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.
- Starting fall 2027, students matriculating with a completed AS or AAS degree
- Starting fall 2027, all students matriculating with 75 or more transfer credits, regardless of major.

The Degree Completion Core involves 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) or transfer eligibility, will be used to track completion of the requirements, either in transfer or through USM courses.

Degree Completion Core Requirements: Total credit hours: 28 plus 12 general education/elective transfer credits or other general education elective credits

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)