OXY Occidental College

Core Requirements Worksheet

Name: _____

Use this worksheet to help plan when and how you will fulfill your Core Requirements. Check the box on the left side of each row to indicate a requirement that has already been fulfilled. In the "Course" column list the course you used to fulfill the requirement *or* the course(s) you might take in the future that will do so. Under "Semester" fill in the semester when you completed requirement *or* the semester when you hope to take a course to complete it.

	Example:		
	Requirement	**Course**	**Semester**
✔	US Diversity (CPUD)	*HIST 209*	*Fall 2016*
	Regional Focus (CPRF)	*CSLC 134 or PHIL 215*	*Fall 2017 or Spring 2018*

To see which requirements have already been satisfied, go to http://my.oxy.edu and click on the Grades and Academic Record (GAR) module in the Academics tab. Once in GAR, click on "Core Requirements." Please note that GAR will only indicate that a requirement has been completed when a grade has been submitted for the course, so requirement that will be fulfilled by courses currently in progress will not show up.

All Core Requirements should be completed by the end of the junior year.

Requirements

I. Cultural Studies Program

The Cultural Studies Program requirements are fulfilled simply by successfully completing the fall and spring CSP seminars, which all first-year students are required to take. Transfer students are waived from this requirement.

	Requirement	**Course**	**Semester**
	Fall CSP		
	Spring CSP		

II. Area Studies

To fulfill the Area Studies section of the Core Requirement a needs to successfully complete 4-units in each of the following areas: U.S. Diversity, Regional Focus, and Global Connections. Note: Only one area studies requirement can be fulfilled by taking a single course. For example, if a course is labelled as fulfilling Regional Focus *and* Global Connections, you will only fulfill one of those two requirement by completing the course.

	Requirement	**Course**	**Semester**
	US Diversity (CPUD)		
	Regional Focus (CPRF)		
	Global Connections (CPGC)		

III. Fine Arts & Pre-1800

Every student is required to complete 4-units in course related to Fine Arts and 4-units in a course that focuses on a time period before the year 1800. In many cases, courses that fulfill the Fine Arts or Pre-1800 requirement also fulfill one of the Area Studies requirements. Please note, however, that a single course can only fulfill a maximum of two requirements.

Requirement	Course	Semester
Fine Arts (CPFA)		
Pre-1800 (CPPE)		

IV. Science and Mathematics

Every student is required to complete a Lab Science course. In addition, you must take two additional courses (8-units) that are related to either math or science.

Requirement	Course	Semester
Lab Science (CPLS)		
Other Science/Math 1 (CPMS)		
Other Science/Math 2 (CPMS)		

V. Foreign Language

All students must achieve at least 102-level proficiency or the equivalent in a language other than English. There are several ways that a student can satisfy this requirement:

- *Through the completion of foreign language courses.* Placement exams are available to determine the appropriate level to begin your study. If you are placed into a 101-level course (or if you are studying a language that is new to you), you will need to complete both the 101- and 102-level courses in order to fulfill the requirement. If you are placed into a 102-level course, you will only need to complete the single course to satisfy the requirement.

- *Exemption through placement exam.* Students who take a placement exam and are into the 201-level or above have the option of taking an additional exemption exam, the successful completion of which will fulfill the requirement. (For some languages, the placement and exemption exams are combined.) Students who have proficiency in a language not taught at Occidental should contact the Center for Digital Liberal Art's Language Education Specialist to discuss the possibility of a proficiency exam.

- *Exemption through AP or SAT II.* Students who receive a 4 or above on Advanced Placement language exam are exempt from this requirement. Additionally, students are exempt if they receive a score of 560 or above on the SAT II in French, Spanish, or Latin; a 550 or above on the SAT II in German or Chinese; or a 560 or above on the SAT II in any other language. To receive an exemption based on a test score, the results must be sent to the Registrar's Office directly from the testing company.

- *International Students.* International Students whose language of education has been in a language other than English and who have completed six years of elementary education or more in a foreign language are exempt from the foreign language requirement. Such students should contact the chair of the relevant foreign language departments to confirm their fulfillment of the foreign language requirement.

Requirement	Course or Exemption	Semester
Foreign Language		

Note: Some majors and minors have additional language requirements.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the 4-letter codes listed after each of the requirements?

These codes (CPUD, CPRF, CPLS, etc.) are the abbreviations used on the Course Counts website (http://counts.oxy.edu) to indicate which Core Requirements are fulfilled by a given course. Look in the column labeled "Core" to see if a course fulfills any requirements. Note that you may see other codes not listed on this sheet; they were used for the pre-2013 Core Requirements.

2. How do I find courses that satisfy a specific Core Requirement?

You can also use the "Core Search" tab on the Course Counts website (http://counts.oxy.edu) to search for all courses that satisfy a given requirement.

3. How many Core Requirements can be fulfilled by a single course?

At the most, a course can fulfill two requirements, even if a course is tagged with three or more requirements. For example, ARTH 270 (Greek Art) is tagged with Regional Focus, Fine Arts, and Pre-1800. A student completing this course, however, will only fulfill two of those three Core Requirements. (To choose which two requirements are fulfilled, contact the Registrar's Office.)

4. Where can I get more information?

If you have additional questions about the Core Requirements, please talk to you advisor or contact the Core Program at **coreprogram@oxy.edu**