

Degree Completion Core Option

The Degree Completion Core is applicable only to

- Students with 75 or more transfer credits who matriculate in an officially designated Integrative Professional Studies major
- Returning USM students with 75 or more historic credits who have not been enrolled at USM for at least two years.
- Students matriculated into one of the Polymath Pathways.

Students matriculated in other majors (not officially designated degree completion programs or polymath pathways) are **not eligible** for the degree completion Core.

Students matriculating into approved degree completion majors or polymath pathways complete a total of 40 general education credits consisting of a streamlined set of 9 Core requirements (28 credits) and general education electives (12 credits through transfer or USM courses). A separate degree progress report, based on the student's plan (major), will be used to track completion of the requirements, either in transfer or through USM courses.

Degree Completion Core Requirements: Total credit hours: 28

Writing, Reading, and Inquiry I (3 CH)
Quantitative Reasoning (3 CH)
Creative Expression (3CH)
Cultural Interpretation (3 CH)
Science Exploration lecture and lab (3+1 CH)
Sociocultural Analysis (3 CH)
Culture, Power, Equity OR International (3 CH)
Ethical Inquiry, Social Responsibility, and Citizenship (3 CH)
Capstone (3 CH, in the major; students in polymath pathways complete one capstone in each major)