New Harvard College Requirements
Planning Guide for 2017–2018
For the Classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021

General Education

Perspectives
1. Aesthetics & Culture
2. Ethics & Civics
3. Histories, Societies, Individuals
4. Science & Technology in Society

Distribution

Divisional Courses
1. Arts & Humanities
2. Science & Engineering
3. Social Sciences

Quantitative Facility

Current Gen Ed Categories

AI Aesthetic & Interpretive Understanding
CB Culture & Belief
EMR Empirical & Mathematical Reasoning
ER Ethical Reasoning
SLS Science of Living Systems
SPU Science of the Physical Universe
SW Societies of the World
USW United States in the World

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FULFILLING THESE REQUIREMENTS

https://generaleducation.fas.harvard.edu/advice-students
The new College requirements will go into effect in Fall 2018. Until then, students can complete these new requirements now through General Education courses offered in the current program and courses in the departments.

General Education

Current Gen Ed courses fall into eight categories. All of these courses can be used to fulfill one of the new requirements.

Distribution

Through this year only (AY 2017-2018), a second course in certain paired Gen Ed categories can be used to fulfill the distribution requirement. You may also fulfill this requirement with a departmental course in the appropriate division.

Distribution areas for each course can be found in course descriptions in my.harvard.edu.

Important Notes

- Departmental courses that fulfill current Gen Ed requirements can be used for Gen Ed or the distribution requirement, but not both.
- Math, Applied Math, Computer Science, and Statistics courses can fulfill a requirement in either Quantitative Facility or Science & Engineering, but not both.
- Expository Writing courses, Freshman Seminars, and language courses below the advanced level cannot count toward Gen Ed or the distribution requirement.