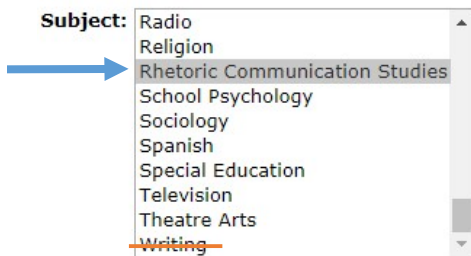


2024 FLEX Learning Communities

Recommended Third and Fourth Course by Discipline & Major
Course Information may change without notice.
Check the FLEX website often for updates.
Consult with your academic advisor.

Current as of May 2024

ALL MAJORS: The THIRD course MUST BE “RCS 110” (writing) unless the FLEX option already includes it. RCS is searchable on the “Subject” box under “Rhetoric Communication Studies,” and not “Writing.”



Third or Fourth course options by major/discipline are listed below. Note: in ALL CASES, you MUST take RCS 110 (within or outside of your chosen FLEX) notwithstanding specific major-level instructions below:

Behavioral Sciences

Anthropology, BS; Anthropology w/ Emphasis in Forensic Investigations & Identification, BS:

If you are interested in being an Anthropology major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website.

If you opt for an Anthropology FLEX, you are encouraged to select a general education or elective course(s) to round out your schedule. Alternatively, you may want to consider math, or a foreign language course based on placement. If, however, you opt for any other FLEX Learning Community, you are encouraged to select an Anthropology course without a prerequisite as a third or fourth course.

Criminology, BS:

If you are interested in being a Criminology major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website.

Select a general education or elective course as your third or fourth course. Consult with your academic advisor about meeting the Quantitative Reasoning (LVQR) requirement.

Sociology, BS:

If you are interested in being a Sociology major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website.

Select a general education or elective course as your third or fourth course. Consult with your academic advisor about meeting the Quantitative Reasoning (LVQR) requirement.

Psychology, BS:

If you are interested in being a Psychology major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website.

You may consider registering in PSY 101 as your third or fourth course. You may also consider any elective without a prerequisite. If PSY courses without prerequisites are not available, then select math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or elective course.

Business & Public Management

Accounting, BS:

If you are interested in being an accounting major, you may select FLEX Learning Community that has ACCT 201.

If you enroll in a non-Accounting FLEX, please enroll in ACCT 201. If that is not possible, consider as your third and fourth course one of the following: ECON 220, 221, BUS 101, 200, or any General Education course.

Business Administration, BS:

If you are interested in being a Business Administration major, you may select FLEX Learning Community which consists of Econ 220, Econ 221, Acct 201, or Math 104 if qualified.

If you enroll in a non-Business FLEX, consider as your third or fourth course one of the following: ECON 220, 221, BUS 101, 200, ACCT 201, or any General Education course.

Economics, BS:

If you are interested in being an Economics major, you may select FLEX community that has ECON 220, ECON 221, Acct 201, or Math 104, if qualified.

If you enroll in a non-Economics FLEX, consider as your third or fourth course one of the following: ECON 220, 221, BUS 101, 200, ACCT 201, or any General Education course.

International Business & Language, BS:

If you are interested in being an International Business and Language major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website.

You are encouraged to consider as your third or fourth course: a foreign language course, based on placement, or ACCT 203. You may also consider one of the following: ECON 220, 221, BUS 101, 200, ACCT 201, or any General Education course if you enroll in a non-International Business & Language FLEX.

Communications

Digital Media, BA:

If you are interested in a Digital Media major, you should select the FLEX Learning Community designated with TV 190. If the section is full, select the FLEX designated with TV 166.

You should consider as your third or fourth course (depending on the FLEX you select): TV 225 or, if TV 225 is full, TV 166.

Communications, BA:

If you are interested in Communications as your major, which includes Public Relations and Multimedia, select the FLEX Learning Community that includes JOUR 100.

You may consider as your third or fourth course: JOUR 166 or JOUR 226. If neither is available, choose math as your fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or elective course. If this FLEX is not available, you may select any FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX on our website and choose JOUR 100 as your third or fourth course.

Journalism, BA:

If you are interested in journalism as your major, which includes Print, Digital, and Broadcast News Reporting, you should select the FLEX Learning Community designated with JOUR 100.

You may consider as your third or fourth course: JOUR 166 or JOUR 226. If neither is available, choose math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or elective course. If this FLEX is not available, you may select any FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX on our website and choose JOUR 100 as your third or fourth course.

