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PROLOGUE

New College of Hofstra University is no longer new in age. It was founded in 1959 as Hofstra’s “collegium,” a coming-together of master teachers and apprentice students dedicated to intellectual inquiry within the liberal arts and to their social applications. Historically, the first New College was founded at Oxford, England, over six hundred years ago during the medieval period for masters and apprentices interested in achieving intellectual emancipation from the constraints of that time and place. In the 21st century, Hofstra’s New College continues to employ the individualized apprenticeship model created at Oxford.

New College is one of the colleges at Hofstra University offering both a bachelor and master of arts degree to students sharing its commitment to the intellectual and practical dimensions of the liberal arts. It assists its students in achieving their liberal arts goals through a curriculum more individualized in response to student needs and interests, more flexible in structure and more varied in modes of learning.

HOFSTRA AND THE LIBERAL ARTS

Since its founding in 1935, Hofstra University has had a firm and central commitment to the liberal arts.

The liberal arts are those studies which expand horizons and sharpen intellectual skills. They invite us to clarify our values and apply them appropriately in new situations. They make us aware of our common humanity.

The liberal arts do not prepare for specific careers; they prepare for all careers. When business and industry seek employees with college degrees, they seek people with keen and supple minds, the capacity for clear and precise expression and a broad awareness of human accomplishments and possibilities. Professional schools, too, seek not the trained apprentice but the educated person. Such people learn and adapt quickly; such people are productive.

The liberal arts prepare for recreation and responsibility as well as for work. They provide opportunities to develop sensibilities and to refine notions of goodness, beauty and truth. In short, they open ways for us to achieve our full, human potential.

NEW COLLEGE, 1960

In 1959, with support from the Ford Foundation, Hofstra founded New College to develop new ways to achieve traditional liberal arts goals. New College has pioneered in the development of off-campus education, intensive eight-week courses, individual student projects and cross-disciplinary approaches to fundamental human questions.

In 1965, New College became Hofstra’s second, degree-granting liberal arts college. Thus, Hofstra is one of the few universities in the country whose commitment to the liberal arts is so firm that it offers two routes to the B.A. degree: a traditional one at the Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (HCLAS) and a nontraditional one at New College.

NEW COLLEGE TODAY

New College is small by design. Classes are small; friendships form easily. New College offers its students all the advantages of a large, metropolitan university—including, for example, Hofstra’s superb 1,360,000 volume libraries (Axinn and Law)—along with the closeness of a small, liberal arts college.

New College students may enroll in courses at any other undergraduate school/college within Hofstra University, just as students from any other undergraduate school/college within the University may enroll in New College courses. In addition to New College’s own full-time faculty, professors from other academic units at Hofstra and from the metropolitan community regularly teach courses at the College.

At New College, the faculty and academic fields are organized into four areas—Creative Studies, Humanities, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences. Students at New College do not select a traditional departmental major; they concentrate in an area. Creative Studies center on the making of concrete re-creations of aspects of the human experience. The Humanities concern themselves with imaginative representations and thoughtful interpretations of the human experience. The Natural Sciences describe and analyze phenomena in the physical universe. The Social Sciences describe and analyze aspects of the human experience.

Students who wish to develop an undergraduate program of studies which explores some topic from a variety of disciplinary perspectives may concentrate in a fifth area, Interdisciplinary Studies.

This organization of the traditional academic disciplines into areas greatly increases communication among professors of the different disciplines and gives undergraduate education at New College a distinctively interdisciplinary character. Faculty and students are always alert to connections between their own and other disciplines.

One of the principal differences, then, between New College and most liberal arts colleges is that New College

Students should consult the Class Schedule for specific offerings before registering for their programs.
fosters interdisciplinary breadth and discourages unnecessary or premature over-specialization.

ADMISSION TO THE
BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM

New College welcomes students with a serious commitment to the educational rigor of its Bachelor of Arts program. Although admissions requirements for undergraduates at New College are the same as the requirements for all undergraduates at the University, the College especially welcomes both freshmen and transfer applicants with these qualifications and credentials:

1. previous academic performance in a liberal arts area or areas at an above average level, as demonstrated by high school class standing or transfer student status;
2. strong aptitude for a full utilization of liberal arts resources at New College, as shown by standardized test scores (SAT or ACT) above the national average;
3. serious motivation for academic work within the liberal arts and an interest in New College, as demonstrated through an admissions interview or through a written statement of purpose.

Applicants should demonstrate strength in at least two of the three guidelines listed above to assure a positive response to their applications.

Early decision and early admission are possible at New College just as they are available to applicants for admission to other University programs. For current information about undergraduate admission, please contact the Dean of Undergraduate Admissions.

Transfer Students

Students entering New College and transferring credits will be classified as follows:
- freshman transfer students: 3-24 transfer credits
- sophomore transfer students: 25-57 transfer credits
- junior transfer students: 58-87 transfer credits
- senior transfer students: 88 or more transfer credits.

All transfer students must satisfy all the general and area graduation requirements for New College including the New College Writing Requirement.

Students must complete their last two full-time semesters under the supervision of a New College faculty adviser in order to be recommended for the Bachelor of Arts degree from Hofstra University through New College.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

New College uses the intensive four-credit course as its characteristic offering. The traditional 15-week semester is divided into two halves or sessions. In each seven-and-a-half week session, courses meet four days a week, 95 minutes a day, or 6 hours and 20 minutes a week. Most Wednesdays are class-free days for intensive reading, writing, study and research.

Most students enroll for two, four-credit courses a session, or 16 credits (four courses) a semester.

This academic calendar allows students to concentrate their attention and energies on two courses per session instead of spreading their efforts over four or five courses throughout a semester. The calendar also adds variety to the student’s intellectual life: midway through a semester, when other students are taking midterm examinations, New College students are beginning new work.

