**Liberal Arts & Sciences Curriculum (LASC) Policy**

**Custodian of Policy:** Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

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**Policy**

The Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum matches the goal areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum with the exception of Goal Area 11: Information Literacy. This goal area is embedded in the curriculum of Goal Areas I A through 10 and is satisfied through completion of the other goal areas.

**Goal Areas & Courses Required**

Goal l A: Oral Communication - 1 course, 3 credits  
Goal 1 B: Written Communication - 1 course, 3 credits  
Goal 2: Critical Thinking - 1 course, 3 credits  
Goal 3: Natural Sciences - 2 courses from two different rubrics, 6 credits, 1 must include a traditional lab  
Goal 4: Mathematics I Logical Reasoning - 1 course, 3 credits  
Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences - 2 courses from two different rubrics, 6 credits  
Goal 6: The Humanities and Fine Arts - 2 courses from two different rubrics, 6 credits  
Goal 7A or 7B: Human Diversity or Race, Power, & Justice – 1 course, 3 credits  
Goal 8: Global Perspective - 1 course, 3 credits  
Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility - 1 course, 3 credits  
Goal 10: People and the Environment - 1 course, 3 credits  
Goal 11: Information Literacy - fulfilled when all of the goal areas are complete

**General Requirements**

1. 40 credits minimum.
2. Minimum 2.0 GPA in all courses used to fulfill LASC requirements, including transfer courses.
3. No more than two courses in a student's primary major rubric may be used to fulfill requirements in Goal Areas 3-10. Students with more than one major will select which major to declare as their primary major.
4. A course from Goal Areas 3, 5, or 6 may also satisfy Goal Areas 7, 8, 9 or 10. Likewise, a course form Goal Areas 8, 9, or 10 may satisfy a second Goal Area from 8, 9, or 10. Note that a single course may satisfy at most two Goal Areas. Completion of the approved course fulfills both goal areas, but the credit may not be double counted.
5. LASC courses may have pre-requisites.
6. Veterans with certain military service training may be determined to have met Goal Area 9 Ethical and Civic Responsibility. See the Registrar’s Office for documentation requirements.
7. A set of three 1-credit activity-focused courses, including but not limited to performing ensembles, may be counted as one course for LASC credit.

**LASC Disciplinary Rubrics**

Existing LASC courses retain their current categorization.

Goal areas 3, 5, and 6 will be restricted to courses with these disciplinary rubrics:, ANTH, ART, AST, BCBT, BIOL, CHEM, CJ, COMM, ECON, ENGL, EXCH, FILM, GEOS, HIST, HON, HUM, , MUS, PHIL, PHYS, PSCI, POL, PSY, SOC, THTR, WS.

The LASC areas will align with disciplinary rubrics in this way:

* Goal Area 3: Natural Sciences Rubrics ANTH, AST, BCBT, BIOL, CHEM, GEOS, HON, PHYS, PSCI
* Goal Area 5: History & Social and Behavioral Sciences Rubrics, ANTH, CJ, COMM, ECON, EXCH, GEOS, HIST, HON, , POL, PSY, SOC, WS
* Goal Area 6: The Humanities and Fine Arts Rubrics, ART, COMM, ENGL, EXCH, FILM, HON, HUM, MUS, PHIL, THTR, WS

**Procedures**

Creation of new LASC courses will proceed through the relevant and the currently approved formal curriculum processes.

Courses already approved in one goal area may be submitted to through the curriculum process for approval in a second goal area by demonstrating how the course meets 51% of the competencies in the second goal area.

**Rationale**

The purpose of this policy is to define the university's Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum and to maintain an extraordinary education for all students.