Rhetoric and Communication Studies, BA:

If you are interested in the study of human communications, which crosses both the humanities and social sciences, and are majoring or minoring in Rhetoric and Communication Studies (RCS), we recommend that your third or fourth course fulfill both a general education (GE) and a major/minor requirement.

Courses are open to non-majors and fulfill GE requirements:

RCS 210- Interpersonal Communication (LVOC and RCS major/minor)

RCS 220- Intercultural Communication (LVOC and RCS major/minor)

RCS 240: Persuasion and Social Influence (fulfills LVOC and RCS major/minor)

RCS 250- Spin Doctoring (LVOC and RCS major/minor)

RCS 265: Decolonial Rhetorics (fulfills LVE 100 and RCS major/minor)

RCS 350: Argumentation and Debate (fulfills LVOC and RCS major/minor)

RCS 360: Leadership Communication (fulfills Community Engagement and RCS major/minor).

Computer Science

Computer Science/Eng, BS:

If you are interested in being a Computer Science major, select the appropriately designated FLEX block that includes CMPS 218.

If you enroll in a different FLEX Community then select courses: CMPS 218, CMPS 301, or CMPN 280 but should consider math as your third or fourth course if your math placement is in Math 102, 104, or 105.

E-Commerce, BS:

If you are interested in being an E-Commerce major, select the appropriately designated FLEX block that includes CMPS 218.

You should consider math based on placement as your third or fourth course. If you enroll in a different FLEX Community, then select as your third or fourth course: CMPS 218.

Information Technology, BS:

If you are interested in being an Information Technology major, select the appropriate designated FLEX block that includes CMPS 218. If you enroll in a different FLEX Community, then select as your third or fourth course: CMPS 218 or CMPS 301 but should consider math as your third or fourth course if your math placement is in Math 102, 104, or 105.

Educational Studies & Child Development

Child Development, BS:

If you are interested in being a Child Development major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community, but are encouraged to also enroll in EDUC 253 as your third or fourth course.

If EDUC 253 is not available, then select math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or elective course.

Educational Studies, BA:

If you are interested in being an Educational Studies major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community. These FLEXs offer students who are interested in teaching with a good opportunity to explore the profession while earning elective credit. Check with the academic advisor about specific major requirements. Select math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or elective course.

Fine Arts

Studio Art, BA:

If you are interested in being an Art major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website,

Select math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or elective course.

Art History, BA:

If you are interested in being an Art History major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website,

Select math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or elective course.

Creative Writing, BA:

If you are interested in being a Creative Writing major or minor, you are encouraged to take the FLEX that features CWRT 201. This is a great introduction to the experimentation and play that exists in creative writing.

For your third or fourth course, consider fulfilling your Quantitative Reasoning (Math) requirement, taking foreign language class (based on placement such as SPAN or FREN 101), or the courses that fulfill general education requirements.

Music, BA:

If you are interested in being a Music major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community, (EXCEPT Mus 100, History & Appreciation) or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website,

Music majors MUST register in Music Theory I (MUS 230) as their third or fourth course. If there remains room in your schedule, choose a 1-semester hour ensemble. Consult with your academic advisor about specific introductory major courses you might consider for a fourth course option.

Photography, BA:

Photography majors are encouraged to select any FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website.

NOTE: Photography Majors must take PHOT 130 in their first semester, which includes an orientation to the department. You may consider as your additional course PHOT 100, PHOT110, ARTS 120 or math, based on placement. If photography or math sections are not available, then consider a general education or elective courses for your third or fourth course.

Theatre, BA:

If you are interested in being a Theatre major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website,

NOTE: Theatre Majors and Minors are encouraged to take THAR 270 in their first semester, which includes orientation to the program. You may consider as your additional course [depending on the LC you select]: THAR 120 or 113 or 110 or 255 or math, based on placement. If theater or math sections are not available, then consider a general education or elective courses for your third or fourth course.

Humanities

English, BA:

If you are interested in being an English major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community, we recommend taking an English FLEX course. An English course offered in FLEX will fulfill your GE requirement in the Humanities (LVHU). You may also be able to count the course toward one of your English major electives with the approval of the Chair.

Note: English FLEX courses are often paired with FLEX Writing classes (RGS), which will strengthen your skills. However, if you have already fulfilled your writing requirement, you may wish to consider taking an Honors FLEX. Consult with your academic advisor as you decide.

In addition to FLEX courses, you can take other classes to fulfill your GE requirements or begin core courses and electives in the English major. Introductory classes in the major are "Foundations of Linguistics" and "Introduction to Literary Criticism."

