

Checklist of Degree Requirements

Semester
Hours

INTERDISCIPLINARY REQUIREMENT

4 [] **Scribner Seminar:** Complete SSP-100 during the fall semester of the first year of study.

FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS

4-8 [] **Expository Writing (EW):** Complete one course, either EN-105, EN-105H, or a course designated as EW by the **end of the sophomore year**. Students who need the preparation of EN-103 must complete this course during the **first year of study**. (Students also complete a writing requirement in the major).

0-3 [] **Quantitative Reasoning 1 (QR1):** Complete through standardized test scores or by passing the Skidmore Quantitative Reasoning Exam by the **end of the first year**, or by completing MA-100 by the **end of the sophomore year**.

3-4 [] **Quantitative Reasoning 2 (QR2):** Complete one course designated as QR2 by the **end of the junior year**.

BREADTH REQUIREMENTS – Must be completed prior to graduation.

2-4 [] **The Arts:** Complete one course for 2, 3, or 4 credits (or two 1-credit courses) that involves the creation or performance of artwork. Courses designated in studio (visual) art, creative writing, dance, music, theater, and other disciplines.

3-4 [] **Humanities:** Complete one course designated in art history, classics, dance (history and theory), literature (in English and in other languages), music (history and theory), philosophy, religion, theater (history and theory), and other disciplines.

4 [] **Natural Sciences:** Complete one course with laboratory designated in biology, chemistry, environmental studies, exercise science, geosciences, physics, psychology, and other disciplines.

3-4 [] **Social Sciences:** Complete one course designated in American Studies, anthropology, economics, government, history, sociology, and other disciplines.

CULTURE-CENTERED INQUIRY REQUIREMENT – Two courses must be completed prior to graduation.

3-4 [] **Foreign Language:** Complete one course in a foreign language designated in the Departments of Foreign Languages and Literatures or Classics. The course must be appropriate to the student's level of language expertise as determined by Advanced Placement, Achievement Test/SAT II, or Skidmore placement test scores.

3-4 [] **Non-Western Culture:** Complete one course, designated among various disciplines, that explores a non-Western culture.

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3-4 [] **Cultural Diversity Study:** Complete one course, designated among various disciplines, that compares two markedly different cultures, one of which must be non-Western in origin.

OTHER DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (Consult the *Skidmore College Catalog*):

- [] **Total Semester Hours of Credit:** at least 120 semester hours of credit for the Skidmore degree, 60 of which must be completed at Skidmore.
- [] **Grade Point Standards:** at least a 2.00 cumulative average for all course work completed at Skidmore, and at least a 2.00 GPA in each major and/or minor.
- [] **Liberal Arts Requirement:** for the BA degree at least 90 semester hours of credit designated as liberal arts; for the BS degree at least 60 semester hours of liberal arts credit. For criteria governing double majors, see the *College Catalog*.
- [] **Maturity-Level Requirement:** successful completion of at least 24 credit hours of 300-level credit. At least 12 credit hours of 300-level course work must be taken in the senior year, and at least 6 of these 12 credit hours must be completed in the major. Students with double majors are expected to complete at least 6 credit hours at the 300 level in *each* major during their senior year. Courses earning maturity credit must be taken at Skidmore or as part of an approved study-away program. Students taking courses at domestic institutions while on leave can earn maturity-level credit for up to two preapproved courses (8 credits), no more than one course in a single term.
- [] **Major Requirements:** declaration and satisfaction of all requirements for a major, including the writing requirement in the major.

A NOTE ON DOUBLE COUNTING OF COURSES: as indicated in the *Catalog* and in the Master Schedule of Courses, courses may double-count for **two** (and only two) of the following categories of the core curriculum: expository writing (EW), quantitative reasoning 2 (QR2), culture-centered inquiry (foreign language, non-Western culture, and cultural diversity), and a breadth requirement course in the arts, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. For example, as officially indicated by the College, certain natural science courses may also fulfill the QR2 requirement; some writing courses (EW) might also fulfill a social science requirement; some arts courses might also count as non-Western culture. Note that Scribner Seminars may not fulfill any other requirement. Students must check carefully to be certain of the approved double-counting options. There are other limitations on double-counting within the majors, minors, and double majors. Carefully consult the *Catalog*, work closely with your advisor, and refer to your degree audit often. **Students are ultimately responsible for understanding and completing all degree requirements.**