



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN MAINE

Jan. 4, 2011 New Student Orientation Advising Reminders:

EYE courses Available EYE courses are included in your Core advising folder and in the Core times. STUDENTS REGISTERING FOR EYE 125 MUST ALSO TAKE THE CORRESPONDING 1 CREDIT LAB, EYE 128.

EISRC courses Available EISRC courses and descriptions are included in your advising folder and in the Core times.

Thematic Cluster requirement To satisfy this requirement, students must complete three courses from two different prefixes in an approved cluster. Information on all clusters, cluster courses and their prerequisites is available at the Core website at <http://www.usm.maine.edu/core>

Alternatives to the Thematic Cluster:

Minor in lieu of a cluster: A minor may substitute for a cluster if it requires at least fifteen (15) credit hours. Only one-third (1/3) of the credits in the student's minor may be courses that can be applied to the student's major.

Double major in lieu of a cluster: Students taking a double major for which they have to earn at least 15 credits outside their first major will, by completing both majors, fulfill their Thematic Cluster requirement.

Capstone Students complete their capstone as part of their major. Advanced transfer students who are ready to complete the capstone should consult with their department advisor or department chair for information on the capstone in their major department.

Transfer credit:

Students may meet any of their USM Core requirements through transfer, with the exception of the Ethical Inquiry, Social Responsibility, and Citizenship requirement, and the Capstone. Students transferring 84 or more credits may submit for consideration a course that they regard as equivalent to the Ethical Inquiry, Social Responsibility, and Citizenship course. This course must have been completed at a 4 year college or university and must be at the intermediate level or above. Please direct qualified students to smcwilms@usm.maine.edu or 780-4755.

Students may have transfer credit which is applicable toward their cluster requirement but not yet recognized as such in Maine Street or reflected in their Transfer Credit Report. Please direct such cases to smcwilms@usm.maine.edu or 780-4755.