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Gen Ed credit can be earned from almost any undergrad program in the College of Arts and Science (CAS). Students must eventually complete: 8 points of Science, 8 points of Humanities, and 8 additional points of Balance of Liberal Arts (Science or Humanities).

Visit www.drama.tisch.nyu.edu/object/dr_curgened for a list of how courses in different departments count for Tisch students. However, since many departments offer courses in both the Sciences and Humanities, you will need to discuss your course choices with your advisor to determine how a particular course counts towards your degree. Many courses are cross-listed with other departments, so it can be difficult to discern what counts as what. If you’re unsure as to what a course counts as, email the course name, number, and description to your advisor. Visit www.cas.nyu.edu/page/ug.MajorsMinors for detailed course descriptions, faculty biographies, syllabi, etc. Please note that Tisch makes the final decision on these designations.

Courses that Won’t Fulfill Gen Ed Requirements

- Theater and Drama courses offered through CAS (e.g. V41.0410/SHAKESPEARE or V58.0761/TPCS IRISH LIT: IRISH DRAMA) will only count as Electives and cannot count for Gen Ed credit.
- Gallatin, Stern and Steinhardt: All courses outside of CAS will only count as Elective credit for Tisch students, regardless of the content of the course.
- Creative Writing courses (V39): All count as Electives.
- Journalism courses (V54): Only those courses designated by the Journalism Department as “Lecture” courses will be counted towards Science. Check to see that the course type is listed as “SEM” or “LEC.” Courses on Reporting or those listed as “LAB” are skills courses and count only as Electives.
- Music courses (V71): Only music history courses will count as Humanities. Courses on music theory (e.g. V71.0020/ELEMENTS OF MUSIC or V71.020/HARMONY & COUNTERPOINT) will only count as Elective credit.

Foreign Language Policy

- Introductory (Level I) language classes count as Elective credit. However, if you eventually take Level II, both levels will count as Humanities credit.
- If you immediately place into a higher level language class through a placement exam (for example, “Intermediate Romanian II”), the course will automatically count as Humanities credit.
- Intensive (6-point) language courses automatically count as Humanities credit, regardless of level.
- NOTE: Because of the time commitment, it can be difficult for students to take a foreign language while still in Primary Studio.

Expository Writing

Expository Writing is required of all undergraduate students. The courses that fulfill this requirement are part of a Core Curriculum sequence at the Tisch School of the Arts required of all freshmen. The expository writing and core curriculum requirement cannot be waived, although transfer students may be able to substitute equivalent course work taken elsewhere, and students for whom English is a second language may be required to take a separate sequence of writing courses. For TSOA policies in regard to Expository Writing and the Core Curriculum, visit: www.drama.tisch.nyu.edu/object/core_curr.