



# ALMA COLLEGE

## Northwestern Michigan College

### Course Equivalency Guide

The following is a brief description of Alma College's general education requirements. Our goal is to provide a broad education, which includes knowledge, skills and understanding. The College requires that candidates for all degrees successfully complete the following.

**I. First Year Seminar 2 credits**

Minimum of two credits for all first-year students entering Alma College and transfer students with fewer than 25 credits awarded. Course is typically taken during the first term.

**II. Writing Proficiency 16 credits**

ENG 101, 201, or 202 with a grade of "C" or better, plus 12 additional credits of "Quill" writing courses. One of these courses must be in the major.

**III. Second Language/International Awareness 8 credits**

Four credits taken in a second language plus one of the following: an additional four credits taken in the same or another second language, a term of study in a foreign country, or a four-credit course with non-U.S. or comparative international content or perspective.

**IV. Distributive Requirements 36 credits**

At least 12 credits in each of the following divisions with no more than 4 of these credits from any one program. Practicum and independent study credits cannot be counted toward this requirement.

**Arts and Humanities (AH) 12 credits**

12 credits (no more than 4 credits from any subject area) chosen from:

All courses in ART, COM, DAN, MUS, PHL, REL, THE

All ENG courses at the 110 level and higher

All language courses at the 112 level and higher

All HUM courses at the 110 level or higher

WLC courses 101, 180, 280 and 380

*Four credits in total from THE and DAN may count towards the AH distributive*

**Social Sciences (SO) 12 credits**

12 credits (no more than 4 credits from any subject area) chosen from:

All courses in ECN, HST, POL, SOC, ANT

*Four credits in total from SOC and ANT may count towards the SO distributive*

**Natural Sciences (NS) 12 credits**

At least 4 credits in each of the following three areas; must include at least two laboratory courses from different subject areas.

**NS-1 Life Sciences: 4 credits**

All courses in BCM, BIO, PSY

ENV 105\*

IPH 212, 214, 215, 220, 224, 225, 226, 327, 328, 331, 340, 344, 401, 428, 430

**NS-2 Physical Science: 4 credits**

All courses in AST, CHM, GEO, PHY

ENV 110\*, PSC 101

**NS-3 Mathematics/Computation: 4 credits**

CSC 120 or higher, MTH 110 or higher, PHL 303, PSY 220

\*Completion of ENV 105 and 110 completes the NS-1 and NS-2 distributive requirements; however, it does not fulfill the two laboratory courses requirement as both courses are in the same ENV subject area.

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Students enrolled at Northwestern Michigan College can fulfill general education requirements by taking the following courses. Classes must be graded 'C' (2.0 on 4.0 scale) or better to transfer. Other courses than those appearing on this guide should be checked for transferability to Alma College.

**First Year Seminar:** This requirement is waived for students who transfer 25 or more credits.

**Writing:** ENG101 during the first year

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|--------|---------------------|--------|
| ENG112 | English Composition | ENG101 |
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**Second Language/International Awareness:**

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|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| ASL101 | American Sign Language I  | HUM108 |
| ASL102 | American Sign Language II | HUM180 |
| FRN101 | Elementary French I       | FRN111 |
| FRN102 | Elementary French II      | FRN112 |
| SPN101 | Elementary Spanish I      | SPN111 |
| SPN102 | Elementary Spanish II     | SPN112 |

**Humanities: (AH)** 12 credits chosen from 3 different departments

|        |                                |        |
|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| ART111 | History of Western Art I       | ART111 |
| ART112 | History of Western Art II      | ART112 |
| ART121 | Drawing I                      | ART101 |
| COM111 | Public Speaking                | COM111 |
| COM201 | Mass Communication & Culture   | COM280 |
| ENG221 | Creative Writing               | ENG190 |
| ENG240 | Introduction to Literature     | ENG110 |
| ENG261 | British Literature             | ENG280 |
| ENG262 | American Literature            | ENG280 |
| MUS106 | Piano I                        | MUS106 |
| MUS107 | Piano II                       | MUS107 |
| MUS110 | Music Appreciation Stand. Lit. | MUS120 |
| MUS111 | Music Appreciation Jazz        | MUS180 |
| PHL101 | Intro to Philosophy            | PHL180 |
| PHL105 | Critical Thinking              | PHL103 |
| PHL121 | Western Religions              | REL180 |
| PHL122 | Eastern Religions              | REL180 |
| PHL181 | Old Testament                  | REL180 |
| PHL182 | New Testament                  | REL102 |
| PHL202 | Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas  | PHL126 |

