

“GEIF”

General Education: Intellectual Foundations

**ORIENTATION:  
GEIF TRANSFER  
STUDENTS**

# How Many Credits Can I Transfer?

- ◎ Maximum of 88 total transfer credits
  - From 2 and/or 4 year institutions
- OR**
- From 4 year institution
- ◎ Maximum of 66 credits from two-year institutions
- ◎ Maximum 15 credits each from proprietary schools, military service, noncollegiate institutions
  - Bryant & Stratton, etc.

# Drop vs. Withdraw

- ◎ **DROP** occurs during the one-week drop-add period
- ◎ *Use BANNER to drop courses*
  - Course never appears on transcript
  - No financial liability
  - No effect on financial aid or satisfactory academic progress (SAP)
- ◎ **WITHDRAW** occurs from Week 2 to end of semester.
- ◎ *Use GREEN PAPER FORM to withdraw from courses*
  - W appears on transcript, financial liability, counts against SAP
  - Course withdrawal deadline around 10<sup>th</sup> week of semester
  - Can withdraw from college (all courses) until Study Day
  - Leave of Absence deadline also Study Day (results in W grades)
    - You need a 2.0 or better GPA to take a leave of absence
    - Medical leaves can be granted retroactively with documentation-forms processed through Weigel Health Center

# Repeating Courses at BSC

- ◎ E is a failure in a course that counts in your GPA
  - F is failure in a pass/fail course—no effect on GPA
  - You can take 1 course P/F per semester, but NOT in your major or minor
    - Can take course P/F **now** if you have 15+ transfer credits
- ◎ Students can repeat courses in which they earned E, F, U, D, D+, C-
  - But TAP does not cover D, D+, C- repeats
    - My advice: **Do not** repeat a course you have already passed unless there is no other way to accomplish your goal.
- ◎ Cannot **legally** take a course for a third time without an approved petition
  - Course appears as “illegal repeat” on transcript and does not count in GPA without petition

# Understanding Your Degree Navigator Audit Sheet

- ① “How-to use” DN guide on Registrar’s page:  
<http://www.buffalostate.edu/registrar/degreenavigator.xml>
- ① First note the basic information:
  - Name
  - Student ID = User name (also used for e-mail)
  - Completed Credits (Including Present Registrations)
    - Be VERY careful—DN counts all the credits you have **registered for**, even current courses you have not finished
- ① The “non-visual requirements” box near the top of the page is also important

# DN “Non-Visual” Requirements Box

- ⦿ BSC quality point average
  - Also called overall GPA, cumulative GPA
  - Must achieve 2.0 to graduate
- ⦿ Upper division\*
- ⦿ Campus residency
- ⦿ Major residency
- ⦿ Major GPA
  - Must achieve 2.0 to graduate
- ⦿ 120 credits minimum!

\* See next slide

# Upper-Division: 33 Credits

- ⦿ Upper division courses are generally 300 or 400 level
  - Foreign Language 201 and 202 count as UD if taken at BSC, although not required for degree
- ⦿ All students must complete a minimum of 33 credits of upper division courses
- ⦿ If a course from a two-year school transfers in as 300/400 level, it is considered upper division
- ⦿ Most students, but NOT all, get enough UD credits in major

# General Education Requirements for ALL AA /AS Transfer Students

- ◎ Associates degree must be verified by Admissions office
  - Has your **most recent transcript** (showing degree) been sent to Admissions?
  - If the most recent transcript has been sent to BSC (and the “ASSOC” course is not showing in DN under “student transcript”), you should contact **Admissions** first
  - If the response from Admissions is delayed or none, can then e-mail audit:  
[audit@buffalostate.edu](mailto:audit@buffalostate.edu)
- ◎ Be sure to send to Admissions your **HS transcript** to verify Foreign Language

# What is a G.E.T.A.?

- ⦿ G.E.T.A. = General Education Transcript Addendum
  - Applies to transfer students—sent by another **SUNY** institution indicating which trustees' requirements are finished
- ⦿ If Admissions has received the G.E.T.A., there should be a **note** placed at the bottom of the DN "full report" waiving specific general education requirements.
- ⦿ Understanding the G.E.T.A. can help you avoid taking unneeded coursework
- ⦿ For questions or concerns, contact the Admissions office or email [audit@buffalostate.edu](mailto:audit@buffalostate.edu)

# Foundations of Inquiry

- ◎ BSC 101 course covers
  - Introduction to the Liberal Arts
  - Critical thinking, analysis of arguments
  - Research skills and evaluation of information sources
- ◎ Required of GEIF students
- ◎ Transfer students with **57 credits** or more are exempt from BSC 101
  - If you know that you have 57+ transfer credits, do NOT take BSC 101
  - Work with Admissions to get all credits evaluated

# Basic Writing: CWP 101 and CWP 102

- ⦿ Check audit sheet to see if you have:
  - Credit from transfer school
  - An exemption (AP course, high SAT score)
    - Send your HS transcript to BSC for this purpose
- ⦿ Need grade of C or better to satisfy each requirement
- ⦿ If you get a grade *less than C*, must retake the course
  - Follow college policy on course repeats
  - Questions? Contact College Writing Program, TWIN 100

# Foreign Language

- ⦿ Requirement of **proficiency at the 102 level**
  - Can be satisfied with high school proficiency
  - One year in HS = one semester here
  - **MUST** send HS transcript to Admissions for this purpose
- ⦿ Need placement exam?
  - Recommendation is for students to take the CLEP exam.  
Contact Admissions for information
- ⦿ Sign language is allowed to substitute for some majors
  - Education (including secondary education majors)
  - SLP, SWK, CRJ, BUS, Interior Design students (see quad-fold)
  - **Not** approved for all BSC students

