COLGATE UNIVERSITY
Curricular Requirements

Entry Requirements:

___ FSEM (for all students, with the exception of transfers; first semester only).

___ Foreign language (for those students who have not completed 3 years of a single language in high school or its equivalent, study of a foreign language must be completed through at least one term at the intermediate level).

___ Writing (those students designated priority 1 are required to complete a writing (WRIT) course in the Department of Writing & Rhetoric during their first year at Colgate, preferably the first term. Minimum grade of C is required).

Liberal Arts Core Requirement:

Students who enter Colgate as first-semester, first-year students are required to take four core courses. It is preferred that students begin taking these courses in the first semester as the requirement is expected to be satisfied by the end of sophomore year; order is not specified.

The number of core courses that transfer students are required to take is based on the number of courses accepted for transfer at the time of admission. Transfer students may be exempt from one, two or three of the requirements, but every student will be required to take at least one core course.

___ CORE Scientific Perspectives (100-150)
___ CORE 151 (Western Traditions)
___ CORE 152 (Challenge of Modernity)
___ CORE Cultures of Asia, Africa and the Americas (160-199)

Distribution Requirement:

Students must complete two courses in different departments in each of the following divisions: Humanities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences. This graduation requirement allows students to explore the curriculum as an aspect of making decisions about concentrations, and to take full advantage of the diversity of a liberal arts institution. The distribution requirement cannot be fulfilled by Advanced Placement credits or other pre-matriculation credit, or by non-Colgate courses taken during the summer. In deciding when to enroll in these courses, consider that some introductory courses are restricted to first or second year students, resulting in fewer course options should you wait until you are a junior or senior to complete the distribution requirement.
Humanities

- Arabic
- Art & Art History
- East Asian Languages & Literature
  - Chinese
  - Japanese
- English
- German
- Classics
  - Greek
  - Latin
- Hebrew
- Music
- Philosophy
- Religion
- Romance Languages & Literature
  - French
  - Italian
  - Spanish
- Russian

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Physics & Astronomy
- Psychology & Neuroscience

Social Sciences

- Economics
- Educational Studies
- Geography
- History
- Political Science
- Sociology & Anthropology
Concentration(s): One concentration is required; a second concentration or a minor is entirely optional; requirements for concentrations vary widely and are in the range of 8-14 courses. There are over 50 concentrations including departmental, interdisciplinary and topical concentrations.

Physical Education Requirements:

___ Two (2) units in physical education

Other possible requirements: Refer to Colgate catalogue for additional information.

• Requirements for participation in a particular off-campus study group (e.g., some groups have prerequisites in foreign language).

• Requirements in areas of professional training/graduate study:
  o Pre-med requirements
  o Teacher certification requirements:
    ▪ Elementary, Secondary
  o Pre-engineering requirements
  o Pre-architecture requirements

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