NORTHERN’S GENERAL EDUCATION
COMMON CORE OFFERINGS

In 2014, Northern completed a review of the total credit hours required to earn an associate and bachelor’s degree. For most associate and bachelor’s degrees, the review led to a reduction of required hours to 60 and 120 respectively. Due to accreditation requirements and other industry regulations, some degrees may require additional hours.

FYE 101 (First-Year Experience) is a new course required to be taken within your first 30 credit hours at Northern. Students transferring into Northern’s associate and baccalaureate degree programs who have completed a minimum 30 credit hours of college level courses elsewhere are encouraged to take this course but are not required to do so. If you choose not to take these courses, you must meet the credit-hour requirements with appropriate electives. If you have taken a three-credit-hour First Year Experience course at another college, it will transfer to Northern as FYE 101.

AREA I: COMMUNICATIONS (9 CR)

Required
- ENG 111 English Composition I
- SPCH 130 Public Speaking

Elective
- ENG 112 English Composition II
- ENG 116 Technical Writing

AREA II: MATHEMATICS (3 CR)

Elective
- MATH 145 Introduction to Probability & Statistics
- MATH 150 College Algebra
- MATH 151 Conceptual Mathematics *
- MATH 155 Trigonometry
- MATH 162 Calculus I
- MATH 163 Calculus II
- MATH 264 Calculus III

* Conceptual Mathematics will satisfy the mathematics requirement for all AA/BA/BBA/BM degrees.

AREA III: LABORATORY SCIENCE (8 CR)

Elective
- ASTR 110/L Introduction to Astronomy with Lab
- BIOL 110/L Current Topics in Biology with Lab
- CHEM 110/L Introduction to Chemistry with Lab
- ES 112/L Intro to Environmental Science I with Lab
- GEOL 101/L Physical Geology with Lab
- GEOL 102/L Historical Geology with Lab
- PHYS 110/L Introduction to Physics with Lab

This area can also include courses designed for students pursuing science majors: e.g., BIOL 201/L, CHEM 121/L, PHYS 121/L, etc.

AREA IV: SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (6–9 CR)*

You must select courses from at least two different discipline areas from the following:

- ANTH 101/L Physical Anthropology with Lab
- ANTH 102 Intro to Social/Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 110 Indian Cultures of the Southwest
- ANTH 207 Cultures of New Mexico
- ECON 200 Macroeconomics
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**AREA V: HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS (6-9 CR)**

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HUM 105  Humanities and the Southwest
HUM 200  Comparative Religion
MUS 103  Music Hist & Lit I
MUS 105  Music Appreciation
MUS 218  Music Hist & Lit II
PHIL 110  Intro to Philosophical Problems
PHIL 111  History of Philosophy
PHIL 220  Ethics
PHIL 250  Critical Thinking
PIS 200  Introduction to Pueblo Indian Studies
THE 120  Introduction to Theatre I
THE 130  History of Theatre

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* If your major is in the area of the Humanities/Fine Arts, unless otherwise regulated by a given department, you should select 6 hrs from Area IV and 9 hrs from Area V; if in the Social/Behavioral Sciences, you should select 9 hrs from Area IV and 6 hrs from Area V. Consult your major advisor. In any case, you must complete a minimum spread of 15 credit hours between areas IV and V.

** Students in associate degree programs are advised that upper-division courses used to satisfy any of these requirements are not covered by financial aid.

AREA VI: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE  (3 CR)

FYE 101  Freshman Year Experience

This course will be required for all associate and bachelor degrees and should be taken within the first 30 credit hours (preferably in the first semester). Students who have already completed a minimum of 30 credit hours of college level courses do not have to take the FYE course. FYE courses taken at other institutions will also transfer to NNMC.

Total required for associate degrees = 38 semester hours
Total required for baccalaureate degrees = 39 semester hours