

ESP RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Overarching Guidelines for the ESP program:

- Certain courses can satisfy up to one perspective and two skills
- At least four general education courses (not including MATH 100/105/130) must be completed before the end of the sophomore year

SKILLS

General Guidelines

- A single course may satisfy up to two skills
- More than one course from the same discipline may be used to satisfy the skills
- Skill courses can be used to satisfy major and/or minor requirements

Specific Information:

Writing Requirement

- Equivalent of 8 credits, 4 of which must be taken in the first year. The other 4 credits can be taken any time before graduation. Four of the 8 credits must be expository in nature
- Students with low SAT scores may be placed into ENG 100: Expository Writing
- Students with AP scores of 4 or 5 in English Language or Literature, with high SAT verbal/writing scores, or high English ACT scores may place out of the first-year writing requirement by passing a competency test at the beginning of the first year (contact the dean of academic services for more details)
- Class size is limited to 19 (fewer for creative writing classes)
- The ESP code for first-year writing is *f*, for expository writing is *x*, and for an additional writing course is *w*

Oral Communication

- Equivalent of 4 credits by the end of the junior year
- Students may be able to fulfill their oral communication requirement during short term
- Class size is limited to 19
- Students may request to take a competency test to satisfy the requirement. For more information contact the dean of academic services
- ESP code for oral communication is *o*

Basic Quantitative Reasoning

- All new students must take the quantitative reasoning assessment
- Those who do not achieve a high enough score on the assessment must take MATH 100, MATH 105 or MATH 130 before the end of the sophomore year
- MATH 100, MATH 105 and MATH 130 are 4-credit courses
- Class size is limited to 20
- Students must fulfill the Basic QR requirement (*q*) before taking an Applied QR course (*Q*)
- ESP code for oral communication is *q*

Applied Quantitative Reasoning

- Equivalent of 4 credits before graduation (please note that 2-credit labs are co-requisites of four-credit lecture courses—just fulfilling the lab will not satisfy the applied QR requirement)
- Completion of the Basic QR requirement is a prerequisite for all Applied QR courses
- ESP code for applied quantitative reasoning is *Q*

Applied Research Techniques

- Equivalent of one 4-credit course that incorporates applied research techniques before graduation
- ESP code for applied research is *r*

PERSPECTIVES

General Guidelines:

- The eight perspective requirements must represent at least seven different disciplines
- While a course may fulfill more than one perspective, students may apply that course to one perspective only
- Certain perspective courses may also satisfy up to two skill requirements (see catalog and schedule of classes)
- Students may use two courses from the perspectives toward major requirements
- Perspective courses can count toward minor requirements

Specific Information:

Aesthetic Analysis

- Equivalent of 4 credits before graduation
- ESP code is *AES*

Creative Expression

- Equivalent of 4 credits before graduation
- ESP code is *CRE*

Premodern Worlds (previously Ancient and/or Medieval Worlds)

- Equivalent of 4 credits before graduation
- ESP code is *PRE* (previously *ANC*)

Modern and/or Contemporary Worlds

- Equivalent of 4 credits before graduation
- ESP code is *MOD*

Scientific Inquiry

- Equivalent of one 4-credit combined lecture and laboratory course, or a four-credit and co-requisite 2-credit laboratory course
- ESP code is *SCI*

Social and Cultural Diversities

- Equivalent of 4 credits before graduation
- ESP code is *DIV*

Global Systems

- Equivalent of 4 credits before graduation
- ESP code is *GLO*

Languages

- Students have the choice of either studying a foreign language that they have taken in high school through the intermediate level at Hollins (8 credits), or they may opt to study a new language through the elementary level (8 credits)
- The language requirement must be fulfilled by graduation
- Students may place out of the language requirement by:
 - ✓ Receiving a score of 4 or higher on a foreign language or literature Advanced Placement test
 - ✓ Placing out of the intermediate level on any of the Hollins foreign language placement tests
 - ✓ Being a native speaker of a foreign language with a demonstrable ability to speak and write English (paper-based TOEFL total of 550 or higher, computer-based TOEFL total of 213 or higher, internet-based TOEFL total of 79 or higher, or proficiency in college-level work in English). International students whose TOEFL scores are below 550/213/79 may fulfill the language requirement by completing ENG 100 and a first-year writing requirement course
- Class size is limited to 19
- ESP code for languages is *LAN*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Two regular terms of physical education activity course work. One term should be taken in the first year and students are encouraged to complete the requirement by the end of the sophomore year.
- No more than one activity course or varsity team sport in a single term may be taken in fulfillment of the requirement
- No more than one activity at the 100 level or 300 level may be counted toward satisfying the requirement
- A 200-level course may not be repeated for credit
- To satisfy a term of the physical education requirement, all work must be completed within the term