Since certain subject matter is more appropriate for semester-length exposure, some semester-length courses as well as an array of two-credit special seminars are offered.

MODES OF LEARNING

New College offers its students several modes of learning.
1. Course work: these are standard classroom lectures and seminars.
2. Individual Projects: a student with a particular academic interest registers with a faculty member who can nurture that interest. The two agree on what work will be done, when, what the bases for evaluation will be and how many credits the work will represent, normally from one to three. During the term of an individual project, normally a session, the student and faculty supervisor meet regularly.
3. Off-Campus Education: students pursue an educational or preprofessional goal for academic credit at sites such as hospitals, law offices, public service agencies, galleries, theaters, broadcasting studios, legislatures, scientific laboratories or in study abroad. The Off-Campus Education Program is supervised by a New College faculty committee. Carefully prepared proposals are submitted to the committee for consideration during the semester prior to the proposed off-campus project. Clearly stated learning objectives, a good fit between those objectives and off-campus site activities, and student preparation for work at the site are the principal criteria used by the committee when evaluating proposals. A faculty member keeps in close touch with each student involved in a project.

A learning report is required at the conclusion of all projects. The Basic Learning Report is a written, reflective statement of what and how the student learned. A scholarly research paper relating to, or drawn from, the student’s off-campus activities is frequently required.

NEW COLLEGE AREAS

Creative Studies disciplines are:
- Dance Arts
- Fine Arts
- Theater Arts
- Writing Arts

Humanities disciplines are:
- Art History
- Cultural Anthropology
- Dramatic Literature
- Literature
- Philosophy

Interdisciplinary Studies: theme or problem-centered programs designed by the individual student in consultation with a faculty adviser. In addition, Interdisciplinary Studies includes programs in:
American Civilization  Family Studies  
Cognitive Sciences  Human Development  
Communication and Society  International Studies  
Women’s Studies  

Natural Science disciplines are:  
Biology  Mathematics  
Chemistry  

Social Science disciplines are:  
Economics  Political Science  
History  Psychology  
Linguistics  Sociology  
Political Philosophy  

In addition to completing a concentration in one of these areas, students may complete an Elective Focus in a secondary area or discipline under the direct supervision of a New College Area Coordinator or designate. Also, as a complement to any of the above Area programs, New College offers an Elective Focus in elementary education which leads to provisional certification as an elementary teacher in New York State. For further information on New College foci, please see the sections on New College Areas.  

NEW COLLEGE  
EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES  

Students are encouraged to take full advantage of the educational resources available to them as members of the Hofstra University community. Equal to its commitment to the liberal arts is New College’s commitment to serve individual students through advisement, access to University resources, and a unique calendar and tuition policy. The New College Writing Program is also a resource for the development of communication skills.  

ADVICEMENT  

All institutions of higher education offer forms of advisement and counseling. New College intends its academic advisement to be as close and informed as only a small college’s can be, but augmented by the College’s presence within Hofstra University. Students are initially assigned a New College faculty adviser, but may choose a different adviser as their academic interests become more defined. With few exceptions, New College faculty offices and records are located within the New College building, thus facilitating student access to advisers for conference, registration and general information about the College, the University and programs of study.  

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES  

As members of the Hofstra University community, New College students have full access to University resources. These include undergraduate courses at the Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (HCLAS) and the Schools of Business, Communication, and Education; opportunities for student-initiated projects supervised by faculty other than New College faculty; full use of the University’s excellent library, computer facilities, swimming pool and music listening rooms; and the full range of student services provided through the Dean of Students Office, Residential Life Office, the Hofstra University Wellness Center and the Office of Financial Aid.  

TUITION  

The tuition policy of New College supports its flexible, individualized programs of study and its various modes of learning. Students registering as full-time (a minimum of 12 semester hours attempted per semester) are billed a fixed tuition amount. This entitles the student to register for 12 to 20 hours for that semester. Students must secure the permission of the Dean of New College to register for more than 18 hours a semester and must pay per credit for credits in excess of 20. Those registering for fewer than 12 semester hours will be billed at the University’s part-time, per credit rate. This tuition policy provides New College students with a wide range of educational choices within a fixed tuition amount. See Tuition and Fees, page 27.  

THE NEW COLLEGE WRITING PROGRAM  

Expository Writing  

The New College Writing Program is designed to help all students write as well as they possibly can. Expository writing—writing that explains, analyzes, clarifies—is central to many of the courses at the College. Several of these courses have been chosen to introduce the Writing Program and to help students develop their writing skills.  

An Introduction to the Liberal Arts, the fall semester freshman course, is the first course in this series. The spring freshman writing workshops and the writing intensive discipline courses for juniors and seniors follow. In each of these courses, students are given the opportunity to write a college essay which is evaluated by the instructors of these courses and members of the New College Writing Committee. These evaluations (which are described below) enable students to monitor their development as writers. When students have satisfactorily completed these courses and written college essays that are given satisfactory evaluations, they have fulfilled the expository writing component of the New College Writing Program.  

Students who have difficulties completing this part of the Writing program can receive additional help from the faculty. They may be advised to register in one or more New College courses emphasizing writing or to sign up for tutorial work under the supervision of a faculty member.  

Transfers to New College  

Students who transfer to New College after earning 30 credits elsewhere are required to take a writing intensive course and to write a satisfactory College Essay (an essay that is given a #5 evaluation) in order to complete the expository writing requirement. They may, of course, also choose to register for a writing workshop.
Scholarly Writing

Students normally demonstrate their ability to locate, use, interpret, and document appropriate library and other sources through satisfactorily written research papers submitted to the New College faculty. When two New College faculty members agree that a student has demonstrated such scholarly ability through the submission of two different papers, the student will have satisfied this requirement, and this accomplishment is noted on the student’s official record.

