

Juniata Graduation Requirements

Liberal Arts Distribution

Without a doubt, students need a certain set of skills to succeed in their chosen professions. At the same time, however, Juniata believes students need the ability to approach and resolve issues from more than one perspective.

For that reason, Juniata requires all students to complete six credit hours of coursework in five specific liberal arts-related areas:

- F ine Arts
- I nternational Studies
- S ocial Sciences
- H umanities
- N atural Sciences

These cannot simply be introductory-level courses - students are expected to complete prerequisite classes or take 300-level courses in at least three of these five areas.

By completing these requirements, Juniata students develop and retain the "intellectual flexibility" they need to cope with whatever life throws their way.

Cultural Analysis and Interdisciplinary Requirements

All Juniata students complete two General Education courses after attaining sophomore standing. One course is chosen from the Interdisciplinary Colloquia offerings and one will be from the Cultural Analysis offerings.

Interdisciplinary Colloquia (IC)

Juniata has a strong tradition that requires students to experience a team-taught course that emphasizes reading, discussion and writing in an interdisciplinary setting. Although topics vary, all IC courses include serious consideration of the relationships between theory and practice in different disciplines and provide insight as to how an interdisciplinary approach can have a positive effect on individuals' personal and public lives.

Cultural Analysis (CA)

CA courses deal with human culture in its various forms: philosophic, literary, artistic, economic, social, political and scientific. Each course focuses on the thoughts and behaviors of individuals and groups and how relationships between ideas and institutions have shaped societies. Approaches include examining the historical development of a given culture over time; analyzing encounters or conflicts between two cultures or societies; and studying the variety of interactions among individuals and sub-groups within a given culture or society.