

## Changes to the Distribution Requirements

Office of the Registrar

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On February 5 and April 9, the faculty approved changes to Reed's distribution requirements (also known as group requirements). These will be effective in fall 2019. While the basic architecture of the new requirements has been approved, there are likely some details yet to be worked out. We expect to consider those in fall 2018 with a final summary available by spring 2019.

The current group requirements (Humanities, Groups A-D, X) have not changed and may be used by all current students and new students enrolling in 2018-19.

New students who join Reed in fall 2019 will be subject to the new requirements. Continuing students enrolled in 2019-20 can elect to use the new requirements for graduation or remain with the current ones. **However, given that we will not know the final rules of the requirements until spring 2019, students are advised to plan in a way that keeps their options open if they hope to fulfill the new requirements rather than the current ones.**

Once the final changes have been approved, updated major planners and declaration of major forms will be available. For now, the summary below may be helpful.

### Distribution Requirements Effective Fall 2019

Students must take three units in each of the following four categories:

- a. Humanities 110: Required of all first-year students and of all transfer students. Sophomore or junior transfers may substitute either Humanities 220 or two units from Humanities 211, 212, 231 and 232, and one additional unit from Group I or Group II for the Humanities 110 requirement.
- b. Group I: 3 units from the following areas, of which 2 must come from the same area: Art, Chinese, Classics (only Greek and Latin language and literature classes), Creative Writing, Dance, English, French, German, Humanities, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Russian, Spanish, Theatre. A maximum of two units can be from language classes.
- c. Group II: 3 units from the following areas, of which 2 must come from the same area: Anthropology, Classics (only archeology and ancient history classes), Economics, History, Humanities, Linguistics, Political Science, Religion, Sociology.
- d. Group III: 3 units from the following areas, of which 2 must come from the same area: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology. One unit must come from a course(s) with a laboratory component.

Note 1: No course can count towards more than one of the above categories.

Note 2: An area is defined to be all classes taught by the department with the same name, or

- All Humanities courses, except for Humanities 110 and 411
- All literature courses designated CMPL, LITC, LITF, LITG, LITR, LITS or that are designated as literature courses by the language departments.

Note 3: No more than two units from any area can be used towards the distribution requirements. The one exception is Humanities, where the cap of two units excludes Humanities 110 or, in the case of transfer students, other Humanities courses being used to satisfy the Humanities 110 requirement.

Note 4: No distribution requirement can be taken as credit/no credit.

Note 5: No distribution requirement can be satisfied by waiver (ex., by AP, IB, or other examination).

Note 6: No thesis course can be used to satisfy any distribution requirement.

**Additional changes approved (and incorporated into the changes above):**

- There is no limit on using courses in the major to fulfill distribution requirements other than the limit of two units in one area

- Courses in the performing arts, studio arts and creative writing are now applicable to distribution requirements

- Transfer students who take a 200-level Humanities in place of Humanities 110 may take a second 200-level Humanities course for a group requirement

- Group X is no longer required