

Intellectual Foundations 2014
Summer 2014 and Fall 2014 New and Transfer Buffalo

Intellectual Foundations

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.

Intellectual Foundations 2014 (IF 14 or IF 2014)

New and transfer undergraduates entering Buffalo State College during the summer 2014 or fall 2014 and later must complete the Intellectual Foundations 2014 program.

Basic Written and Oral Communication CWP 101 (3): must earn a minimum grade of C CWP 102 (3): must earn a minimum grade of C	6 Credits
Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning <i>Select one course from this area</i> *Can satisfy major/minor requirements	3 Credits
Cognate Foundations <i>Select one course from this area</i> Arts (3) Humanities (3) Natural Science (3) Social Science (3) *Courses must be outside of the major prefix	12 Credits
Foundations of Civilizations <i>Select one course from this area</i> American History (3) Western Civilization (3) Non-Western Civilization (3) *Can satisfy major/minor requirements	9 Credits
Diversity <i>Select one Course from this area</i> *Can satisfy major/minor requirements	3 Credits
Global Engagement <i>Select one option—see attached</i>	0-6 Credits
Intellectual Skills and Competencies Writing Across the Curriculum (Infused) Critical Thinking (Infused) Information Management (Infused)	0 Credits
Total Maximum Number of Credits	33-39

A minimum of 120 academic credit hours must be completed to graduate from Buffalo State College. You are encouraged to speak regularly with your academic advisor.

Global Engagement (0-6 Credits)

Select from the four options to satisfy the global engagement requirement:

Option 1: Study a Foreign Language

- Take and pass a college language course at the 102 level.
- Demonstration of successful completion of two sequential foreign language study (the same language) at the high school level will satisfy the Global Engagement requirement
- This option meets the SUNY General Education requirement
- Contact the Modern and Classical Language Department at 716-878-5414 for information about the CLEP exam

Option 2: Proficiency Exam

- Pass an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) at the novice-high level
- Contact the Assistant Dean of International and Exchange Program at 716-878-4620

Option 3: Study Abroad

- Take an approved faculty-led study abroad, global engagement course **OR**
- Contact the Assistant Dean of Intellectual Foundations at 716-878-5906 and Instructor of Record for an Independent Study Abroad experience
- Passing will satisfy 3 of 6 required credits for global engagement

Option 4: Global at Home and Abroad

- Take an approved service-learning, global engagement course **OR**
- Contact the Assistant Dean of Intellectual Foundations at 716-878-5906 and the Volunteer and Service Learning Coordinator at 716-878-5811 for an independent local, regional or international experience with an organization
- Passing will satisfy 3 of 6 required credits for global engagement

Implementation Guidelines:

- A student with one year of prior foreign language study from high school and who has met placement criteria where needed can satisfy the Global Engagement requirement by choosing from options 1-4.
- A student with no prior foreign study from high school can satisfy the Global Engagement requirement through Option 2 **or** a combination of Option 1, 3 and/or 4 for a total of six credits.