

General Education Program (GEP) Worksheet

For Students Entering Higher Education Summer 2007 or Later

Students who began or resumed higher education (following high school graduation) in summer 2007 or later must satisfy the General Education Program (GEP) graduation requirements.

Students who began or resumed higher education (following high school graduation) prior to summer 2007 and have maintained continuous enrollment (without a two-year break) may complete General Foundation Requirements (GFR) or General Education Program (GEP) graduation requirements.

A. Graduation Requirements:

1. Completion of a minimum of 120 academic credits-not including institutional credits.

The final 30 credits toward the degree must be completed at UMBC.

2. A minimum cumulative UMBC grade point average of 2.00.
3. Completion of one course with the writing intensive "WI" designation: _____
4. Two activity courses in physical education:

_____ (unless 30 or older before your first day of classes at UMBC or a military veteran). This PE credit does not count toward the 120 credits required for graduation.

5. Completion of UMBC's general education program, out-lined below.
6. 45 credits of upper level courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level.
7. Completion of an academic major offered by UMBC.

B. General Education Program:

All areas listed below must be completed as specified.

1. English Composition: Completion of English 100 or equivalent course.
 - a. _____
2. Arts/Humanities: Three courses with "AH" designation; courses must come from at least two different academic disciplines. Ancient studies and archaeology are considered the same discipline.
 - a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
3. Social Sciences: Three courses with "SS" designation; courses must come from at least two different academic disciplines. Sociology and anthropology are considered the same discipline.
 - a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

4. Mathematics: One course in mathematics or statistics with the "M" designation.
 - a. _____

5. Sciences: Two courses with the "S" designation. One science course must include a laboratory component.
 - a. _____ b. _____ Lab _____

6. Culture:

B.A. students: two courses with the "C" designation.

B.S./B.S.E. students: one course with the "C" designation.

 - a. _____ b. _____

7. Language: Completion of a foreign language through the 201 level or demonstrated proficiency at that level.

201: _____

The language requirement consists of completion of a foreign language through the 201 level or demonstrated proficiency at that level. Proficiency, the number of courses needed to complete the requirement, and course placement, are determined by previous experience as follows:

- ◆ completion of level IV or higher of a language in high school (see table below) OR
- ◆ corresponding AP, 1B or CLEP credit (see Appendix II, Undergraduate Catalog),
- ◆ completion of a language through the 201 level at a regionally accredited college/university.

Highest language level attained in high school	Meets 201-proficiency requirement	Number of courses to complete requirement (continuing with H.S. language)	Appropriate placement level* (202 & 301 are "C" designated for GEP)
5	Yes	none	301
4	Yes	none	202
3	No	201	201
2	No	102, 201	102
0-1	No	101, 102, 201	101

* Students should not enroll in language courses below their appropriate placement level without authorization from the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics (MLL). For students who have completed level 111 of a language in high school, but who feel unprepared for the 201 course, a 103 review course is available in French and Spanish.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS proficient in a language other than English may receive equivalency for the 201-level proficiency requirement, provided that they present documentation showing that they have studied at the secondary school level (i.e., sixth grade or above) for at least one year in a country other than the continental United States. Such students should submit an application form available at www.umbc.edu/ml or the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics office to determine whether the 201-level proficiency has been met.

C. Additional Policies Concerning the General Education Program Requirements}.

1. All courses used to satisfy the general education program requirements must be completed with a "C" or better. Courses taken on a pass/fail basis may not be used toward general foundation requirements.
2. Within the general education program requirements, no one course may be used to satisfy more than one area. Therefore, if a course has been approved as "AH" or "C" it may be used to satisfy either one, but not both, of these areas.
3. A cross-listed course may be considered as any one of its assigned disciplines, no matter under which departmental designation the course is taken.
4. No more than two courses from the same discipline may be used to satisfy either the arts/humanities or social science areas. No more than three courses from the same discipline may be used throughout the general education program requirements, except that three English courses may be used in addition to English composition.
5. Credit earned through AP, IB and CLEP may be used toward general foundation program requirements when equivalent to a UMBC general education program requirement course. Departmental credit by exam does not apply toward general education program requirements.
6. Only one studio or performance course (designated by "ST") may count toward general education program requirements.
7. Biology, chemistry and physics majors satisfy the science requirements as part of their curriculum. Other majors usually satisfy these requirements by choosing one of the following six options:
 - a. BIOL 100 + BIOL 100L and one other science designated course
 - b. BIOL 123 + BIOL 123L and one other science-designated course
 - c. CHEM 101 + CHEM 102 + CHEM 102L
 - d. CHEM 123 + CHEM 124 + CHEM 124L
 - e. PHYS 111 and one other science-designated course
 - f. SCI 100 and one other science-designated course
 - g. BIOL 109 and one other science-designated course
8. Only one First-Year Seminar (FYS) course can be used throughout the general education program. The course must have an approved general education program designation and it can only be utilized in the appropriate category.