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), 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 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