French, BA:

If you are interested in being a French major, you are encouraged to select FLEX Learning Communities 16 or 20, or ANY FLEX Learning Community, and to also enroll in a French course, based on placement, as your third or fourth course

If French is not available, then select math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider ENG: 270: Intro. to Linguistics, or a general education or elective course.

Liberal Arts, BA:

If you are interested in being a Liberal Arts major, you may select FLEX Learning Communities 16 or 21, or ANY FLEX Learning Community,

Select math as your third or fourth course based on placement. If math is not available, then consider a foreign language or other general education course.

Spanish, BA:

If you are interested in being a Spanish major, you may select ANY FLEX Learning Community, and to also enroll in an appropriate level Spanish course (especially if beginning at the first-year level), based on guided self-placement (to be taken within the student admission portal), or consultation with the Spanish Program Chair. If you are unable to take a Spanish course, consider ENG 270, ANTH 240, or a math or other general education course.

Philosophy, BA:

If you are interested in being a Philosophy major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website,

Select math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or elective course.

Religion, BA:

If you are interested in being a Religion major, you may select ANY FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website,

Select math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or elective course.

Religion/Philosophy, BA:

If you are interested in being a Religion/Philosophy major, you may select ANY FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website,

Select math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or elective course.

Comparative Literature, BA:

If you are interested in being a Comparative Literature major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community. You are also encouraged to enroll in one upper division literature course in FREN or SPAN or any foreign language course, based on placement, as your fourth course to reach level adequate to register in one upper division literature course in FREN or SPAN later.

If the above stated options are not available, then select math as your fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or elective course.

Kinesiology

Kinesiology BS, Health and Human Performance Concentration:

If you are interested in being a KINE major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community that is appropriately designated.

Select math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider KINE 201 Foundations of Kinesiology or a general education course.

Kinesiology BS, Physical education Teacher Ed (PETE) Concentration:

If you are interested in being a KINE Education major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community that is appropriately designated.

Select math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider KINE 201 or a general education course.

Natural Sciences

Biology, BA/BS:

If you are interested in being a biology major, you must select a science-based FLEX Learning Community as determined by your math placement examination.

NOTE: FLEXs with General Biology or General Chemistry will be for Biology majors who place into Math 104 or higher on La Verne placement examination and completed high school chemistry. 100-Level Biology and Chemistry are for Biology majors who place into Math 102 or lower and/or did not complete high school chemistry or for students who are interested in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics and have not completed high school chemistry.

Chemistry, BA/BS:

If you are interested in being a Chemistry major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community or appropriately designated FLEX block on our website.

NOTE: Chemistry majors should select register in a math course as their third or fourth course based on placement. PLEASE SEE BIOLOGY Major "NOTE" if you are considering a biology major.

Mathematics, BA/BS:

If you are interested in being a mathematics major, you are encouraged to take the FLEX with Math 170. Note: You will receive the LVDI credit for Math 170 even though Math 170 does not satisfy the major.

The mathematics program recommends that your third or fourth course as a mathematics major be the highest-level mathematics course that you place into after taking the appropriate placement examination. If you place into Calculus I or higher (Math 201), then your third or fourth course should be PHYS 203. Otherwise, your fourth course should be CMPS 301.

Physics, BA/BS:

If you are interested in being a Physics major, you may select ANY FLEX Learning Community.

The Physics Program recommends that your third course be the highest-level mathematics course that you place into. If you place into Math 201 (Calculus I) or higher, then the Physics Program recommends that your fourth course be PHYS 203. The Physics Program also recommends that Physics majors take PHYS 102 for their fourth or fifth course.

Social Sciences

History, BA:

If you are interested in being a history major, you should enroll in the FLEX with the Innovation Lab that includes HSTY III. If that FLEX combination is unavailable, you may select a non-FLEX section of HSTY IIO or III or math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or an elective course. Consult with your academic advisor about specific introductory major courses you might consider for a fourth course option.

International Studies, BA:

If you are interested in being an International Studies major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community, but are encouraged to consider PLSC 231 or 261 as your third or fourth course. If those are not available, then select math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or elective course.

Legal Studies, BS:

If you are interested in being a Legal Studies major, you may select ANY FLEX Learning Community, but are encouraged to also enroll in math based on placement, elective course, or general education.

Political Science, BA:

If you are interested in being a Political Science major, you should attempt to enroll in a FLEX with a political science course. If an appropriate FLEX is unavailable, you may choose any other FLEX community that will fulfill GE requirements. Select PLSC 201, 231, 261 or math as your third or fourth course based on placement.

Social Science, BA:

If you are interested in being a Social Science major, you may select any FLEX Learning Community. Select math as your third or fourth course based on placement; if math is not available then consider a general education or elective course.