

**B.L.S. COMMON CORE/GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: 30 SH**

The BLS common core courses develop fundamental skills in writing, critical thinking, information literacy and leadership and give students the opportunity to explore ideas from multiple perspectives. Additional details about the BLS Common Core Requirement can be found in the [General Catalog](#).

- [Rhetoric](#): 3-4 s.h.
- [Interpretation of Literature](#): 3 s.h.
- [Natural Sciences](#): 3 s.h.
- [Global Perspectives](#): 3 s.h.
- [Domestic Diversity](#): 3 s.h.
- [Statistics](#): 3 s.h.
- [Information Literacy](#): 2 s.h.
- [Critical Thinking](#): 3 s.h.
- [Leadership and Career Development](#): 6 s.h.

*Students who have an Associate of Arts degree from an Iowa or Illinois two-year institution participating in articulation agreements with the University of Iowa have satisfied the BLS Common Core/general education Requirements, except Leadership and Career Development.*

Please click the course link to view the distance education offering in [MyUI Courses](#). If MyUI displays "no course is found" then a distance education section is not being offered in the semester you searched. Use the "Session" drop-down list to change the semester you are viewing.

To use the MyUI Gen Ed drop-down list, you should always look the section titled "For students admitted Summer 2011 to Spring 2017" - even if you are admitted after Spring 2017. This is also referred to as General Education Program 2 and all BLS students complete this general education program regardless of what semester admitted.

**Rhetoric**

Rhetoric course work equivalent to Composition II and Speech. **Consult your Degree Audit to verify which Rhetoric course you need to satisfy this requirement.** Courses approved for the [Rhetoric](#) area of the CLAS General Education Program satisfy the B.L.S. rhetoric requirement. The following courses are offered by distance education.

- [RHET:1030](#) Rhetoric (4 s.h.)

Students who have transfer credit in composition, speech, and argumentation may instead be held to one of the following;

- [RHET:1040](#) Writing and Reading (3 s.h.)
- [RHET:1060](#) Speaking and Reading (3 s.h.)

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## Interpretation of Literature

Students must complete one approved course (3 s.h.) in this area. They may use any 3 s.h. course approved for the [Interpretation of Literature](#) area of the CLAS General Education Program. The following course is offered by distance education.

- [ENGL:1200](#) The Interpretation of Literature (3 s.h.)
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## Natural Sciences

Students must complete one approved course (3 s.h.) in this area. They may use any 3 s.h. course approved for the [Natural Sciences](#) area of the CLAS General Education Program, including the following courses offered by distance education.

- [ANTH:1301](#) Human Origins (3 s.h.)
  - [CHEM:1070](#) General Chemistry I (3 s.h.)
  - [EES:1040](#) Evolution and the History of Life (3 s.h.)
  - [HHP:1100](#) Human Anatomy (3 s.h.)
  - [HHP:1300](#) Fundamentals of Human Physiology (3 s.h.)
  - [HHP:2310](#) Nutrition and Health (3 s.h.)
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## Global Perspectives

Students must complete one approved course (3 s.h.) in this area. They may use any 3 s.h. course approved for the [International and Global Issues](#) area of the CLAS General Education Program, including the following courses offered by distance education.

- [ANTH:2100](#) Anthropology and Contemporary World Problems (3 s.h.)
  - [ANTH:2261](#) Human Impacts on the Environment (3 s.h.)
  - [ARTH:1040](#) Arts of Africa (3 s.h.)
  - [HIST:1403](#) Western Civilization III (3 s.h.)
  - [POLI:1400](#) Introduction to Comparative Politics(3 s.h.)
  - [POLI:1500](#) Introduction to International Relations (3 s.h.)
  - [POLI:1501](#) Introduction to American Foreign Policy (3 s.h.)
  - [RELS:1130/HIST:1030](#) Introduction to Islamic Civilization (3 s.h.)
  - [RELS:2852/GWSS:2052](#) Women in Islam and the Middle East (3 s.h.)
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## Domestic Diversity

Students must complete one approved course (3 s.h.) that addresses diversity and domestic perspectives on current issues. They may use any 3 s.h. course approved for the [Values, Society and Diversity](#) area of the CLAS General Education Program, including the following courses offered by distance education.

- [CLSA:2016](#) Classical Mythology (3 s.h.)
- [GWSS:1001](#) Intro to Gender, Wmn & Sexuality Studies (3 s.h.)
- [GWSS:1310](#) Gender and Society (3-4 s.h.)
- [HHP:2200](#) Physical Activity and Health (3 s.h.)
- [JMC:1500](#) Social Media Today (3 s.h.)
- [MUS:1720](#) History of Jazz (3 s.h.)
- [PHIL:1401](#) Matters of Life and Death (3 s.h.)
- [RELS:1130](#) Introduction to Islamic Civilization (3 s.h.)
- [RELS:1903](#) Quest for Human Destiny (3 s.h.)
- [RELS:2852](#) Women in Islam and the Middle East (3 s.h.)
- [RELS:2986](#) Religion and Women (3 s.h.)
- [SOC:2710](#) The American Family (3 s.h.)
- [SOC:2810](#) Social Inequality (3 s.h.)
- [SRM:1072](#) Leisure and the Liberal Arts (3 s.h.)

