

## **USM Core Curriculum Policies 2016-2017**

### **College Readiness** in Mathematics

In math, students can demonstrate college readiness by any ONE of the following measures:

- An SAT Quantitative score of 500 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>
- 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>

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

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

**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 an approved cluster from the same prefix as their major. No courses in the cluster alternative may have the same prefix as the student's major. Students may complete a minor or a second major in lieu of the thematic cluster, with no Core-related restrictions on overlaps between the student's major and the minor or second major (department or university policy may limit such overlaps. See your department policies for more information).

**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.

**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.

**Waivers and substitutions** see instructions at [waivers](#) and [substitutions](#).

**Transfer:** Students may satisfy any Core requirement through appropriate transfer credit. EYE is waived for students transferring 24 or more credits. This excludes AP and other test credits. Additional requests for transfer review and transfer questions should be sent to [heidin@usm.maine.edu](mailto:heidin@usm.maine.edu).

**Prior degree:** Bachelors: 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. Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies/Liberal Arts:

With the exception of the capstone, and any other particular USM Core courses specifically required by the student's major, USM Core requirements are waived for students with a completed Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Studies/Liberal Arts from a regionally accredited community or other college. This policy does not apply to any other associate degrees. This policy is effective spring 2015 and is not retroactive.