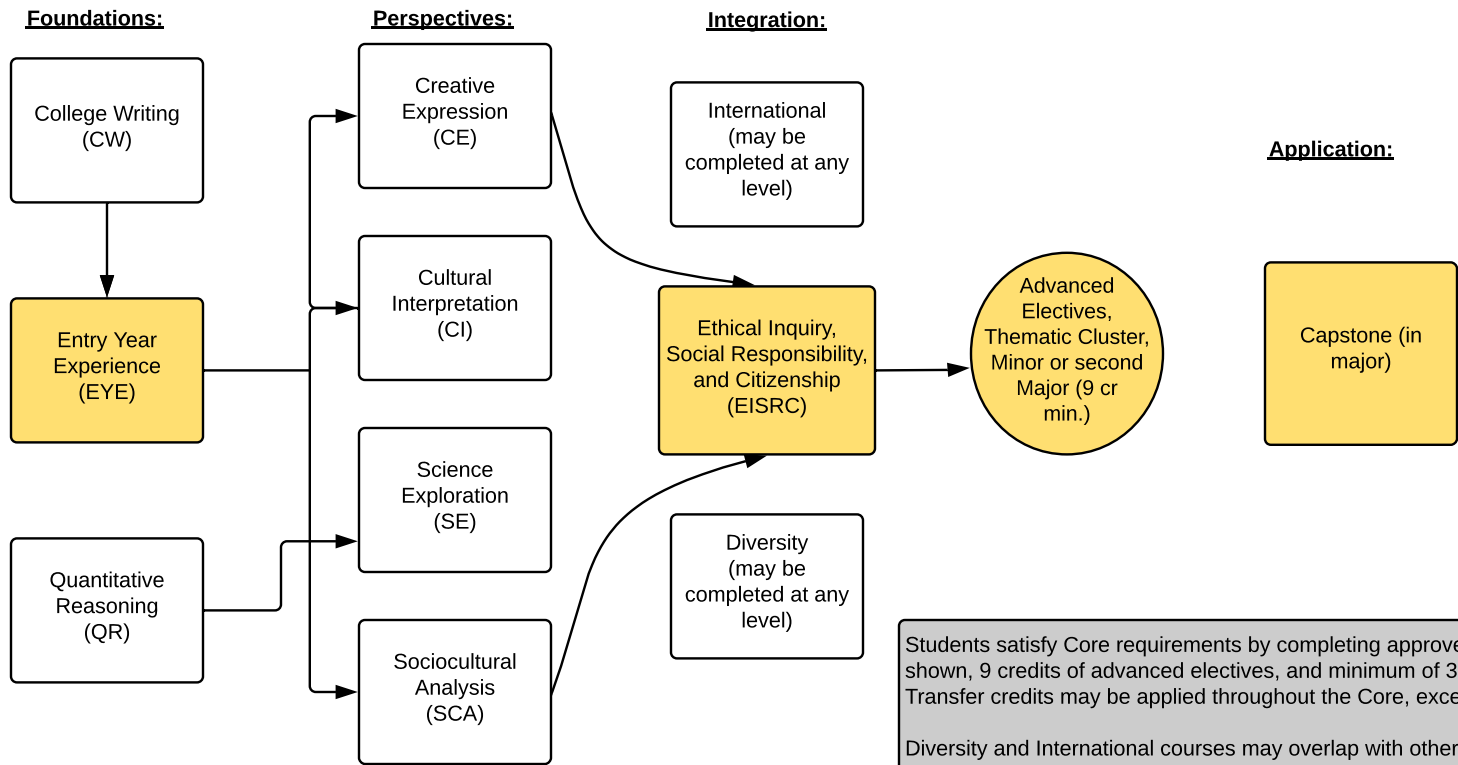


USM CORE
and progress toward
degree

Students engage in substantive learning experiences that illuminate and transcend the perspectives of various disciplines while fostering the values and dispositions, knowledge, and skills our students will employ in their personal and professional lives. USM students demonstrate

- Informed understandings of interrelationships between human cultures and the natural world;
- Analytical, contextual, and integrative thinking about complex issues;
- Critical reflection upon, and informed action in, their roles as participants in multiple communities;
- Ethical action to contribute to the social and environmental welfare of local and global communities.



Students satisfy Core requirements by completing approved courses in each of the areas shown, 9 credits of advanced electives, and minimum of 3 credits of Capstone in their major. Transfer credits may be applied throughout the Core, except at the Capstone.

Diversity and International courses may overlap with other requirements but not with each other. Students may use courses from their major subject area to satisfy Core requirements, except in Advanced Electives.

The Core is loosely sequenced, involving co-requisites at three levels (foundations, perspectives, integration, application). All Core courses emphasize critical reading, thinking and writing.