

Getting to know the Goucher Commons Curriculum and Requirements (GCRs)

Goucher expects all students to pursue a common set of learning experiences. In this pursuit, students enter a space of inquiry – the Goucher Commons – with other students and the faculty.

- All Goucher Commons Requirements (GCRs) are satisfied with a grade of “D–” or “P” or better.

The Goucher Commons Requirements (GCRs) are below. Some common first-year course options are listed that will fulfill the designated GCR. Some of the GCRs will be fulfilled in later semesters or as an upper-level student.

1. First Year Seminar:

FYS 100 – Students indicated their preferences and advisors will consider when they register students for this course

2. Complex Problem Exploration Courses:

Not a first-year first semester course. Taken second semester, or later

3. Proficiency Areas:

College Writing Proficiency:

WRT 181 or WRT H (Honor’s placement)

Data Analytics:

DMC 101, 102, 105, 106, or MA 172. Potential Psychology majors should NOT take one of these classes during their first semester since a different course will be taken once the major is declared

Foreign Language and Culture:

The foreign language and culture sequence requirement is a grade of “C–” or better in the 110 and 120-levels before advancing to the next course level. A grade of “D–” or “P” or better is required in the terminal course in the foreign language and culture sequence to satisfy the foreign language GCR.

4. Common Inquiry Areas:

Race, Power, and Perspective:

Choose any 100-level course or some 200-level depending on prerequisite

Environmental Sustainability:

Choose any 100-level course or some 200-level depending on prerequisite

Study Abroad:

Typically, junior or senior year experience

5. Capstone Experience/Signature Project:

Senior year requirement.

OTHER BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

•	120 credit hours are required for the degree
•	Students must achieve a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA)
•	Students need a minimum grade of C- in each course that is counted toward fulfilling the requirements of the major.
•	Candidates for the degree must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours at Goucher College.

At least 3 credits in each of the following areas as designated by the Registrar

These disciplinary requirements can be fulfilled by courses in a major or minor, courses that fulfill other Goucher Commons requirements, and/or additional designated courses throughout the curriculum.

Arts:

Any 100-level or 200-level course where the pre-requisite is met

Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies

Any 100-level or 200-level course where the pre-requisite is met

Social and Behavioral Sciences:

Any 100-level or 200-level course where the pre-requisite is met

Biological and Physical Sciences

BIO 102, CHE 111 , PSY 222

First Year Experience

FYE (134)

This course is required for all new first-year students. It continues the orientation process and connects the learning that occurs for students, both inside and outside of the classroom.

New students discuss the concept of being active learners and participant in the Goucher community while exploring implications for physical, social, and emotional well-being.

As members of this learning community, students will be exposed to a variety of perspectives in order to develop a sense of respect for differing viewpoints, to learn the value of individual responsibility, and to understand the importance of personal accountability.

Students will have the opportunity to build community, develop relationships with peers, and discover their sense of place at Goucher.

The Goucher Commons Curriculum

General Academic Information

