

# Core Program Requirements In Brief\*

## 1. First Year Cultural Studies Program (CSP) Seminars: 8 Units

- a. Successful completion of a frosh fall CSP seminar (4-units) and a frosh spring global issues CSP seminar (4-units). The fall CSP seminar emphasizes college-level expository writing and the spring CSP seminar emphasizes research writing. [Note: 8-unit colloquia offerings may be available in the spring and satisfy the spring global issues CSP seminar requirement and, in addition, one of the department specific cultural studies course requirements below.]

*Completion date: end of frosh year*

- b. Successful completion of the first-year writing requirement (passing scores on two of three evaluations) or, if not, of ENWR 201.

*Completion date: end of sophomore year*

## 2. Department Specific Cultural Studies Courses: 12-20 Units

- a. Successful completion of at least 12 units of cultural studies courses in 3 different regions chosen from the following 6:

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| 1. Africa and the Middle East | 2. South, Central, and East Asia | 3. Europe        |
| 4. Latin America              | 5. United States                 | 6. Intercultural |

- b. Students must also complete one course treating fine arts and one treating the pre-1800 era. These requirements may be completed through designated cultural studies courses or through additional fine arts and pre-1800 courses. One course may satisfy two distinct requirements (e.g., Latin America group and pre-1800) but no course may be used to satisfy three different requirements (e.g., geographical, fine arts, and pre-1800). Students may also satisfy the fine arts requirement by participating in enough partial-credit performance or other fine arts courses (e.g., Glee Club, Orchestra, Dance Performance) to equal 4-units. CSP 99 does not count toward the fine arts requirement.

*Completion date: end of junior year*

## 3. Science and Mathematics: 12 Units

Successful completion of:

- a. One laboratory science, and
- b. Two additional courses in science and/or mathematics as indicated in the College catalog.

AP/IB credits may NOT be used to satisfy any science or mathematics requirements.

*Completion date: end of junior year*

## 4. Foreign Language: 0-8 Units

Students must demonstrate proficiency equivalent to one year of college foreign language study. Options for fulfilling this requirement:

1. Scholastic Aptitude Test II test score (varies with each language: consult the Language Departments for scores).
2. Advanced Placement test score of 4 or 5. [Note: This is the ONLY Core requirement which may be satisfied using AP/IB credits.]
3. Completion of language 102 at Occidental, or the equivalent course in any foreign language at another institution. (Please note: Students must petition for approval before starting a language course at another institution to satisfy this requirement.)
4. Passing one of Occidental's language placement tests during Orientation Week.
5. For languages not offered by Occidental, students may be able to arrange testing through the Keck Language & Culture Studio in order to satisfy the language requirement.

*Completion date: end of sophomore year*

# Core Program Requirements At A Glance\*

## 1. First Year Cultural Studies Program (CSP) Seminars:

A total of 8 units, 4 in fall and 4 in spring of frosh year.

[There is also a separate writing proficiency requirement to be completed.]

## 2. Department Specific Cultural Studies Courses:

A total of at least 12 units in at least three different regions with attention to pre-1800 era and fine arts.

## 3. Science and Mathematics:

A total of 12 units, with at least one lab science.

## 4. Foreign Language:

Demonstration of proficiency equivalent to first-year college language.

Only the Foreign Language proficiency requirement may be satisfied using appropriate AP/IB scores. No other Core requirement may be satisfied by using Advanced Placement courses or tests, regardless of AP/IB score.

*\*This information is intended as a summary only and not as a substitute for the detailed information found in the **College Catalog**. In addition, please note that these requirements apply to students who enter Occidental College as freshmen, and not to transfer students. Requirements for transfer students are detailed in the **College Catalog**.*