

GENERAL EDUCATION
Criteria for Elements 5A & 5B
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ELEMENT 5A CRITERIA

Courses in Element 5A must have the following characteristics:

1. The central defining element of the course is a focus on continuities and changes over time within human society, **and on non-contemporary world views.**
2. The course focuses on the interactions among the multiple dimensions of human societal contexts. These dimensions may include, but are not limited to, social, cultural, political, economic, religious/philosophical, environmental, scientific and/or technological.
3. The course requires analysis of methods used in historical disciplines including the evaluation of ~~written, oral and/or artifactual~~ sources primarily in the context of the historical period in which they were produced.

ELEMENT 5B CRITERIA

Courses in Element 5B must have the following characteristics:

1. The central defining element of the course is a focus on individuals and societies and their interactions in a complex, multi-dimensional, **and contemporary** world.
2. The course introduces and defines the discipline's methods and practices, explores key disciplinary concepts, and explores the development of the discipline.
3. The course focuses on analyzing the discipline's perspectives on and contributions to fundamental questions of social science, including issues of personal and public importance.