Students begin learning research skills in their Freshman Seminars. They are given opportunities to write research papers in their Sophomore and Junior Seminars and in many advanced courses. A course in Library Research is also offered occasionally.

Procedure

1. At the completion of a New College course in which a library research paper is required, the New College faculty member lists those students whose writing has satisfied this requirement. If a paper is submitted late, it is the student’s responsibility to ask the faculty member to inform the New College Writing Coordinator if the paper meets the standard for scholarly writing;

2. Library papers written for courses given outside of New College or for courses given within New College by part-time faculty may be considered for this requirement after they have been evaluated by the instructors of these courses. Students should submit these papers to the New College Area Coordinator whose concentration (Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Creative Studies) is closest to the subject matter of the paper. The Coordinator assigns the paper to a member of the New College faculty who determines whether it meets this requirement;

3. In a course for which no library paper is required, students may request that the instructor assign a library paper as part of, or in addition to, regular class assignments. The instructor will decide whether or not such a paper is useful in that particular course.

Students normally satisfy the scholarly aspect of the standard as they progress towards meeting all requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree at New College. Normally, a student does not undertake work on a Senior Project until this requirement has been satisfied.

STUDENT STATUS

Students not making satisfactory progress towards meeting either aspect of the Writing Standard, or who fall below the requisite level after satisfying either aspect, are subject to a change of student status from “good academic standing” to “probation” and/or discontinuance with “restrictions on registration.” Students with probationary status are not recommended for the award of the Bachelor of Arts degree by the faculty and Dean of New College.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Hofstra University offers financial awards based on academic quality, personal merit, need, and in some cases, proficiency in a special area. Students seeking financial aid should consult the Office of Financial Aid. See page 30 of this Bulletin.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

FOR GRADUATION

I. Successful completion of a minimum of 120 semester hours: 40 s.h. of area requirements, 40 s.h. of College requirements and 40 s.h. of electives. At least 90 of these 120 s.h. must be in the liberal arts. No more than 40 semester hours may be taken in a single discipline.

A. Successful and sequential completion of 40 s.h. of courses required by one of the five New College areas (Creative Studies, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Studies, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences). See requirements under specific area.

B. Successful and timely completion of 40 s.h. of College requirements:

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Students in Interdisciplinary Studies must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 8 s.h. each in Creative Studies, Humanities, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences in addition to the one Quantitative Thinking (QT) course.

Transfer students entering with fewer than two full-time semesters of academic work in the liberal arts must enroll and complete ISB 1, Introduction to the Liberal Arts, or its equivalent.

Transfer students entering with two or more full-time semesters of academic work in the liberal arts need not take ISB 1, Introduction to the Liberal Arts. They may, however, elect to take it.

Transfer students entering with fewer than three full-time semesters of work in the liberal arts must complete ISA 1, Main Ideas of The Western Tradition.

Transfer students entering with at least three full-time semesters of completed work in the liberal arts may elect to take ISA 1. However, students who do not complete this course must complete a one-semester hour Individual Project to accompany the required upper-level area seminar. This project must deal with the intellectual antecedents (prior to 1825 C.E.) of the student’s area or disciplinary interests. All students are expected to satisfactorily complete the Upper Level Seminar in their area.
C. Successful completion of 40 s.h. of elective work approved by the student's adviser. See Elective Studies, page 95.

II. Students must satisfy the New College Writing Standard. It is expected that they will satisfy the first aspect by the end of the sophomore year and will maintain that standard subsequently. Normally, the second aspect of the Writing Standard should be satisfactorily completed before registering for the Senior Project.

III. Each student must remain in good academic standing while enrolled at New College.

FOR FRESHMEN ENTERING THE FALL 1998 SEMESTER AND AFTER

Students entering New College in the Fall 1998 semester and thereafter, are subject to the same graduation requirements as specified previously. However, while the requirements remain the same, the structure of these requirements has changed as follows:

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*Students may enroll in additional Thematic Writing courses in subsequent semesters either as elective offerings or to further improve writing skills.

**ACADEMIC STANDING**

The New College faculty and/or the Dean of New College reserve the right to review student records periodically for successful and timely progress toward satisfaction of College and area requirements and to make recommendations to the University about student status. A decision is made for each student in terms of one of the following categories:

- retention in good standing
- retention on academic probation
- restrictions on registration
- dismissal

Data used to determine student status include:

- Completion ratio: ratio of credits successfully completed to credits attempted;
- Number of deferred evaluations (Pr’s) and Incomplete (INC’s) outstanding;
- Grade-point average (GPA);
- Timely and orderly satisfaction of both College and area requirements.

For New College Dean’s List eligibility, see the New College *Addendum* to this *General Bulletin*.

**CREATIVE STUDIES AREA REQUIREMENTS**

Creative Studies at New College serve students with an interest in and commitment to the study and practice, within a liberal arts context, of fine arts, theater arts, the writing arts or dance arts. Students define and develop personal talent while considering the creative process, the tradition of their artistic field and the human context of their own creativity.

In addition to satisfying the general requirements for graduation from New College, Creative Studies students must also satisfy the following minimum area requirements:

I. 40 s.h. in Creative Studies distributed as follows:

   a. 12 s.h. of faculty-offered studio or workshop courses or seminars;
   b. 12 s.h. of student-initiated projects;
   c. 8 s.h. in the study of the tradition of the student’s artistic field;
   d. 4 s.h. in the study of the creative process;
e. 4 s.h. Senior Project, creative or scholarly, as a culminating demonstration of proficiency in Creative Studies.

