

**Fact Sheet for Faculty and Advisers
Intellectual Foundations
For Currently Enrolled Students (Enrolled Fall 2006-Spring 2014)**

Intellectual Foundations (IF)¹

Intellectual Foundations is the general education curriculum at Buffalo State. It encompasses the SUNY General Education Requirements and is designed to provide the intellectual and creative foundations for all educated persons regardless of their chosen profession.

- The IF program, that was implemented fall 2006, remains the general education program for undergraduate students entering Buffalo State, who began college as freshmen (anywhere) on or after fall 2006 to spring 2014

Provost's Announcement

The provost announced the following in The Daily Bulletin on Thursday, January 23, 2014:

Buffalo State is proceeding with the implementation of a new general education program (IF 2014) for new undergraduate students effective September 2014. Following consultation with numerous campus constituencies, including the deans and the President's Cabinet, we announce 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 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.

Keep in Mind:

- **A minimum of 120 credit hours must be completed to graduate.**
- Students should explore minors or double majors to make productive use of the credits they need to get to 120 hours
- These waivers will be reflected in Degree Works mid-summer.
- Currently enrolled students remain in the Intellectual Foundations program. The waivers do not place students into the IF 2014 program.
- Advisers are to use the current Intellectual Foundations (IF) Advisement Record sheet. Mark the forms 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.
- Students still need to complete the remaining Intellectual Foundations requirements: Basic Oral Communication, Diversity, Writing across the Curriculum, Basic Writing, Foreign Language, 3 credits

¹ Intellectual Foundations 2014 (IF 14 or IF 2014): Intellectual Foundations 2014 reflects recommended changes to the current IF program. IF 2014 is to be implemented fall 2014 and applies to summer 2014 and fall 2014 transfer students and newly admitted students.

in each Cognate (Arts, Humanities, Natural Science, and Social Science), Foundations of Civilizations, and Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning.

- Students, who completed the categories prior to the January 23rd announcement of the waivers (e.g., Cognates and Technology and Society), will receive all-college electives for the waived courses.

Illustration of Intellectual Foundations Waivers

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

For More Information:

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