USM Core Curriculum Policies 2014-2015

1. **College Readiness** in Mathematics
   In math, students can demonstrate college readiness by any ONE of the following measures:
   - An SAT Quantitative score of 550 or above.
   - An ACT Math score of 22 or above.
   - A passing score on the mathematics placement examination. See: [http://usm.maine.edu/assessment/interpretation](http://usm.maine.edu/assessment/interpretation)
   - A grade of C- or better in MAT 101 (4 credits)
   Students whose Accuplacer scores place them in MAT 9 may retake the Accuplacer test after completion of MAT 9 to determine whether they should complete MAT 101 or whether they may move onto a more advanced Math course. See [http://usm.maine.edu/assessment/interpretation](http://usm.maine.edu/assessment/interpretation)

2. **Pass-Fail/Audit**: Courses taken to satisfy Core Curriculum requirements may not be taken on a pass-fail basis or audited.

3. **Passing Grades**: Satisfying a core curriculum requirement involves passing (with a grade of D minus or better) an approved course in that requirement area.

4. **Overlaps between Core and Major requirements**: There are no restrictions on overlaps between Core and major requirements, except in the Thematic Cluster. Students may take one course in their chosen cluster from the same prefix as their major. Students may complete a minor or a second major in lieu of the thematic cluster, with no restrictions on overlaps between the student’s major and the minor or second major.

5. **Overlaps between Core requirements**: Overlaps are permitted between the diversity requirement and other core requirements, and between the international requirement and other core requirements and between Ethical Inquiry and cluster courses. Students must complete two distinct courses to satisfy their diversity and international requirements. Some Ethical Inquiry courses are also in one or more of the clusters, and apply to both requirements.

6. **Repeating courses** to satisfy Core requirements: A failing grade in an EYE course may be replaced by a passing grade in any EYE course. All other failing grades may only be replaced by a passing grade in the same course. See Academic Policies section of the Undergraduate Catalog for additional information on repeating courses.

7. **Waivers and substitutions** regarding USM Core curriculum requirements should be sought from the Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Programs and Core Curriculum at [smcwilms@usm.maine.edu](mailto:smcwilms@usm.maine.edu).

8. **Transfer**: Students may satisfy any Core requirement through appropriate transfer credit. Students transferring 24 or more credits do not have to complete the EYE requirement. Students may submit an appropriate transfer course at the intermediate to advanced level for review for EISRC credit. Submissions should be sent to [smcwilms@usm.maine.edu](mailto:smcwilms@usm.maine.edu). Transfer credits are also applied to the clusters. Questions about cluster transfer credit may also be directed to [smcwilms@usm.maine.edu](mailto:smcwilms@usm.maine.edu).

9. **Prior degree**: Students who have already earned one baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and are undertaking work for a second baccalaureate degree are not required to satisfy Core curriculum requirements.