 and 330 only)
- Anthropology
- Applied Linguistics (only up to 6 credits are applicable) - this includes Advanced and Upper Advanced course in English as a 2nd language.
- Architecture
- Area Studies
- Art History
- Black Studies
- Conflict Resolution
- Economics
- English Literature (but not writing classes that are equivalent or similar to WR 121 or WR 227)
- Foreign Languages & Literature (200 level or above courses only)
- Geography
- History
- International Studies
- Music (courses relating to the history and appreciation of music, but not performance; e.g. MUS 111 Music Theory is OK)
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Theater Arts (not including performance)
- Urban Studies & Planning
- Women's Studies

### **Courses that do NOT satisfy AL/SS:**

- PE/PHE classes
- Business Administration
- Sciences (e.g. Geology and Biology are NOT an acceptable AL/SS requirement)
- SP 220 (used to substitute for SP 100)
- WR 122 or equivalent is not used for AL/SS.

### **How did you come up with 21 credits of AL/SS?**

- ✓ A (PSU only) student is required to take 39 credits of General Education: FRINQ (15 credits) + SINQ (12) + JCC (12) = 39 credits. If a student transfers with, e.g. 90 credits or more, they do not need to complete the FRINQ and SINQ, are still required to take the Junior Cluster courses (12 credits). Since PSU does not check what these 90+ credits are (they could all be sciences), it is possible that the student does not have enough 'general education' for our programs' needs. (Please see above list for the list accepted AL/SS courses).
- ✓ Given that we require that transfer students (transferring 30 or more credits) to take SP 100 and WR 121, and PSU requires that the Junior Cluster Courses are completed, we count all of these towards the 39 credits that regular students would take:  $39 - 3(\text{SP100 or 220}) - 3(\text{WR121}) - 12(\text{JCC}) = 21$  credits of AL/SS that remain to complete the general education requirements of an undergraduate degree within the Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science.

### **I am a post-baccalaureate student – does AL/SS requirement apply to me?**

Post-baccalaureate students do not need to fulfill this requirement since the whole area of University Studies i.e. FRINQ, SINQ & JC is waived for post-baccalaureates. Post-baccalaureates don't have to fulfill the MCECS requirements of WR 121 and SP 100 (or SP220), but they will still need to complete EC 314 and WR 227.

Here are some additional pointers:

- You cannot use EC 314U to complete clusters that do not contain it. For information on Junior Cluster Courses, please refer to the Schedule of Classes.
- Some 'speed classes' may satisfy the AL/SS requirements, but those that are skill-based do not count. Please contact an advisor for more information.
- If a transfer student takes a junior cluster that does not include EC 314, then we can count the credits received from that course toward the AL/SS requirement. All students are required to take EC 314 to satisfy department requirements.