

## Explorations Worksheet

**Communicate Effectively.** *Students should be able to communicate effectively in written, oral, and artistic forms to a variety of audiences.*

- one first-year seminar in writing and critical thinking (**EH 102 or EH 208**)
- one writing reinforcement unit within the major (**WR**)
- one unit in creative expression outside the major (**CE**)

**Creative Problem Solving.** *We expect students to be able to identify and solve problems using a variety of methods.*

- one unit in quantitative analysis (**QA**)
- one unit in scientific methodologies (**SM**)
- two units in the analysis of people, societies, artifacts, or theories (**IA**)

**Civic Engagement.** *The fully engaged citizen articulates his or her place in the world by attending to historical, social, economic, and geographical differences; such a citizen is equally capable of attending to competing interests by weighing the costs of privileging one perspective over another.* Three units are required.

- courses in a **foreign language** (up to two units may count)
- courses whose primary concerns are the understanding of subject matter within a global perspective, be that a cultural, political, social, economic, historical, linguistic, or aesthetic framework (up to two units may count) (**GP**)
- courses whose primary interests are in competing ethical, moral, or community interests (up to two units may count) (**CI**)
- a **study abroad** experience for at least one fall or spring term (no more than one may be counted toward the three)

**Connectivity.** *Creative insight and generative problem solving frequently occur by connecting previously disconnected areas of thought.*

- one designated Explorations in Scholarship seminar (**ES**)
- one connection in scholarship senior seminar, within the major

**Self-Directed Teaching and Learning.** *In any exploration, unplanned, unscripted, or non-routine events frequently provide the most memorable experience.*

Three units outside major discipline(s) and general education requirements. These do not require the two-letter Explorations designations

**Area Distribution** (courses used above may count, but no Explorations “tag” required)

One unit in the fine and performing arts (AR, ARH, THA, MU, MS)

One unit in the natural sciences (AS, BI, CH, PH, UES 150, UES 160)

One unit in the social sciences (EC, PS, PY, SO)

One unit in the humanities (AN, ARB, CHN, CL, EH, FR, HB, HI, LA, PL, RE, SK, SN) (excluding EH 102 or EH 208, or language course at or below the intermediate level; AP and IB may fulfill area distributions)

**Exploration Terms** (two are required, one in the first year)

First Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> Exploration Term
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**College lecture and arts events** (Attend 24 events or 3 per term of residence)

1 <sup>st</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	3 <sup>rd</sup> year	4 <sup>th</sup> year
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<b>Communication</b>
1. EH 102 or 208
2. (WR)
3. (CE)
<b>Problem Solving</b>
1. (QA)
2. (SM)
3. (IA)
4. (IA) in different discipline
<b>Civic Engagement</b>
1.
2.
3.
<b>Connectivity</b>
1. (ES)
2. (Capstone)
<b>Self-Direction</b>
1.
2.
3.
<b>Academic Areas</b>
Arts
Natural Science
Social Science
Humanities

**FAQs:**

▪ **What can and cannot count toward general education in Explorations?**

AP and IB credit may not be used to satisfy general education, but may be used to fulfill the area distributions; no S/U

▪ **What can and cannot count toward a minor?**

No courses counted toward the major may also be counted toward a minor (unless specifically exempted); self-direction courses may count; no S/U

▪ **What is the total number of units required for graduation?**

32 units, including 2 Exploration terms; additional Exploration term units do not count toward the 32 units

▪ **What are the residency requirements?**

18 units at BSC including 2 Exploration term units, 5 units in the major, half of the units in the minor

▪ **What about transient credit?**

Courses may not be taken elsewhere without consent; students who have completed more than 15 units may not take courses at two-year colleges

▪ **Taking courses S/U?**

Students with 15 units at BSC may take a maximum of 2 courses S/U per year, 6 overall; courses taken S/U cannot be applied to general education, major, or minor requirements

▪ **How many non-traditional courses can count?**

Maximum of 2 units of independent study, maximum of 2 units of internship, maximum of 2 units of teaching experience

▪ **What are the GPA requirements for graduation?**

2.000 in major, 2.000 in minor, 2.000 cumulative GPA

▪ **What are the minimum academic progress requirements?**

1.500 at end of first year, 1.800 at end of sophomore year, and 2.000 thereafter

**Major Requirements**


**Minor Requirements**


**Electives**
