

### Core policy for degree completion:

**The Degree Completion Core is applicable only to students with 75 or more transfer credits who matriculate in an officially designated degree completion major** (HS-IPS, LOS-IPS, SBS-IPS, TAH-IPS). Returning USM students with 75 or more historic credits are also eligible if they have not been enrolled at USM for at least two years. Students matriculated in other majors (not officially designated degree completion programs) are **not eligible** for the degree completion Core.

Students matriculating into approved degree completion majors will complete a streamlined set of 8 Core requirements of 28 credit hours total (based on the already approved General Education Transfer Block). A separate degree progress report, based on the student's plan (major), will be used to track their 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 <b>OR</b> International (3 CH)
Ethical Inquiry, Social Responsibility, and Citizenship (3 CH)
Capstone (3 CH, in the major)