

## ADVISOR'S BRIEF GUIDE

### ALL-COLLEGE AND MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- Satisfy requirements of the major
- Satisfy General Education requirements
- 122 credit hours to graduate (in most instances)
- 60 credit hours from 4-year institution
- 30 credit hours from SUNY Oswego
- ½ of credit hours in the major from SUNY Oswego
- 54 credit hours maximum in any one department
- 42 credit hours upper division (300-400 level)
- 2.0 overall GPA
- 2.0 GPA in Major
- Credit hours limitations on Internships, Independent Studies, Practica
- MAX 100 *does not count* toward graduation

### General Education

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| <b>BASIC SKILLS</b>  | <b>0-9 Hours</b>  |
| 1. Writing   | 0-3 Hours (ENG 102 or waiver)   |
| 2. Computer Literacy and Information Literacy  | 0-3 hours (approved course or waiver)   |
| 3. Critical Thinking   | Infused in the major  |
| <b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b>  | <b>0-6 hour</b>   |
| 4. Satisfied by high school study of another language through Regents Level 4; high school study of two other languages (through Level 2 in each); or completion of a 102-level college language course or equivalent. |   |
| <b>KNOWLEDGE FOUNDATIONS</b>   | <b>12-18 hours (counting exemptions)</b>  |
| 5. Fine & Performing Arts  | 3 hours (approved course)   |
| 6. Humanities  | 3 hours (approved course)   |
| 7. Mathematics   | 3 hours (approved course)   |
| 8. Natural Sciences  | 6 hours (2 approved courses from different areas)   |
| 9. Social & Behavioral Sciences  | 6 hours (2 approved courses from 2 disciplines)   |
| (exemptions granted in area(s) of student's major(s))  |   |
| <b>AMERICA &amp; THE WESTERN HERITAGE</b>  | <b>6 hours</b>  |
| 10. American History   | 3 hours (approved course - see note below)  |
| 11. Western Civilization   | 3 hours (approved course)   |
| <b>HUMAN DIVERSITY</b>   | <b>6 hours</b>  |
| 12. Tolerance & Intolerance in the U.S.  | 3 hours (approved course – see note below)  |
| 13. Non-Western Civilizations  | 3 hours (approved course)   |
| <b>INTELLECTUAL ISSUES</b>   | <b>6 hours</b>  |
| 14. Explorations in the Natural Sciences   | 3 hours (approved course)   |
| <b>and either</b>  |   |
| 15. Cultures and Civilization  |   |
| <b>or</b>  |   |
| 16. Self and Society   | 3 hours (approved course)   |
| <b>ADVANCED EXPOSITORY WRITING</b>   | <b>(5 courses designated by major department, including at least one that emphasizes oral communication skills)</b> |

Note: No course satisfying the American History requirement will at the same time satisfy the Tolerance and Intolerance requirement (in Human Diversity).

## General Education Notes, Reminders, and Cautions

- One (1) course can be used to satisfy two (2) (or more) requirements, except that; **no one course satisfying the American History requirement will at the same time satisfy the Tolerance and Intolerance requirement (in Human Diversity).**
- Courses that satisfy requirements for the major or minor can also be used to satisfy General Education requirements.
- Intellectual Issues **must** be approved SUNY Oswego courses taken either on-campus or online; all other General Education courses can be taken off-campus or online. **Non-SUNY Oswego courses will not be approved in this category.**
- Passing scores on college-level competency exams (e.g., Advanced Placement or CLEP) can be used to earn credits and, where appropriate, satisfy General Education requirements.
- Waiver exams are given in the Computer & Information Literacy and in Writing (passing one of these exams satisfies a requirement but earns no credits for the student). Open to freshmen only.
- Foreign Language requirement can be satisfied by high school study of another language through Regents Level 4; high school study of two other languages (through Level 2 in each); or completion of a 102-level college language course or the equivalent (also see note for degree-holding transfer students).
- Only students in Teacher Education or other programs leading to careers where there is likely to be significant contact with the hearing impaired may use ASL to satisfy the Foreign Language Requirement.
- General Education courses **may not** be taken pass/fail.

## Articulation Provisions for Students with Associate's Degree from other SUNY Units

Transfer students entering Oswego with two-year associate's degrees (AA, AS, or AAS) from other units of SUNY are covered by "general articulation," which confers on those students the following four exemptions:

**Exemption 1:** Computer and Information Literacy is considered to be infused;

**Exemption 2:** Critical Thinking is considered to be infused;

**Exemption 3:** The student with general articulation is exempted from the second course (3 credits) required in Knowledge Foundation--Natural Sciences;

**Exemption 4:** The student with general articulation is exempted from the second course (3 credits) required in Knowledge Foundation-Social and Behavioral Sciences.

**Transfer students with two- year associate's degrees from other SUNY units also have alternative ways to meet the Knowledge Foundation requirements in Mathematics and in Foreign Language:**

**Mathematics:** The degree-holding transfer student who has not yet satisfied the Mathematics component of the SUNY-GER may do so with a course at Oswego (or elsewhere) equivalent to any of those approved for that requirement at the SUNY unit from which that student received his or her degree.

**Foreign Language:** The degree-holding transfer student who has not yet satisfied the Foreign Language component of the SUNY-GER may do so with a 101-level course Oswego (or elsewhere) equivalent to any of those approved for that requirement at the SUNY unit from which that student received his or her degree.

Students should go to the SUNY Oswego General Education web page, [www.oswego.edu/gened](http://www.oswego.edu/gened), and follow the link to the SUNY-Wide General Education courses for a list of approved mathematics and foreign language courses at each two-year school.

**All other unmet General Education Requirements must be completed with approved Oswego courses.**

**It is important to note that these articulation provisions do not apply to transfer students entering Oswego from institutions outside of SUNY or to those arriving from a SUNY unit without an associate's degree.**