1) Scholarly projects must be consistent with the Humanities area guidelines for Senior Projects.
2) Creative projects must be accompanied by a written scholarly report on the project’s purpose and a critical assessment of the result(s).

II. Upper-Level Seminar (College requirement): 4 s.h.
This requirement is intended to help the student assess the impact on the arts of developments since 1825. The course helps the student refine research and writing skills. Creative Studies students may satisfy this requirement in one of the two ways:

1) complete the Creative Studies Upper-Level Seminar, or, with the Coordinator’s permission, the Humanities Upper-Level Seminar;
2) with adviser’s approval, complete a 4 s.h. Individual Project, either tracing the impact of ideas and/or events in the past 150 years on the student’s creative field, or analyzing the antecedents and consequences of a significant development in that field.

Students desiring a focus in dance arts, fine arts, theater arts or writing arts must also satisfy the following specific requirements.

Creative Studies with a Dance Arts Focus

Requirements

I. 40 semester hours including the following:

a. 2 s.h. of Modern Dance
b. 2 s.h. of Ballet
c. 20 s.h. in additional courses and/or workshops in modern dance, ballet and/or jazz

NOTE: When engaged in performance, students must participate in technical or crew work as required.
Credit will be awarded through Individual Projects according to the amount and quality of student work.
d. 2 s.h. in choreography or dance composition
e. 6 s.h. in courses or projects in the history of dance
f. 4 s.h. in the study of the creative process, philosophy of art, or aesthetics
g. 4 s.h. of Senior Project, scholarly or creative (see general Creative Studies Area requirements above).

II. Upper-Level Seminar (College requirement), 4 s.h.

It is recommended that students enrolled in the optional Dance Arts Focus within Creative Studies take BIO 103, Human Anatomy and Physiology I, in partial fulfillment of their Natural Science requirements at New College, and PESP 106, Kinesiology, as an elective.

Creative Studies with a Fine Arts Focus

Assistant Professor Pushkin, Adviser

Requirements

I. 40 semester hours including the following:

a. 12 s.h. in basic courses to include the areas of
   Two-Dimensional Design
   Three-Dimensional Design and
   Drawing;
b. 12 s.h. in studio work taken in either seminar or individual project modes;
c. 12 s.h. in art history and/or aesthetics;
d. 4 s.h. of Senior Project as a culminating demonstration of proficiency in Fine Arts.

II. Corequisites: 16 s.h. in studio work taken in either seminar or individual project modes, including one course in art history and/or aesthetics.

III. Upper-Level Seminar (College requirement), 4 s.h.

All requirements are to be chosen in consultation with the fine arts adviser.

Creative Studies with a Theater Arts Focus

Instructor Romano, Adviser

Requirements

I. 40 semester hours including the following:

a. 8 s.h. of theater workshop courses;
b. 16 s.h. of theater arts projects. After satisfactory completion of Theater Workshops I and II or their equivalents, and with the approval of the theater arts adviser, academic credit may be received for work with an approved theater, on or off campus. Students normally satisfy this requirement through work on New College Theater Group productions;
c. 12 s.h. in courses or projects in theater history or dramatic literature, including one course in aesthetics or criticism;
d. 4 s.h. Senior Project.

II. Upper-Level Seminar (College requirement), 4 s.h.

Creative Studies with a Writing Arts Focus

Associate Professor Ben-Merre; Assistant Professor Friedlander, Advisers

Requirements

I. 40 semester hours including the following:

a. 8 s.h. of writing arts courses chosen from such offerings as: Poetry Workshop, Short Story Workshop, The Craft of the Poet, The Essay, Works in Progress;
b. 16 s.h. of Individual Projects in writing or additional writing courses which may include 8 credits in an apprenticeship mode, either off campus or as a peer teacher for a member of the writing faculty. The character and timing of these projects should be carefully considered with the student’s writing arts adviser;
c. 8 s.h. of courses in various periods and genres of literature;
d. 4 s.h. of aesthetics, creativity or literary theory, or an equivalent approved by the student’s adviser;
e. 4 s.h. Senior Project.

II. Upper-Level Seminar (College requirement), 4 s.h.

Humanities Area Requirements

Assistant Professor Friedlander, Coordinator

The Humanities at New College are: art history, cultural anthropology, literature, dramatic literature and philosophy.

In addition to satisfying the general requirements for graduation from New College, Humanities students must meet these minimum area requirements:

I. 40 s.h. in the Humanities

a. 16 s.h. of four basic courses in three different Humanities disciplines;
b. 20 s.h. of advanced courses as specified in a. below;
students must design, with their advisers, an individual Interdisciplinary Studies Program which employs two or more disciplines from different areas and explores some discrete topic, theme or problem.

Students and advisers should design Interdisciplinary Programs during the second semester of the sophomore year and submit them in writing to the Area Coordinator for approval. An individual program design should include a statement of its focus and specify 40 s.h. of study including a 4 s.h. Senior Project as the culminating work in the program. No more than 16 of these 40 s.h. may be in basic or general courses or projects. New College and other University liberal arts courses may be used in the design of Interdisciplinary Programs. Through their total B.A. programs, Interdisciplinary Studies students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 8 s.h. each in Creative Studies, Humanities, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences in addition to 4 s.h. of Quantitative Thinking (QT) courses.

A 4 s.h. Upper-Level Interdisciplinary Studies area seminar must be completed as required by New College. This requirement is intended to help the student assess the impact on his/her interdisciplinary focus of developments since, roughly, 1825, and to help the student refine research and writing skills. Interdisciplinary Studies students may satisfy this requirement in one of several ways.

1) A student with a Human Development Focus may take the Special Seminar in Human Development or arrange with his/her adviser for an appropriate alternative.