# Math/Quantitative Reasoning Requirement

*May be met through:*

- *Credit-bearing (AP) coursework—evaluated by Admissions from student-submitted HS information*
- *Equivalent transfer course or GETA*
- **ECO 305** Statistics for Economics
- **MAT 103** Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics
- **MAT 114** Functions and Modeling
- **MAT 122** Elementary Math from an Advanced Standpoint
- **MAT 126** Calculus
- **MAT 161** Calculus I
- **MAT 311** Introduction to Probability and Statistics
- **PHI 107** Introduction to Mathematical Logic

# Cognate Foundations

- ⦿ Need 6 credits in **each** of four categories:
  - Arts
  - Humanities
  - Natural Science
  - Social Science
- ⦿ **ONLY designated** courses count
  - See GEIF quad-fold pamphlet & online list
  - New courses added every year & are retroactive
- ⦿ A.A. or A.S. degree (but **NOT A.A.S**) waives one course in *each* category

# “Two Prefix Rule” for GEIF Categories

Courses must come from at least two disciplines (prefixes) for these Cognate Foundations:

Arts

Humanities

Natural Science

Social Science

**For example**, do not take two DAN courses in the Arts category, or two BIO courses in the Natural Science category.

# Foundations of Civilizations

- ① Foundations (American History)
  - 3 credits
- ① Foundations (Western Civilization)
  - 3 credits
- ① Foundations (Non-Western Civilizations)
  - 3 credits

“Two-prefix rule” does NOT apply to these Foundations categories

# Double-Dipping

- ⦿ “Double dip” means that a course satisfies two or more requirements
  - Example: SOC 240 counts both as Diversity and Social Science Foundations, **but** it’s still only 3 credits
- ⦿ **Diversity** courses can be double-dipped with ANY other requirement (major, minor, GEIF, W, etc.)
- ⦿ **W** courses can be double-dipped in ANY way (major, minor, GEIF, diversity)
- ⦿ Courses from the major can be double-dipped into general education
- ⦿ NO double-dipping is allowed between “Foundations” categories

# Additional GEIF Requirements

- ◎ Diversity (3 credits)
- ◎ Technology and Society (3 credits)
  - Waived with A.A. or A.S. degree (but **NOT A.A.S.**)
- ◎ Basic Oral Communication (3 credits)
  - Will often be fulfilled in the major
  - New courses being added every year
- ◎ Writing Across the Curriculum\*
- ◎ Foreign Language\*

\* see subsequent slides

# Writing Across the Curriculum

- ◎ Students must take 6 credits, usually *two* courses, designated Writing Intensive (**W**)
  - Examples: ENG 300W, ANT 244W
  - A few departments use portfolio review to satisfy the requirement; talk to your adviser
- ◎ Successful completion of CWP 102 is a prerequisite
- ◎ Course must be designated “**W**” the semester it is taken
- ◎ **W** courses must be taken at Buffalo State
- ◎ Many, but **not all**, students satisfy this requirement with courses in their major

# General Tips

- See your adviser regularly!
- Always get a completed, **signed** advisement slip from your adviser as official proof of advisement
- For **most** GEIF requirements, you need only a category, not a specific course, e.g.,

<u>Specific Course</u>	<u>GEIF Category</u>
PHI 101	Humanities
CHE 100	Natural Science

Thus, if the specific course is closed, you can search in Banner for another course in the same *category* (*Attribute Type\* box*)

	All College Honors Program
<b>Course Number:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Title:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Instructional Method:</b>	All DO NOT USE Freshmen Seminar
<b>Credit Range:</b>	<input type="text"/> hours to <input type="text"/> hours
<b>Course Level:</b>	All Graduate Post Bacc/GR Premajor/NoDeg
<b>Part of Term:</b> Non-date based classes only	All Full Term
<b>Instructor:</b>	All Abbarno, John M. Abbott, David S.
<b>Attribute Type:</b>	Humanities, GEC Humanities, IF Math and Quantitative Rea, IF
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<b>End Time:</b>	Hour <input type="text" value="00"/> Minute <input type="text" value="00"/> am/pm <input type="text" value="am"/>
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Class Search

Reset

# Satisfactory Academic Progress and Financial Aid

- **Both** TAP and Federal financial aid are contingent upon “Satisfactory Academic Progress” requirements
- Students must be accepted into a major no later than completion of 57 credits
- **Federal** aid will cover a maximum of 185 credits attempted
  - W, E, I, U, F, N count as attempted credits
  - FA office may send you a “high hours” questionnaire to be completed by your adviser
- **TAP** will cover a maximum 8 semesters (except for EOP students, who get 10 semesters)
  - TAP does NOT cover D, D+, C- repeats
- Financial aid is threatened by low GPA
  - A one-semester appeal is often possible—students should follow instructions in letter from FA office
- Academic level (class level) is determined, not by how many years you have been in college, but the number of credit hours successfully completed. (F = 0-28 hrs.; Soph = 29-56 hrs., etc.)
- More information at: <http://www.buffalostate.edu/financialaid/>

# QUESTIONS?

Updated list of approved GEIF courses online:

<http://www.buffalostate.edu/intellectualfoundations>

Choose the “Courses” link

Today’s PowerPoint is online on the  
School of Natural and Social Sciences site:

<http://www.buffalostate.edu/snss/>

Choose the “Information for Students” link