The following courses can be used to satisfy the College of Engineering Liberal Education requirement. Students who complete their campus General Education requirements for Humanities & the Arts, Social & Behavioral Sciences, and Cultural Studies with fewer than eighteen hours of course work can select the balance of their eighteen hours from this list. Courses taken from this list that fulfill no other degree requirements may be taken on a Credit/No-Credit basis. Please note that there are courses on the list (especially if included within the phrase "All Courses") that are approved for campus General Education requirements for Humanities & the Arts or Social & Behavioral Sciences. Actually, all courses with such approval can be used to fulfill the College of Engineering Liberal Education requirement in addition to those in the list.

"All courses" means all courses numbered 100 through 489, excluding any courses with numbers ending in 90-99. Courses that have the words "Special Topics," "Individual Study," "Independent Study," "Internship," "Thesis," or "Seminar" in their title are also excluded from the "all courses" designation. Students may petition for these courses to be allowed, on a case-by-case basis. Students may also petition to count courses numbered 500 and greater.

Foreign language courses in non-language rubrics (e.g., AFST 231) require special approval; see Foreign Languages below.

Please note that some of the courses in this list may be closed for registration to College of Engineering students, or have limited openings for engineering students. This is especially true within "all courses" designations. Students who take these courses, for instance while registered in another college, may count the courses towards their engineering degrees. Check the course listings in the current Class Schedule for registration restrictions.

Students may also petition to use courses that are not on this list. See the Guidelines for Liberal Education Petitions.

For more information about the courses listed below, refer to the University of Illinois Course Catalog.

AAS Asian American Studies: 120, 224, 260, 291, 310, 317, 328, 346, 365, 435, 465, 485

ACCY Accountancy: 200


ADV Advertising: 150, 300, 411, 412, 450, 493

AFRO African American Studies: 315, 476

AFST African Studies: 201, 202, 209, 211, 212, 222, 231, 232, 241, 242, 251, 254, all 300- & 400-level non-language courses. For language courses, see Languages section below

AIS American Indian Studies: All courses

ANSC Animal Sciences: 250

ANTH Anthropology: 190, 258, 265, 279, 280, 326, 359, 373, 379, 421, 423, 425, 448, 449, 463-470, 472, 474-476, 480, 481, 486-488. ANTH 440 and 441 are allowed only if they were taken fall 2009 or before.

ARAB Arabic: 150. See Foreign Languages below for language courses


ART Art: All courses except 201, 202

ARTD Art-Design: 208, 209, 211

ARTH Art-History: All courses

ARTS Art-Studio: All courses

ASST Asian Studies: All courses

BADM Business Administration: All courses, except 335-355, 366, 374-379, 451 and above

CHLH Community Health: 206, 243, 250

CINE Cinema Studies: All courses

CLCV Classical Civilization: All courses except 100, 102, 445 and above
CMN  Communication: All courses except 111, 112, 202, 203, 465, 474
CPSC  Crop Sciences: 113, 116, 131
CW    Creative Writing: 106
CWL   Comparative and World Literature: All courses
EALC  East Asian Language and Culture: All courses
ECON  Economics: All courses except 202, 203, 465, 471
ENG   Engineering: 191, 198 (Sp11 section ELL, section EB from Fa17), 298 (LINC sections), 298 (sections C1 & C2 in Fa09 & Sp10), 315, 333, 360, 451, 465, for Sp10 ONLY: 498 Section TJW
ENGL  English: All courses except 404, 481, 482, 485
ENVS  Environmental Studies: All courses, except 101, 241, 380, 406-433, 450 and above
EPS   Educational Policy Studies: All courses
EPSY  Educational Psychology: All courses except 280, 457, 480
ESE   Earth, Society, and Environment: 200, 320
FIN   Finance: 221, 230, 232, 241
GE    General Engineering: 361, 400 (required for GE degree; cannot be used to fulfill Liberal Elective requirement by GE majors), 461, 462
GEOG  Geography: All courses except 100, 103, 280, 371, 373, 379, 401-408, 421, 446, 460, 467-480, 489
GLBL  Global Studies: 280, 298
GWS   Gender and Women's Studies: All courses
HIST  History: All courses, except 200 and 409
HUM   Humanities: 488, 489
JOUR  Journalism: All courses except 460
KIN   Kinesiology: 240
LA    Landscape Architecture: 215, 314, 315, 425, 426

Languages: Language courses other than English are usually acceptable, except for the student's native language(s), and closely related languages. These courses must be in excess on the high school language requirement. Approval in 206 Engineering Hall is required to count any foreign language course toward the Liberal Education requirement. Courses may be based on results of the student's Language Placement Examination with the following limitations:

1. Students may not repeat, for degree credit, courses more than two semesters below their high school achievement level (e.g., four years of high school language credit will not allow 101 or 102, but would allow for 103 or 104);
2. Students may earn proficiency credit for 103 or 104 or higher by examination, subject to limits of Rule 1.

Courses taken to meet the high school language requirement cannot count toward the Liberal Education requirement but could count for free electives if allowed for degree credits, subject to the limits of Rule 1.

For example, a student only took two years of a secondary language in high school, equivalent to levels 101 and 102 in college. After taking the placement test, the student is placed at the 102 level. If this student takes the 102 and 103 courses in college to fulfill the high school requirement, both courses may count for free elective credits. If the same student decides to take also the following course at at the 104 level, or another course in a different language, for instance at the 101 level, credits can be applied toward the Liberal Education requirement in the College of Engineering.

LAST  Latin American and Caribbean Studies: All courses except 401
LAW   Law: 301
LER   Labor and Employment Relations: All courses
LING  Linguistics: All courses except 300, 303, 400-407, 486-489
Literature in Translation: Most courses will be acceptable, but all non-language courses taught under a language rubric (e.g., GER 201) require approval in 206 Engineering Hall. Individual courses are listed under the appropriate language.

LLS  Latina/Latino Studies: All courses, including 392, except 479
MACS  Media and Cinema Studies: All courses
MS  Media Studies: All courses
MUS  Music: All courses except 448
NRES  Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences: 104, 109, 325, 410, 439
PHIL  Philosophy: All courses except 453, 454
PHYS  Physics: 280, 419, 420
PS  Political Science: All courses, including 390-398, except 230
PSYC  Psychology: All 200-level courses, except 210 and 235. PSYC 318, 352-356, 373, 423, 425, 447, 460, 465 are allowed
REES  Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies: All courses
RLST  Religious Studies: All courses, including 291
RSOC  Rural Sociology: All courses
RUSS  Russian: 199 (Sp12, "Russian Language and Culture for Scientists and Engineers")
SHS  Speech and Hearing Science: 231
SOC  Sociology: All courses except 382, 485, 488
TE  Technology Entrepreneurship: All courses
THEA  Theater: All courses except 419, 421, 425, 437, 453, 455, 459
TMGT  Technology and Management: 365, 367
UP  Urban and Regional Planning: 101, 203, 204