2) A student with an International Studies Focus may take the Upper Level Seminar in International Studies or arrange with his/her adviser for an appropriate alternative.

3) With the approval of the adviser and the Interdisciplinary Studies Coordinator, a student may select an appropriate upper-level seminar in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences or program focus within Interdisciplinary Studies.

4) With the approval of the adviser and Area Coordinator, a student may complete a 4 s.h. Individual Project either tracing the impact of ideas and/or events in the past 150 years on the student’s focal concern, or analyzing the antecedents and consequences of a significant development directly related to that concern.

Each student’s program must culminate in a Senior Project, normally a research paper, in which at least two disciplines from two different areas are actively employed. Of necessity, then, Interdisciplinary Studies Senior Projects must have at least two faculty sponsors: a faculty supervisor from the primary discipline and a consultant or consultants from the other discipline(s).

In addition to individual, student-designed Interdisciplinary Studies Programs, New College offers seven specific programs within Interdisciplinary Studies.

American Civilization Focus

American Civilization is the study of the culture of the United States from such interdisciplinary perspectives as
history, political science, literature, economics, philosophy, sociology and art history.

In addition to satisfying the general requirements for graduation from New College, American Civilization students must design, with the adviser for this focus, a program of 40 s.h. of studies, at least 20 s.h. of which are in advanced courses or projects including a 4 s.h. Senior Project. This program design must be submitted to the Area Coordinator for approval by the end of the sophomore year.

Guidelines

1) At least 8 s.h. in Humanities
2) At least 12 s.h. in at least two different Social Science disciplines
3) At least 8 s.h. in advanced topics
4) At least 8 s.h. in other courses which illustrate some aspect of American Civilization;
5) 4 s.h. Senior Project as culmination of the student’s work in American Civilization.

Cognitive Science Focus

The Cognitive Sciences Program is concerned with an understanding of such phenomena as problem solving, language acquisition, mental representation, memory, and the more general consideration of information processing by both humans and machines. It draws mainly upon the disciplines of philosophy, linguistics, psychology, mathematics, computer science and neuroscience. From a concentration in this area, students acquire experience in quantitative methodologies and techniques as well as in humanistic and philosophical thinking.

In addition to satisfying the general requirements for graduation from New College, students must design, with the adviser for this focus, a program of 40 s.h., at least 20 of which are in advanced courses or projects including a 4 s.h. Senior Project. These 40 s.h. are augmented by the 4 s.h. Upper-Level Integrative Seminar, taken in partial satisfaction of College graduation requirements. This program design must be submitted for approval by the Program Adviser by the end of the student’s sophomore year.

Guidelines

1) 8 s.h. of integrative courses within the Cognitive Sciences Focus, as follows:
   a. Developmental Psycholinguistics
   b. Upper-Level Seminar in Cognitive Science (in partial satisfaction of College requirements)
   c. Senior Project in Cognitive Science

The Senior Project should be an integrative work within the cognitive sciences involving at least two of the disciplines comprising the field. It may, for example, consist of an Artificial Intelligence Program that sheds light on a specific human ability, such as language. A project of this sort would involve computer science, linguistics and psychology, or address the definition of thought processes within the fields of philosophy, psychology and computer science—how they intersect, diverge, conflict and/or reinforce each other.

2) 32 s.h. including at least one basic course in each of three different disciplines, approved by the Program Adviser, as follows:

   Computer Science
   Linguistics
   Mathematics
   Neuroscience
   Philosophy
   Psychology

Examples of relevant New College and HCLAS courses are:
   a. Introduction to Philosophy
   b. Introduction to Language
   c. Mathematical Linguistics
   d. Natural Languages vs. Programming Languages
   e. Developmental Psycholinguistics
   f. Fundamentals of Psychology
   g. Learning Theory & Behavior Modification
   h. Introduction to Animal Behavior

Communication and Society Focus

Communication and Society provides students with the opportunity to study communication history, theory and practice within a broad, liberal arts context. The program is offered in cooperation with the School of Communication.

In addition to satisfying the general requirements for graduation from New College, students must design, with the Focus adviser, a program of 40 s.h. of studies, at least 20 of which are in advanced courses or projects including a 4 s.h. Senior Project. This program design must be submitted for approval by the Area Coordinator by the end of the sophomore year.

Guidelines

1) 9 s.h. in School of Communication courses:
   a. SCO 2, Mass Media: History & Development, 3 s.h.;
   b. MASS 111, Mass Communications in Contemporary Society, 3 s.h.;
   c. MASS 101, Understanding Global Media & News Systems, 3 s.h. or MASS 104, Media and the Law, 3 s.h.
2) 27 s.h. of courses in a variety of disciplines relating to communication and society.
3) 4 s.h. Senior Project: may be creative or scholarly. If creative, it must be accompanied by a written, scholarly report of the project’s purpose, the means used to achieve that purpose and a critical assessment of the result(s).

NOTE: many communication production courses are not for liberal arts credit. See page 79 for courses and page 107 for liberal arts listings. New College students may not take more than 30 hours of nonliberal arts courses.

Family Studies Focus

Instructor Mason-Egan, Adviser

The Family Studies Program is concerned with the interdisciplinary study of the family. The focus is multifaceted and allows the student to look at the family from historical, psychological, sociological, anthropological, and literary perspectives. The program includes a basic core of psychology courses along with the advanced focus of the family. The program is designed to give the student a good foundation for graduate study in the fields of psychology, counseling, social work and human services.

In addition to satisfying the general requirements for graduation from New College, students must design with their adviser a program of 40 s.h. of study, at least 20 s.h.
of which must be advanced courses or independent projects, including a 4 s.h Senior Project. These 40 s.h. are augmented by the 4 s.h. Upper Level Seminar in Human Development, normally taken in the student’s junior year in partial satisfaction of college graduation requirements.

