2023-2024 BSc iBSc General Education

Non-Science Requirement

The non-science requirement provides a broad perspective on current scholarship and the diversity of human experience. These courses are also expected to enhance students' critical skills in reading, writing and thinking, and contribute to their preparation for post-university life.

BSc, Honours BSc, iBSc requirements

All degree candidates in the above programs must complete a minimum of 12 credits from two different areas of study, including at least three credits from each area, subject to the restrictions noted below.

For the purposes of this regulation “different area” means offered by different academic units such as divisions, departments or Faculties.

Non-science course areas

Subject to the restrictions listed below, courses in the following areas may be taken:

- anthropology
- classical studies*
- English
- economics
- French studies*
- gender and women’s studies *** (except for courses cross-listed with natural science (NATS))
- geography**
- history
- humanities **** (except for courses cross-listed with science and technology studies (STS))
- languages, literature and linguistics*
- modes of reasoning
- philosophy
- political science
- social science (except for courses cross-listed with science and technology studies (STS))
- sociology

The following courses offered by the Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change may be taken to satisfy this requirement:

- EU/ENVS 1000 6.00;
- EU/ENVS 2100 6.00;
- EU/ENVS 2150 3.00.
The following courses offered by the School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design may be taken to satisfy this requirement:

- FA/DANC 1340 3.00;
- FA/DANC 2340 3.00;
- FA/FACS 1900 6.00;
- FA/FILM 1401 6.00;
- FA/FILM 1410 6.00;
- FA/FILM 1701 3.00;
- FA/FILM 2401 6.00;
- FA/MUSI 1500 6.00;
- FA/MUSI 1510 6.00;
- FA/MUSI 1520 6.00;
- FA/MUSI 1530 6.00;
- FA/MUSI 1540 6.00;
- FA/MUSI 1550 6.00;
- FA/THEA 1500 6.00;
- FA/VISA 2110 6.00;
- FA/VISA 2540 6.00;
- FA/VISA 2550 6.00;
- FA/VISA 2620 6.00.

Restrictions (for BSc, Honours BSc, iBSc Candidates)

1. Courses which are cross-listed as SC courses or which are eligible for SC credit cannot count towards this requirement. (e.g. science based geography courses)
2. *Courses whose major focus is increased facility in the use of a language cannot count towards this requirement. Such courses are offered in the areas marked with an * above.
3. Quantitative courses focusing on techniques of mathematics or statistics cannot count towards this requirement. For example, this applies to some economics courses.
4. **Geography courses cannot be used to satisfy the requirement for students with a second major or minor in geography.
5. ***Excluding gender and women's studies courses which are cross-listed with natural science courses.
6. ****Humanities and social science courses cross-listed with science and technology studies (STS) courses cannot count towards this requirement.

Notes (for BSc, Honours BSc, iBSc Candidates)

7. Courses taken in fulfilment of this requirement may not be taken on a pass/fail basis (refer to Pass/Fail Grading Option in the Lassonde School of Engineering Regulations Governing Examinations and Academic Standards section).
8. Students may not take for credit any more than three humanities/social science foundations courses (27 credits).
9. Non-science courses are normally taken at the 1000 or 2000 level, but higher-level courses are acceptable, subject only to prerequisites and course access specifications for enrolment.