

## General requirements for the Dickinson degree

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32 courses // 4 years // one student

### Methods Courses (4 courses over first two or three years)

1. **First-year seminar (FYS):** *This course does not duplicate in content any other course in the curriculum and may not be used to fulfill any other graduation requirement.*
2. **Writing in the Discipline (WiD):** *Preferably completed in the major or other related field, WiD courses teach students about a discipline and its discourse community.*
3. **Quantitative Reasoning Course (QR):** *A course that fulfills both the laboratory science and quantitative reasoning (QR) may fulfill only one or the other.*
4. **Sustainability (SCON / SINV):** *To fulfill this requirement, students must complete one course coded as either Sustainability Connections – SCON or Sustainability Investigation – SINV)*

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Distribution Courses (DC): *Normally, the expectation is that distribution courses will be completed by the end of the sophomore year in **four different academic categories**:*

5. **DC II Arts:** *Two half-credits of performance studies or dance in the same instrument/genre OR four semesters of the same music ensemble will satisfy the requirement. Formerly DIV I*
6. **DC II Humanities:** *Courses that fulfill the humanities requirement allow students to understand, explore, analyze and interpret the historical, cultural, and philosophical dimensions of human experience. Formerly DIV I*
7. **DC II Social Sciences:** *Courses that examine the social and/or cultural components of human experiences through analysis and interpretation of people, structures, ideas, and institutions. Formerly DIV II*
8. **DC II Laboratory Science:** *Courses that use systematic observations and experimentation, formation and verification of theories, and computational methods in a laboratory setting. Formerly DIV III*

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Cross-cultural studies (CC): **Three types** of cross-cultural course work to introduce the diversity of human cultures (may double-count with DC; complete over 2 to 3 years)

9. **CC II Languages:** *This includes languages not currently taught at Dickinson College, including American Sign Language. Fulfillment of this requirement may take the form of college-level courses for which credit is earned at Dickinson (or transferred from another institution) or through certification based on approved testing without the posting of college credit. Students for whom English is not their native language, may be able to use English to fulfill this requirement. No exemptions of the language requirement will be provided.*
10. **CC II U.S. Diversity:** *Courses that fulfill the U.S. diversity requirement allow students to explore the intersections of two or more of the following categories of identity in the United States: race, ethnicity, gender, class, religion, sexual orientation, and/or disability.*
11. **CC II Global Diversity:** *Courses that fulfill the global diversity requirement encourage students to examine societies and cultures that have been shaped predominantly by other historical traditions outside of US and Europe.*

### Important notes

- Students must also complete a MAJOR (10 to 16 courses)
- Single courses may double count for requirements but still only represent one of 32 required courses
- Students must pass 32 courses with a cumulative average of 2.00 (C grade)
- Students must complete a minimum of 16 courses on campus; and 12 courses must be completed on campus after the student has matriculated and has declared a major
- This handout offers an abbreviated version of the information from the webpage cited above