Fieldwork Component
After the sophomore year, the student is required to register for a 4 s.h. class: Frameworks for Studying Families. This class is experiential in nature with a field placement component as well as class time dealing with theoretical frameworks for studying families. Those students who want more experience are encouraged to register for an experiential learning project through Off-Campus Education, such as an internship or study abroad, which can be done anytime after the sophomore year.

The following courses are offered at New College and HCLAS and are relevant to the Family Studies Focus:

- **Psychology Courses**
  - Human Sexuality
  - Psychotherapy for Children

- **Sociology/Psychology Courses With a Family Focus**
  - Dysfunction Families
  - Marriage and the Family (SOC 36)
  - Child Rearing in a Contemporary Society
  - Social Problems (SOC 103)
  - New Household: New Housing

- **Communication Courses**
  - Interpersonal Communication (SPCM 4)
  - Gender and Intercultural Issues in Communication (SPCM 53)
  - Nonverbal Communication in Human Interaction (SPCM 33)

- **Anthropology and Philosophy Courses**
  - Cross-Cultural Socialization
  - Moral Development

- **History Courses With a Family Focus**
  - American Family: Past and Present
  - Generations: Families in 20th-Century America

- **Literature Courses**
  - Self and Society: American Short Fiction
  - American Children: Fact and Fiction

In order to satisfy the Quantitative Thinking component of the college requirement for graduation, it is required that the student register for Research Methods of the Social Sciences. This serves a dual purpose: New College graduation requirement and as an admission requirement for graduate school.

**Human Development Focus**
The Human Development Program is concerned with growth and continuity over the human life span with particular focus on the early years. Students are educated in observation, theory and intervention strategies with application in the fields of medicine, nursing, teaching, research and mental health as well as parenting.

In addition to satisfying the general requirements for graduation from New College, a student must design, with the adviser for this focus, a program of 40 s.h. of studies. At least 20 s.h. of these credits must be in advanced courses or projects. In addition, the program must include a 4 s.h. Special Seminar in Human Development (taken during the junior year, in partial satisfaction of College graduation requirements) and a 4 s.h. Senior Project. This program design must be submitted for approval to the Area Coordinator by the end of the sophomore year.

The following New College courses are particularly relevant to the theme of human development. Students may select from these and other courses offered at New College or at the University in the design of individual programs:

- Child Development
- Methods of Child Study
- Death & Dying
- Human Sexuality
- Psychology of Play & Imagination
- Child Rearing in Contemporary Society
- Human Development
- Community: Historical and Current Perspectives

**International Studies Focus**
Associate Professor Longmire, Adviser

The International Studies Focus provides an interdisciplinary approach to global issues drawing on disciplines within the Social Sciences such as history, linguistics, political science, economics, sociology, psychology as well as those in the Humanities and Creative Studies, such as philosophy, anthropology, art history and literature.

In addition to satisfying the general requirements for graduation from New College, students in the International Studies Focus must design, with the Focus Adviser, a program of 40 semester hours, at least 20 of which are in advanced courses or projects, including a 4 s.h. Senior Project. Within the 40 s.h. of the Focus, students are also required to complete Introduction to International Studies, a four-credit course in which the historical, philosophical and methodological orientations of the Focus are presented. These 40 s.h. are augmented by a 4 s.h. Upper-Level Seminar emphasizing International Studies, taken in partial satisfaction of College graduation requirements.

A student’s program design must be submitted to the Focus Adviser by the end of the student’s sophomore year.

**Requirements**
40 semester hours as follows: (at least 22 of these 40 credits must emphasize or include the non-Western cultural experience)

- a. 4 s.h., Introduction to International Studies; Upper-Level Seminar (in International Studies), in partial satisfaction of College requirements;
- b. 4 s.h. Senior Project or Thesis (in International Studies);
c. 32 s.h. of courses and projects approved by the Focus Adviser including at least one course in each of four different disciplines which have a comparative or international dimension.

Students in the International Studies Focus are also strongly encouraged to undertake the following projects:
1. Acquire competence in at least one foreign language;
2. study abroad which can be arranged independently or through Off-Campus Education;
3. participate in internships at international organizations and other appropriate forums dealing with global issues.

New College courses which can be used to fulfill International Studies requirements include:

**Humanities and Creative Studies**
- Comparative Ethics
- Modern European
- Constructed Languages & Interlinguistics
- Comparative Literature
- Comparative Religion
- Three Philosophical Novels
- Mysticism
- Cross-Cultural Socialization
- Myths & Legends

**Social Sciences**
- Contemporary Economic Problems
- Latin America: Peoples & Culture
- Human Rights
- Marx & Twentieth-Century Marxism
- Islamic Resurgence
- Politics & the Third World
- Western Civilization
- Technology in the Twentieth Century
- Issues in International Relations
- The Search for a Postmodern Politic
- Women in the Third World
- Cross-Cultural Socialization

Women’s Studies Focus

Associate Professor Longmire, Adviser

The Women’s Studies Program provides interdisciplinary perspectives on women’s roles and issues.

In addition to satisfying the general requirements for graduation from New College, students must develop, with the adviser for this focus, a program of 40 s.h. of studies with a minimum of 6 s.h. each in Humanities and Social Sciences. Of the 40 s.h., at least 20 s.h. must be in advanced courses or projects including a 4 s.h. culminating Senior Project. This program design must be submitted for approval to the Area Coordinator by the end of the sophomore year.

The following have been designated as Women’s Studies courses.