**Social Sciences: (SO)** 12 credits chosen from 3 different departments

|        |                                |        |
|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| ANT111 | Intro to Cultural Anthropology | ANT212 |
| ECO201 | Principles of Macroeconomics   | ECN111 |
| ECO202 | Principles of Microeconomics   | ECN112 |
| HST101 | Western Civ to 1500            | HST180 |
| HST111 | U.S. History to 1865           | HST104 |
| HST112 | U.S. History since 1865        | HST105 |
| PLS101 | Survey of American Government  | POL101 |
| PLS132 | Comparative Government         | POL111 |
| SOC101 | Introduction to Sociology      | SOC101 |
| SOC211 | Marriage and the Family        | SOC280 |
| SOC220 | Gender and Society             | SOC280 |

**Natural Sciences:** At least 4 credits in each of the following three areas; at least two laboratory courses from different departments

**Life Science (NS-1)** 4 credits chosen from:

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|--------|--|---------|
| BIO106 | Human Biology & lab                      | BIO101* |
| BIO108 | Plant Biology & lab                      | BIO101* |
| BIO110 | Essential Biology & lab                  | BIO101* |
| BIO115 | Cell, Plant, and Ecosystem Biology & lab | BIO121  |
| BIO116 | Cell and Animal Biology & lab            | BIO180  |
| PSY101 | Introduction to Psychology               | PSY121  |
| PSY211 | Developmental Psychology                 | PSY280  |

\*only one of these courses will be awarded credit

**Physical Science (NS-2)** 4 credits chosen from:

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|--------|--|--------|
| AST119 | Astronomy & lab                        | AST101 |
| CHM101 | Introductory Chemistry & lab           | CHM101 |
| CHM150 | General Chemistry I & lab              | CHM115 |
| CHM151 | General Chemistry II & lab             | CHM180 |
| ENV111 | Physical Geology                       | GEO180 |
| PHY121 | General Physics I & lab                | PHY112 |
| PHY122 | General Physics II & lab               | PHY113 |
| PHY221 | Probs & Principles of Physics I & lab  | PHY121 |
| PHY222 | Probs & Principles of Physics II & lab | PHY122 |

**Mathematics/Computation (NS-3) 4 credits chosen from:**

|        |                                     |        |
|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| MTH121 | College Algebra                     | MTH180 |
| MTH131 | Intro to Probability and Statistics | MTH116 |
| MTH141 | Calculus I                          | MTH121 |
| MTH142 | Calculus II                         | MTH122 |
| MTH241 | Calculus III                        | MTH210 |
| MTH251 | Differential Equations              | MTH211 |

**Other courses to transfer:**

|        |                          |        |
|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| BUS101 | Intro to Business        | BUS121 |
| ACC121 | Accounting Principles I  | BUS221 |
| ACC122 | Accounting Principles II | BUS222 |

**Notes:**

- **68 credits must be completed in residence at Alma College in order to earn a degree.**
- All transfer credit will be individually evaluated for general education requirement status.
- The above list of courses is not a comprehensive list of all NMC courses that will transfer to Alma College.
- The classes you have taken may also meet major or minor requirements.

**Contact Nolan Lienhart, Alma College Transfer Coordinator, at (989) 463-7324 or at [lienhartnf@alma.edu](mailto:lienhartnf@alma.edu) with any questions you might have regarding classes you have previously taken or classes that you plan on taking. You can also contact Kathy Doran in the Alma College Registrar's Office at (989) 463-7372 or [doran@alma.edu](mailto:doran@alma.edu) with any credit evaluation questions. Providing the College with your NMC transcript as early as possible will help us best develop your individual transfer plan.**