**USM Core and progress toward degree**

EYE and College Writing must be completed prior to or at the same time as CE, CI, SE, SCA

- **College Writing**
- **Entry Year Experience (EYE)**
- **Quantitative Reasoning**
- **Creative Expression (CE)**
- **Cultural Interpretation (CI)**
- **Science Exploration (SE)**
- **Sociocultural Analysis (SCA)**
- **International** (may be completed at any level)
- **Ethical Inquiry, Social Responsibility, and Citizenship (Pre-requisites: any 3 of the 4 CE, CI, SE or SCA)**
- **Diversity** (may be completed at any level)

**Thematic Cluster Course 1**
**Thematic Cluster Course 2**
**Thematic Cluster Course 3**
**Capstone (in major)**

The USM Core is a coherent, integrative, and rigorous liberal education that allows our graduates to be world-minded, intentional, life-long learners. Learning outcomes across the requirements are sequenced to help students develop increasingly sophisticated knowledge and skills. Courses throughout the curriculum involve close reading and oral and written communication.

Complete 3 courses in a cluster from two subject areas (only one may overlap with the major subject area), or complete a minor or a double major.

**Five Goals of General Education**
1. Informed understandings of interrelationships between human cultures and the natural world;
2. Analytical, contextual, and integrative thinking about complex issues;
3. Effective communication using multiple forms of expression;
4. Critical reflection upon, and informed action in, their roles as participants in multiple communities; and
5. Ethical action to contribute to the social and environmental welfare of local and global communities.

Students may apply transfer credits throughout the Core. See your transfer credit report in Maine Street.