Courses offered at New College include:

- **HAHG 11. Women Artists, 4 s.h.**
- **ISWB 1. Introduction to Women’s Studies, 4 s.h.**
- **SGG 5. Language of Discrimination, 4 s.h.**
- **SPS 60E. Women in the Third World, 2 s.h.**
- **SPS 60F. Ecofeminism, 2 s.h.**

Courses offered at HCLAS include:

- **ANTH 32. Women & Development, 3 s.h.**
- **145. Women & Men in Anthropological Perspective, 3 s.h.**

Natural Science Area Requirements

In addition to satisfying all general requirements for graduation from New College, Natural Science students must also satisfy the following area requirements:

I. 40 s.h. in the Natural Sciences distributed as follows:

a. 16 s.h. in four basic courses in at least three of the following science disciplines: biology, chemistry, geology, physics and mathematics. Basic courses are introductory courses, without prerequisite, designed for majors in science. In mathematics, courses numbered 19 and below are considered basic. For students in the premedical elective focus (see below), biology (HCLAS BIO 1 & 2), General and Inorganic Chemistry (New College NCB 1 or HCLAS CHEM 3A, 3B) and PHYS 1A and 1B are required.

b. 20 s.h. of advanced courses: may be in a single discipline, in which case the student will have completed a discipline focus, or in two or more Natural Sciences, in which case the student will have completed an area focus.

For students in the premedical elective focus, the five advanced courses should be taken from among the following HCLAS courses: BIO 23, 24, 124, 135, 136, 137, 143, 144, 150, 191; CHEM 105, 109, 131A & 132A, 131B & 132B, 141-142, 147, 162, 163, 173, 175, 180.

Note: if advanced courses are in biology, CHEM 131A & 132A must be taken for the premedical focus. If advanced courses are in chemistry, two additional biology courses must be taken.

c. 4 s.h. Senior Project (see below): students with an area or discipline focus normally complete this requirement during the last semester of their senior year, although they are encouraged to begin work well in advance of that semester.

Senior Project: with the assistance of a Natural Science faculty member, students choose a research topic in their field of interest. Before the research is undertaken, a proposal with a preliminary bibliography must be submitted to the Area Coordinator and approved. The final
product is a paper using the standard science writing format.

II. Senior Science Seminar (College requirement), 4 s.h.
Required of all Natural Science majors, the focus is on some of the major questions that have defined the nature and direction of modern science through the 20th century. Problems or major historical figures from several of the disciplines of the sciences are used as the basis for student research and discussion.

The course helps the student refine research and writing skills in preparation for the Senior Research Project.

Elective Focus
Any New College student may also complete an Elective Focus (20 s.h. of basic and advanced courses) in one or more sciences depending on career goals. Please consult with the Natural Science Area Coordinator for possible Elective Focus options.

Natural Science with a Premedical Focus
This 20 s.h. elective focus is designed for students interested in pursuing careers in medical or allied health disciplines (medicine, dentistry, osteopathy, chiropractic, physical therapy, veterinary medicine, nursing, etc.). The requirements are designed to facilitate graduate school admission in these fields. In addition to satisfying all general requirements for graduation from New College and area requirements for the Natural Sciences, students may also complete this elective focus under advisement and subject to the approval of the Area Coordinator.

The program must include the following courses:

MATH 19 or 6 s.h. of mathematics electives (or New College equivalents)
Basic Statistics (S 91)
CSC 5 or ISGG 1
PHYS 2A, 2B (PHYS 1A and 1B are prerequisites)
CHEM 131A & 132A, 131B & 132B

Natural Science with a Prephysical Therapy Focus
Students interested in preparing for admission to a graduate program in Physical Therapy should select from the following courses as the Elective Focus in Physical Education and Sport Sciences:

In addition, one of the following may be taken:
HPFS 62, 66.
NOTE: This Elective Focus is not equivalent to a B.A. in Physical Therapy. Most graduate physical therapy programs require 100 hours of volunteer work before being admitted into an allied health setting. The hours can be spread over three summers.
(For a B.A. degree, students must earn at least 90 s.h. in liberal arts courses.)

Social Science Area Requirements
Credit toward the Social Sciences is given for those courses which are concerned with theoretical or conceptual considerations in the following disciplines: social anthropology, economics, history, linguistics, political philosophy, political science, psychology (undergraduate only) and sociology. Upon petition by the student, courses in communications, social philosophy and about religion may be included. Courses which emphasize technical or vocational skills will not count towards fulfillment of Social Science requirements. They may, of course, be taken as electives, after discussion with a Social Science adviser.

In addition to satisfying all general requirements for graduation from New College, students in the Social Sciences must satisfy the following requirements:

I. 40 s.h. in the Social Sciences including the following:
   a. 16 s.h. of basic courses including at least one 4 s.h. course in three different Social Science disciplines;
   b. 20 s.h. of advanced courses which may be in a single discipline, thus constituting a discipline focus, or in from two to four Social Science disciplines, thus constituting an area focus. These advanced courses must include Research Methods, 4 s.h.; ordinarily, this course is taken in the junior year. It addresses matters of research design and reports in most, if not all, of the Social Science disciplines.
   c. 4 s.h. Senior Project: students normally complete this requirement during their last semester as seniors, in accordance with guidelines issued by the Social Science faculty.

II. Upper-Level Seminar (College requirement), 4 s.h.
This course surveys post-Napoleonic political, economic and social conditions and intellectual and scientific climates, including significant figures involved in the development of the Social Sciences.

Students are expected to read both primary works by, and secondary works about, the individuals to be studied and to participate in class discussions. Each student writes a term essay about some aspect of his/her discipline and prepares an acceptable Senior Project proposal.

Elective Focus
Any New College student may also complete an Elective Focus (20 s.h.) of basic and advanced courses in one or more of the Social Sciences. Please consult with the Social Science Area Coordinator for possible Elective Focus options.

