

Undergraduate Information and Degree Requirements

SW 2045/SOC SCI 1045 (900:045)	American Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Total Hours	9

* Satisfactory completion of both ECON 1041 (920:053) and ECON 1051 (920:054) by all non-business majors and Business Teaching majors, through UNI or transfer, may substitute for ECON 1031 (920:024).

Category 6: Capstone Experience 2 hours

Capstone courses provide opportunities for students to synthesize the diverse realms of thought they have studied and to apply the intellectual proficiencies they have acquired. The emphasis is on cultivating life-long learning through linking theory and academic preparation to practical problem-solving activities in multidisciplinary seminars or community-based learning courses.

Prerequisite: junior standing.

The most current list of approved Liberal Arts Core Capstone courses is available in each semester's Schedule of Classes. Also visit the website www.uni.edu/lac.

Administrative Policies:

1. Liberal Arts Core courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both the Liberal Arts Core and the major, minor, and program emphases.
2. Departments offering a Liberal Arts Core course may preclude their major or minor students from taking that particular course to satisfy the requirements for the Liberal Arts Core, the major, or the minor.
3. Liberal Arts Core requirements can be met through CLEP examinations, departmental examinations, and the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board. A student who receives CLEP credit in both the physical and biological sciences shall be considered to have fulfilled the laboratory requirement.
4. No Liberal Arts Core course may be taken for graduate credit.
5. No Liberal Arts Core course may have a non-Liberal Arts Core course as a prerequisite.
6. All courses taken to meet Liberal Arts Core requirements must be taken for graded credit.
7. The Associate of Arts degree from Iowa community colleges shall continue to be accepted, according to an approved articulation agreement, to meet most Liberal Arts Core requirements.
8. The Liberal Arts Core requirements apply to all undergraduate degree programs.
9. Regents Articulation Agreement:
The University of Northern Iowa, the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Iowa, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Iowa State University agree to accept fulfillment of the Liberal Arts Core at any one of them as equivalent to completion of Liberal Arts Core requirements at another, with the following stipulations:
 - a. This agreement does not apply to those students who transfer without having fully completed the Liberal Arts Core prior to transfer.

- b. Validation of fulfillment of Liberal Arts Core requirements requires that a student transferring must have met the transfer requirements of the receiving institution with respect to semester hours and grade point average.
- c. When a foreign language proficiency, a capstone course, and/or a course in foreign culture is required, whether within or in addition to the Liberal Arts Core, a student may meet this requirement at either institution regardless of the institution whose Liberal Arts Core requirements the student fulfills.
- d. Liberal Arts Core validation is the responsibility of the student transferring and will be completed upon request to the Registrar of the institution from which the student is transferring.

Program Certificates

The University of Northern Iowa makes available, in addition to traditional programs, the opportunity for students to earn program certificates. Program certificates provide an alternative to programs leading to a degree, a major, or a minor; they certify that an individual has completed a program approved by the university. For further information concerning requirements for these certificates see specific departmental listings, or consult with the department listed or the Office of the Registrar, which serves as the centralized registry. Some of the certificates are interdisciplinary and involve several departments; however, only one department or college has been listed as the contact.

Program certificates now available include:

Department of Computer Science

- Computer Applications Certificate
- Computer Science Certificate
- Software Testing Certificate

Department of Curriculum and Instruction

- Education of the Gifted
- Instructional Technology Facilitator Certificate
- Advanced Studies Certificate Literacy Coach
- Advanced Studies Certificate Reading Recovery Teacher Leader

Department of Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education

- Advanced Studies Certificate in Educational Leadership
 - Emphasis: Principalship
 - Emphasis: Superintendent Preparation Program

Department of Finance

- Financial Analysis Certificate
- Financial and Real Estate Sales for Business Majors (also listed in Department of Marketing)

Department of Geography

- Certificate in Crime Mapping and Analysis (joint coordination with Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology)