Liberal Education at Miami

Global Miami Plan for Liberal Education

Miami University was founded on the belief that a liberal education provides the best possible framework for life in a changing world. At Miami, liberal education complements specialized studies in the major. It is designed to help students understand and creatively transform human culture and society by giving students the tools to ask questions, examine assumptions, exchange views with others, and become better global citizens.

The Office of Liberal Education, in collaboration with the Liberal Education Council, has reviewed and strengthened the Miami Global Plan to:

- advance 21st century learning outcomes (based on employer studies);
- enable greater flexibility in degree options and ease advisement; and
- include a meaningful and efficient assessment plan so that we can ensure we are reaching our goals.

All Miami undergraduate students are required to complete the GMP requirements in the following areas:

The Foundation (MPF) requirement is met by taking a minimum of 27 semester hours of Foundation courses across five specific areas:

1. English Composition (3 hours)
2. Creative Arts, Humanities, Social Science (9 hours)
   a. Creative Arts (3 hours)
   b. Humanities (3 hours)
   c. Social Science (3 hours)
3. Global Perspectives (6 hours)
   a. Study Abroad (6 hours fulfills requirement), or
   b. Global Courses (6 hours)
4. Natural Sciences (6 hours, must include one laboratory course)
   a. Biological Science (3 hours minimum)
   b. Physical Science (3 hours minimum)
5. Mathematics, Formal Reasoning, Technology (3 hours)

The Thematic Sequence (MPT) (until Fall 2023) requirement is met by completing related courses (at least nine hours) in an approved Thematic Sequence outside the student's department of major. This requirement can also be fulfilled by a second major or a minor outside the student's department of major.

The Advanced Writing Course requirement is fulfilled by completing three hours in an approved advanced writing course or a series of courses per department requirements. Advanced writing courses (200 or 300 level) are offered by instructors in disciplines, departments, and programs across the university. These courses focus on writing instruction. Advanced writing courses feature:

- Student writing as the central focus (with the majority of class time dedicated to instruction on and activities about writing)
- Frequent opportunities to write with ongoing instructor feedback on multiple drafts of major projects
- Multiple, substantial writing projects (at least 7,500 words over the course of the term).

The Experiential Learning requirement carries no specific credit hour minimum and can be fulfilled by coursework, service learning, independent study, internships, student teaching, performance or portfolio projects.

The Intercultural Perspectives requirement is fulfilled by completing three hours in an approved Intercultural Perspectives course.

The Capstone Course (MPC) requirement is met by completing three hours in an approved Capstone course during a student's senior year.