

The Core Curriculum

Required for all students who first
entered BSU in the fall of 2006 or later

Core Curriculum Requirements

Core Skills Requirements

1. College Writing
2. Logical Reasoning
3. Mathematical Reasoning
4. Spoken Communication

Core Distribution Requirements

1. Fine and Performing Arts
2. Humanities
3. Natural Sciences
4. Social and Behavioral Sciences

Seminar Requirements

1. First Year Seminar
2. Second Year Seminar

Additional Distribution Requirements

1. Writing Intensive Courses (Core Distribution and Major)
2. Speaking Intensive Course *or additional Writing Intensive* (Core Distribution)
3. Global Culture
4. Multiculturalism
5. Applications of Quantitative Skills *or a second Mathematical Reasoning*
6. US and MA Constitutions

Core Skills Requirements

- ENGL 101 & 102*
- Foundations of Logical Reasoning*
- Foundations of Mathematical Reasoning** (many more options available than under GER curriculum)
- Spoken Communication**

Core Skills courses may only be used to fulfill one requirement

**must be taken in 1st year*

***must be taken before the end of the 2nd year*

Seminar Requirements

- First Year Seminar (FYS)* - any student with fewer than 24 earned credits is a 1st Year student
- Second Year Seminar (SYS)* - any student with 24-53 earned credits is a 2nd Year student.

*Seminars may also fulfill Core & Additional Distribution requirements.

Please note that Transfer students are placed according to number of credits. Students transferring 24 or more credits will have the FYS waived & students with 53 or more will have the SYS waived. Writing and Speaking Intensive requirements still apply.

Fine & Performing Arts

- Two approved courses must be completed in this area (Art, Art History, Dance, Music, Theater)
- * Note the two courses may be from the same department, and they may both be studios. Some may double count in other areas.

Humanities

- Three approved courses must be completed from this category. (English, History, Foreign Languages or Philosophy.)

*They do not have to be from different departments & some may double count in other areas.

Natural Sciences

- Two approved courses must be completed & at least one must be a lab science.

*Please note that the sciences do not have to be from different departments. There are Chemistry courses forthcoming, pending approval by Governance.

Social & Behavioral Sciences

- Two approved courses must be completed.
- * Please note that these courses may be from the same department & some may double count in other areas.

Writing Intensive

- Two approved courses must be completed. One course may be a First Year Seminar.
- * These courses require that the students write at least 15 pages of revised text over the course of the semester. Writing I and II may NOT be used in this area.

Speaking Intensive

- One speaking intensive or additional writing intensive course is required. Second Year seminars may be used to fulfill this area.
- * 2nd year seminars numbered 298 are speaking intensive;
2nd year seminars numbered 299 are writing intensive
- * Speaking intensive courses require that students give presentations, debates or formal discussions in class.
- *The course that fulfills the Speaking Skills requirement may NOT be used in this area.

Writing Intensive in the Major

- One course must be completed for each major as described in the major requirements.

Global Culture

- Two approved courses must be completed.
- These course will allow students to learn about cultures outside of the U. S.

Multiculturalism

- One approved course must be completed.
- These courses allow students to study differences in cultures and how power and privilege shape cultures.

Application Quantitative Skills

- One approved course must be completed, or the student may take a second Mathematical Reasoning Course.

*Note that a number of Physics classes can double fill for this requirement as well the Natural Science core.

US & MA Constitutions

- One approved course must be completed. Some also fulfill Humanities or Social & Behavioral core requirements.

FYI

- Students who entered BSU in the fall of 2006 or later as first time students **MUST** follow the Core Curriculum.
- Transfer students who were new to BSU in fall 2006 or later are required to follow the Core.
- Returning BSU students will initially be placed under the Core Curriculum, **HOWEVER**, they may select an earlier catalog, no more than 8 years old, & the catalog must have been in effect when the student enrolled at BSU. Use the Request to Change Catalog Year form to make that change.
- For a continuing student who is changing or declaring a major, using the “What If Analysis” under the degree audit function is helpful in determining whether to follow the Core or GER curriculum.
- All students must follow the requirements of a single catalog.

Degree Audit - What If Analysis

- Access through Web for Faculty
- Select Student Information Menu
- ID Selection
- Degree Audit
- Select “What If Analysis” – bottom right corner
- Select term
- Select Program from drop-down menu
- Generate request
- Submit detail requirements

Want more information on the Core Curriculum?

- www.bridgew.edu/corecurriculum
 - See “Advising Guide” for a list of approved courses
or
 - www.bridgew.edu/catalog