FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST
Undergraduate Programs

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Department University-Wide

College Undergraduate Studies

Program Name
Foundational Course Requirement

☐ **New Program***

☑ **Change Program***

Effective Date
(TERM & YEAR)
Spring 2026

Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.

Proposing to eliminate the separate section on Foundational Course Requirements and move it to the General Education Curriculum section

*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.

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Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation

Approved by	***Date***
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~~**Foundational Course Requirement**~~

~~Attempting to complete a Foreign Language requirement or a General Education Mathematics requirement in the months before graduation can sometimes derail graduation plans. To stay on track to graduate, students must plan their course schedules to ensure that these and other foundational courses are taken early in their academic careers. To ensure that students are successful, Florida Atlantic University requires that all students, whether freshmen or transfer, complete the following courses within the prescribed timeframes after matriculation:~~

~~**Course Title**~~	~~**Complete Within**~~
~~ENC 1101 (College Writing 1)~~	~~Within first year~~
~~General Education Mathematics Requirement (at least one course)~~	~~Within first year~~
~~Foreign Language Requirement~~	~~Within two years~~
~~Civic Literacy Requirement~~	~~Within two years~~

~~Some students may have completed one or more of these requirements before matriculation at FAU. Students should check their Degree Audit Report to see if these requirements have been met.~~

General Education Curriculum

(Changes below effective fall 2025 unless otherwise indicated.)

(For students matriculating in fall 2024 and later.)

The General Education Curriculum is designed to ensure that every undergraduate student graduates as an informed citizen through participation in rigorous General Education courses. These courses equip students with the academic tools they will need to succeed, not only as undergraduates in their degree programs, but also as responsible citizens in a complex world.

Students must complete a minimum of 36 credits of General Education coursework. This requirement includes a minimum of 15 credits mandated by the State of Florida General Education Core and up to 21 credits of General Education Institutional requirements, distributed as indicated in five subject areas.

Subject Area	[Group A] State of Florida General Education Core	[Group B] General Education Institutional Requirements*	Total
Communication**	3	3	6
Humanities	3	3	6

Social Science***	3	3	6
Natural Science	3	3	6
Mathematics****	3	3	6
Additional Enrichment*****	0	6	6
Total	15	21	36

* Students may satisfy [Group B] General Education Institutional requirements with [Group A] State of Florida General Education Core courses from the same subject area.

** The Communication requirement of ENC 1101 (College Writing 1) should be completed before the end of the first year.

*** Civic Literacy requirements should be completed before the end of the second year and may be a requirement to declare a major.

**** The first Mathematics course should be completed before the end of the first year.

***** Additional Enrichment - Choose 6 credits from Humanities, Social Science, Communication, or Natural Science.

Some majors require or recommend specific General Education courses. Some students may have completed one or more General Education requirements before matriculation at FAU. Students should consult with their academic advisor to determine if these requirements have been fulfilled.

~~Make sure to check with an academic advisor.~~

Attempting to complete a General Education or a Foreign Language requirement in the months leading up to graduation can sometimes derail graduation plans. To stay on track to graduate, students must plan their course schedules to ensure that they fulfill General Education and graduation requirements early in their academic careers.