General Education at Pomona College

Breadth of Study Area Requirements:

Thirty-two course credits or the equivalent are required to graduate. Courses taken to satisfy General Education requirements may be taken for letter grade or on a Pass/No Credit (P/NC) grading basis. No two breadth areas can be fulfilled with only courses from the same department or program. Once matriculated, Breadth of Study requirements can only be satisfied with courses taken in residence at The Claremont Colleges. Courses taken abroad or on other external programs do not satisfy area requirements.

Area 1: One course in Criticism, Analysis, and Contextual Study of Works of the Human Imagination
- Art History (ARHI)
- Classics (CLAS)
- Dance (criticism, history, and movement analysis)
- Literatures (in English or English translation, or at the upper-division level in a foreign language, or in Classics)
- Media Studies (theory and history courses)
- Music (theory, history, appreciation, and ethnomusicology courses)
- Theatre (history and criticism)

Area 2: One course in Social Institutions and Human Behavior
- Anthropology (ANTH)
- Economics (ECON) except ECON057
- Environmental Analysis (EA)
- International Relations (IR)
- Linguistics & Cognitive Science (LGCS)
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)
- Politics (POLI) except POLI090
- Psychology (PSYC) except PSYC158
- Public Policy Analysis (PPA)
- Science, Technology and Society (STS)
- Sociology (SOC) except SOC 104

Mathematical and formal reasoning courses offered in the disciplines above satisfy Area 5 rather than Area 2 (ECON 057 PO, POLI 090 PO, PSYC 158 PO, SOC 104 PO)

Area 3: One course in History, Values, Ethics and Cultural Studies
- Africana Studies (courses beginning AFRI)
- American Studies (courses beginning AMST)
- Asian Studies (courses beginning ASIA)
- Asian American Studies (courses beginning ASAM)
- Chicano/a Latino/a Studies (courses beginning CHST)

Area 4: One course in Physical and Biological Sciences
- Astronomy (ASTR)
- Biology (BIOL)
- Chemistry (CHEM)
- Geology (GEOL) except GEOL 112 PO
- Molecular Biology (MOBI)
- Neuroscience (NEUR)
- Physics (PHYS)

GEOL 112 PO does not satisfy any area requirement, and has a prerequisite completion of an Area 4 course.

Area 5: One course in Mathematical and Formal Reasoning
- Computer Science (CSCI)
- Mathematics (MATH)
- Formal Logic (PHIL 060 PO)
- Statistics (includes statistics courses offered by any department)

Area 6: One course in Creation and Performance of Works of Art and Literature
- All courses in Studio Art (ART)
- Creative writing courses in English (ENGL) and other languages
- Dance (DANC) performance courses
- Media Studies (MS) production courses
- Music (MUS) performance & composition courses
- Theatre (THEA) performance courses

Partial-credit courses in Dance, Music and Theatre may be used to satisfy Area 6, subject to some restrictions; see the relevant department chapter in the Pomona College Catalog for more information.

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### The Physical Education Requirement: Two activities required

The requirement for physical education is satisfied by passing two physical education activity courses in different semesters, with the first physical education activity course expected to be taken during the first year. (Students admitted as transfer students may satisfy this requirement by passing one physical education activity course.)

### The Language Requirement

The requirement for a language other than English is satisfied in one of the following eight ways:

1. By passing the third semester or higher of a language or literature course at Pomona College (or an approved equivalent course at another eligible institution) in a language other than English. If a literature course is selected, it may not be in translation;

2. By earning a score of 4 or 5 on an Advanced Placement examination in a language other than English;

3. For languages other than English and Chinese, by earning a score of 6 or 7 on an International Baccalaureate (IB) Language B Higher Level or Language A (Standard Level or Higher Level) exam;

4. By earning a score of 650 or higher on a College Board SAT-II Subject test in a language other than English (Listening Tests are not eligible). Exams which significantly test in Romanized writing (instead of or in addition to native orthography) do not satisfy the language requirement (Chinese, Japanese and Korean exams);

5. By earning a grade of at least B on an A-level or equivalent exam in a language other than English, Chinese, or Japanese;

6. By presentation of a foreign school diploma verifying a non-English language as a primary language of instruction, through the eighth grade, or any year above the eighth grade;

7. In the case of Chinese and Japanese, by achieving a grade of C– or higher on the final exam for the third-semester course, administered by the Pomona Department of Asian Languages and Literatures; in the case of Korean, by passing a proficiency examination administered by the CMC Korean faculty;

8. For languages not offered at the Claremont Colleges, by the successful completion of a Foreign Language Resource Center-approved proficiency exam that is offered by a faculty member or instructor teaching that language at another accredited college or university; that tests reading, writing, and speaking literacies; and that verifies the student’s preparedness to enter the fourth semester of college-level language instruction.

Students with financial need who are taking AP, SAT-II, or off-campus proficiency exams may apply for Dean of Students funding to cover transportation and exam fees for up to two exams.

### Overlay Requirements

#### The Writing Intensive Requirement: One course required

Students must pass at least one writing-intensive course after the first semester, and are expected to do so before the seventh semester. A course that fulfills the Writing Intensive Requirement may also fulfill a Breadth of Study Area requirement and/or the Analyzing Difference requirement; however, a single course cannot fulfill both a Writing Intensive and Speaking Intensive requirement.

#### The Speaking Intensive Requirement: One course required

Students must pass at least one speaking-intensive course. A course that fulfills the Speaking Intensive requirement may also fulfill a Breadth of Study Area requirement and/or the Analyzing Difference requirement; however, a single course cannot fulfill both a Speaking Intensive and Writing Intensive requirement.

#### Analyzing Difference Requirement: One course required

Students must pass at least one Analyzing Difference course to graduate. Analyzing Difference courses are primarily focused on a sustained analysis of the causes and effects of structured inequality and discrimination, and their relation to U.S. society. Such courses will make use of analyses that emphasize intersecting categories of difference. Examples include, but are not limited to: race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, citizenship, linguistic heritage, class, religion, and physical ability. A course that satisfies the Analyzing Difference requirement may also fulfill a Breadth of Student Area requirement and/or the Writing Intensive or Speaking Intensive requirement.