Social Science with a Prelegal Focus
Students may elect a sequence of courses designed to provide them with the skills and general knowledge suitable for undertaking the study of law. These courses, taken with the guidance of the New College prelegal adviser, include work in the social sciences, humanities and natural sciences and research writing and communication skills.

Specifically, students ordinarily complete a discipline focus in political science courses consisting of American Politics, The Constitution, American Political Theory and an elective political science course. In addition, students must complete one course each in basic economics, psychology and American history. The following are also

**NOTE:** these recommendations are fully consistent with both the New College distribution requirements and the Social Science area requirements, all of which must be satisfied by students pursuing this elective focus.

** ELECTIVE STUDIES **

One-third (40 s.h.) of a New College student’s Bachelor of Arts program consists of elective studies. Elective studies complement College requirements, which are intended to assure breadth of learning, and area requirements, which are intended to assure concentration of learning. These courses or projects are selected in consultation with the student’s faculty adviser and are the part of the student’s academic program where interests and curiosities are investigated purely for their own sake and for intellectual pleasure. The only limitations on the selection of elective studies and projects are:

1) that a student take no more than 40 s.h. of work in a single discipline, and
2) that a student take no more than 30 s.h. in nonliberal arts courses. All New College courses are liberal arts courses. HCLAS courses are for liberal arts credit unless they note: “No liberal arts credit.” Courses in the Schools of Business, Communication, and Education are *not* for liberal arts credit unless otherwise noted.

**Elective Focus**

Occasionally, students use an elective focus to further career goals. A student may combine a nonrequired elective focus with an area concentration. For example, students with an interest in preparing for professional training in law or medicine may choose to use some of their elective work for preprofessional purposes. Details of the premedical and prelaw elective Foci appear on page 270.

**Elementary Education Child Study Focus**

*Administrative Associate Cheese, Adviser*

Students with a special interest in elementary education or child study at New College have the opportunity to complete a sequence of elective work which leads either to provisional certification as elementary school teachers or to a liberal arts focus in child study and education. *All students electing this focus must complete the requirements for graduation of one of the New College areas.*

The Education Child Study Focus stresses field experience for its students as well as knowledge of theories of child behavior and development, the philosophic foundations of education and socialization, and the content areas and curricula of the elementary school. The program requires the demonstration of skills critical to effective teaching and understanding of children, to interacting sensitively and flexibly with learners and peers, to organizing the social environment of children and the classroom, and to analyzing the verbal behavior of teachers and learners.

Since this program has a strong liberal arts core, its students are expected to develop insights into their own and other’s professional growth and development.

Students in this elective program of study may satisfy their Senior Project requirement through work on a topic reflecting their interest in child study and/or education if this work is consistent with the requirements of their area or discipline focus.

**Requirements**

**I. Elective Child Study Focus**

In addition to satisfying all general requirements for graduation from New College, students in the Elective Education Child Study Focus must also satisfy the following:

1) Completion of the graduation requirements for one of the five New College areas (Creative Studies, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Studies, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences);
2) Successful completion of 20 s.h. including:
   a. 4 s.h. of *Child Development* or its equivalent, chosen from among New College Social Science offerings;
   b. 2 s.h. of *Children’s Literature,*
   c. 4 s.h. of *Philosophy of Education, Educational Controversies* or *History of American Education;*
   d. 4 s.h. of *Children and their Needs, The Troubled Child, Psychotherapy for Children, or Children and their Schools.*

**II. Elective Elementary Education Focus**

In addition to satisfying all general requirements for graduation from New College, students in the Elective Elementary Education Focus must also satisfy the following:

1) Completion of the graduation requirements for one of the five New College areas (Creative Studies, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Studies, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences);
2) Maintenance of a grade-point average (GPA) of 2.75;
3) Successful completion of the Elementary Education program as outlined on page 163 of this *Undergraduate Bulletin.*

**NOTE:** 1) The New College requirement of 90 s.h. in the liberal arts must be fulfilled. The minimum number of semester hours to graduate from New College will therefore rise to more than 120 for students satisfying the dual New College/School of Education degree and certification requirements.

2) New York State requires completion of one year of college-level study of a language other than English or its equivalent. While there is no language requirement for graduation at New College, students seeking provisional certification in Education must complete this State requirement.

**SPECIAL DEGREE-GRA N TING PROGRAMS**

**University Without Walls**

Melissa Cheese, *Administrator*

University Without Walls at New College is a competency-based, liberal arts Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science program for able adults who can spend only limited time on campus, but whose life situations provide opportunity for full- or part-time learning.

Students work with advisers to structure individual programs of study which are pursued at home, on the job,
in the community, through travel and in the classroom and library. UWW individual curricula, based on students’ past experiences, allow advisers to assist students to design liberal arts programs of personal interest. One of four principal modes of learning is contractual—an agreement between the student, the faculty supervisor and, ultimately, the program’s core faculty—which shapes the student’s academic and intellectual work for a specific period. UWW does not count credit or time as measures of student progress toward the baccalaureate degree. Instead, UWW students work toward the development and demonstration of those abilities and competencies which, traditionally, have characterized the liberally educated person.

Individuals interested in the University Without Walls approach to the baccalaureate degree must present admissions credentials similar to those required of all applicants to New College’s undergraduate, degree-granting programs. In addition, because of the special student audience served by UWW, students must demonstrate a need for the “external” and individualized nature of UWW learning contracts through an on-campus interview and through an essay showing, in part, why their personal and professional commitments prevent their easy access to an on-campus, undergraduate program.

For additional information, consult the University Without Walls Addendum.

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP

For information, see page 338.
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