Students also may use one of these distance education courses, which are not part of the CLAS General Education Program, to satisfy the B.L.S. domestic diversity requirement.

- [AMST:1075](#) American Popular Music (3 s.h.)
- [CRIM:2430](#) Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3 s.h.)
- [GWSS:3154](#) Sexuality in the United States (3 s.h.)
- [RCE:4187/EDTL:4987](#) Introduction to Assistive Technology (3 s.h.)
- [RCE:4197](#) Citizenship in a Multicultural Society (3 s.h.)
- [SOC:1020](#) Social Problems (3-4 s.h.)
- [SSW:3712/NURS:3712](#) Human Sexuality, Diversity, and Society (3 s.h.)
- [TR:3174](#) Cultural Perspectives in Health Care (3 s.h.)

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## Statistics

Students must complete one approved statistics course (3 s.h.). They may use any 3 s.h. course offered by the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science with the prefix [STAT](#) except STAT:1000 First-Year Seminar. The following distance education courses are approved for the B.L.S. statistics requirement.

- [STAT:1020/PSQF:1020](#) Elementary Statistics and Inference (3 s.h.)
- [STAT:1030](#) Statistics for Business (4 s.h.)
- [STAT:4143 /PSQF:4143](#) Introduction to Statistical Methods (3 s.h.)

Students also may use any 3-4 s.h. course approved for the [Quantitative or Formal Reasoning](#) area of the CLAS General Education Program, including the following courses offered by distance education.

- [MATH:1020](#) Elementary Functions (4 s.h.)
- [MATH:1380](#) Calculus and Matrix Algebra for Business (4 s.h.)

- [MATH:1550](#) Engineer Math I Single Variable Calculus (4 s.h.)
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### Information Literacy

Students must complete one approved course (2-3 s.h.) focusing on information literacy. The following course is offered by distance education.

- [BAIS:1500](#) Business Computing Essentials (2 s.h.)
- [CCP:3106](#) Career Computing Skills (2 s.h.)

Students also may use one of these courses, which are not offered by distance education, to satisfy the B.L.S. information literacy requirement.

- [CS:1020](#) Principles of Computing (3 s.h.)
  - [CS:1110](#) Introduction to Computer Science (3 s.h.)
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### Critical Thinking

- [PHIL:1033](#) The Meaning of Life (3 s.h.)
- [PHIL:1401](#) Matters of Life and Death (3 s.h.)
- [RELS:2260/GHS:2260](#) Hard Cases in Healthcare at the Beginning of Life (3 s.h.)
- [RELS:2775](#) Bible and the Holocaust (3 s.h.)
- [SRM:2065](#) The Experience Economy (3 s.h.)

Students also may use one of these courses, which are not offered by distance education, to satisfy the BLS critical thinking requirement.

- [LING:1050](#) Language and Formal Reasoning (3 s.h.)
  - [PHIL:1034](#) Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness (3 s.h.)
  - [PHIL:1636](#) Principles of Reasoning: Argument and Debate (3 s.h.)
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### Leadership and Career Development

Students must complete two or more approved courses (total of 6 s.h.) focusing on leadership and career development, chosen from the following list of distance education courses.

- [CCP:1304](#) "Suit Camp" for the Job Search (1 s.h.)
- [CCP:2001](#) Graduate Admissions 101 (1 s.h.)
- [CCP:3102](#) Job Search Strategies (2-3 s.h.)
- [CCP:3104](#) Defining Your Career Path (2 s.h.)
- [CCP:3107](#) Social Media for Your Job Search (1 s.h.)
- [COMM:1818](#) Communication Skills for Leadership (3 s.h.)
- [COMM:1819](#) Organizational Leadership (2-3 s.h.)

- [CW:3005](#) Professional and Creative Business Communication (3 s.h.)
- [EDTL:4081/EALL:4081/EPLS:4081/ PSQF:4081/RCE:4081](#) ePortfolio Production (1-2 s.h.)
- [ENTR:1350](#) Foundations in Entrepreneurship (3 s.h.)
- [LS:2002](#) Career Leadership Academy Part 1 (3 s.h.)
- [RCE:2081](#) Making a Vocational-Educational Choice (2-3 s.h.)
- [RCE:4194](#) Interpersonal Effectiveness (3 s.h.)
- [RCE:4197](#) Citizenship in a Multicultural Society (3 s.h.)
- [SOC:4225](#) The Social Psychology of Leadership (3 s.h.)