UK Core

UK Core is the University of Kentucky’s general education program. Implemented in fall 2011, it is comprised of ten course areas and designed to address four learning outcomes.

Students must take one course from each of the areas listed in order to complete the UK Core. A course taken to satisfy a requirement in one area of UK Core cannot be used to satisfy a requirement in another area, even if a specific course is present in more than one area (e.g., some courses are designed to meet the learning outcomes in more than one area).

Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of approved classes to satisfy the UK core requirements. Depending on the college and/or major, some students may complete more than 30 hours. Some colleges and/or majors have specific course requirements for certain UK Core areas. Refer to the major sheets for more detail on required UK Core classes for certain majors.

Course Areas

Intellectual Inquiry

Inquiry in Arts and Creativity – 3 credit hours
Inquiry in the Humanities – 3 credit hours
Inquiry in the Social Sciences – 3 credit hours
Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences – 3 credit hours

Composition & Communication

Composition and Communication I – 3 credit hours
Composition and Communication II – 3 credit hours

Quantitative Reasoning

Quantitative Foundations – 3 credit hours
Statistical Inferential Reasoning – 3 credit hours

Citizenship

Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA – 3 credit hours
Global Dynamics – 3 credit hours
To find courses that fulfill the various areas of UK Core, refer to http://www.uky.edu/ukcore/Course_Listings. Some courses are only offered once during the academic year; refer to the web site at the start of the semester to determine what courses are being offered. Additionally, courses with the prefix UKC are frequently offered, and those course listings and descriptions can be found at the link above.

Additional information about the UK Core can be found at http://www.uky.edu/ukcore/.