



# **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

For Students Entering  
Maritime College  
During  
2021-22 Academic Year

As of August 15, 2021

## General Education at SUNY Maritime College

SUNY Maritime College has a long history of offering baccalaureate curricula that include required courses across many disciplines, guaranteeing that our graduates have broad knowledge beyond their major fields. In 2000, SUNY established a common, system-wide approach to such a general education; there have subsequently been several revisions.

The SUNY General Education program currently requires baccalaureate candidates, as a condition of graduation, to complete no fewer than 30 credits specifically designed to achieve student learning outcomes in at least seven of ten knowledge and skill areas plus two competencies.

The knowledge and skills areas are: Basic Communication (all students must satisfy this area), Mathematics (all students must satisfy this area), Natural Sciences, American History, Western Civilization, Other World Civilizations, Social Sciences, Humanities, The Arts, and Foreign Language. The requirements of all baccalaureate curricula at Maritime College satisfy the 30 credit minimum via courses among the first seven of these ten areas; additional credits may be taken in the other three areas.\* The table below (first two columns) lists each of the General Education knowledge and skills areas and the courses offered at Maritime College that meet the requirements of each area.

The competencies are: Critical Thinking and Information Management. These competencies are met by *infusion*, i.e., learning outcomes are achieved in courses throughout the curriculum.

Students who enter Maritime College having already taken courses at other colleges may receive transfer credit (grade of C or better needed) for SUNY General Education requirements in several ways:

- a course is evaluated as equivalent to a Maritime College course that satisfies a General Education requirement;
- a course taken at another SUNY college (2-year or 4-year) satisfies the General Education requirement at that college;
- a course taken at a non-SUNY college (2-year or 4-year) is evaluated as satisfying a General Education requirement.

In the first case, transfer credit is awarded for the equivalent Maritime College course. In the other two cases, transfer credit is recorded via notations for General Education Requirement (GER) courses. In certain situations, such courses may be substituted for related Maritime College requirements.\* The table below (last two columns) lists the notations for each knowledge and skills area; it also shows allowable substitutions.

\*A transferred course may satisfy a General Education requirement without satisfying a Maritime College degree requirement. Examples:

--A course called "Mathematical Ideas" may be accepted as a General Education mathematics course, but it does not count towards the math requirements for any major at Maritime College. It may, however, be used as an elective in some degrees.

--A course counting for General Education Humanities, The Arts, or Foreign Language that cannot be applied towards any elective may be substituted for General Education requirements in American History, Western Civilization, and Other World Civilizations. Such substitutions must be approved by the Academic Dean.