

**Fact Sheet for Continuing Buffalo State Students  
(Enrolled Fall 2006-Spring 2014)  
Intellectual Foundations**

**Intellectual Foundations (IF)**

Intellectual Foundations is the general education curriculum at Buffalo State. It is designed to provide the intellectual and creative foundations for all educated persons regardless of their chosen profession. The purpose of the Intellectual Foundations Program is to develop the skills and habits of the mind required for a life of intellectual curiosity and civic engagement.

**IF Waivers**

The provost announced that the following will apply to currently enrolled students **graduating in December 2014 or later**:

- The 3-credit Technology and Society requirement is waived.
- 3 credits in each of the four Cognate Foundations areas (Arts, Humanities, Natural Science, Social Science) are waived.

All other degree requirements for current students remain in effect for December 2014 graduation or later.

These waivers are in addition to the previously granted waiver of BSC 101/301, for all students under the current Intellectual Foundations Program.

**Keep in Mind:**

- **A minimum of 120 hours must be completed to graduate.**
- You should explore minors or double majors to make productive use of the credits you need to get to 120 hours
- These waivers will be reflected in Degree Works mid-summer.
- You will remain in the Intellectual Foundations program. The waivers do not place you into the IF 2014 program.
- Your Adviser is to use the current Intellectual Foundations (IF) Advisement Record sheet. The forms are to be marked accordingly to reflect the waiving of the 3-credit Technology and Society requirement, 3 credits in Arts, 3 credits in Humanities, 3 credits in Natural Science, and 3 credits in Social Science.
- You will still need to complete the remaining Intellectual Foundations requirements: Basic Oral Communication, Diversity, Writing across the Curriculum, Basic Writing, Foreign Language, 3 credits in each Cognate (Arts, Humanities, Natural Science, and Social Science), Foundations of Civilizations, and Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning.
- If you completed the categories prior to the January 23<sup>rd</sup> announcement of the waivers (e.g., Cognates and Technology and Society), you will receive all-college electives for the waived courses
- Be sure to contact your academic adviser and/or financial aid counselor if you have questions.

A comparison of the Intellectual Foundations program before and after the waivers is reflected in the following table:

Current IF Program	Current IF Program After Waivers
<p><b>Basic Writing</b> CWP 101 (3) CWP 102 (3)</p> <p><b>Foreign Language:</b> Proficiency at 102-level. (0-6)</p> <p><b>Cognate Foundations</b> (different course prefixes) Arts (6) Humanities (6) Natural Sciences (6) Social Sciences (6)</p> <p><b>Foundations of Civilizations</b> (9) American History (3) Western Civilizations (3) Non-Western Civilizations (3)</p> <p><b>Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning</b> (3) <b>Subject Areas:</b> Can satisfy multiple requirements Technology and Society (3) Diversity (3) Basic Oral Communication (3) Writing Across the Curriculum (6)</p>	<p><b>Basic Writing</b> CWP 101 (3) CWP 102 (3)</p> <p><b>Foreign Language:</b> Proficiency at 102-level. (0-6)</p> <p><b>Cognate Foundations</b> Arts (<b>3</b>) Humanities (<b>3</b>) Natural Sciences (<b>3</b>) Social Sciences (<b>3</b>)</p> <p><b>Foundations of Civilizations</b> (9) American History (3) Western Civilizations (3) Non-Western Civilizations (3)</p> <p><b>Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning</b> (3) <b>Subject Areas:</b> Can satisfy multiple requirements Technology and Society (<b>0</b>) Diversity (3) Basic Oral Communication (3) Writing Across the Curriculum (6)</p>

**For More Information:**

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