Requirements Overview

University Requirements:

- International Perspectives. 3 crs from list.
- US Diversity. 3 crs from list.
- ISUComm Foundation requirement: English 150 and 250.
- Library 160.
- For a complete list of university requirements, please visit http://catalog.iastate.edu/collegescurricula/.

College Requirements:

- Communications Proficiency. 6 credits of English Composition with a C or better, 3 credits of Speech Fundamentals with a C or better.
- Humanities. 3 crs from list (http://www.cals.iastate.edu/student-services/humanities).*
- Social Sciences. 3 crs from list (http://www.cals.iastate.edu/student-services/social-sciences).*
- Ethics. 3 crs from list (http://www.cals.iastate.edu/student-services/ethics).*
- Life Sciences. Biol 101/211/212 AND 3 crs from list (http://www.cals.iastate.edu/student-services/life-science).*
- 3 credits of math.
- 3 credits of statistics.
- 5 credits of physical science.
- The residency requirement: 18 credits from departments in our college, 12 of which have to be 300-level and above.
- For more information on the CALS college requirements, please visit http://catalog.iastate.edu/collegeofagricultureandlifesciences/#corecurriculumtext.

Departmental Requirements:

- Pretty much everything else.

The Communication / Library area is far and away the most complex area of the audit for most departments due to the way these three types of requirements interact. A typical Comm / Lib area looks like this:

1. Engl 150 & 250. A university requirement, but these courses can also be used to meet the CALS communications proficiency requirement IF the student gets a C or better in them.
2. Speech. Can be used for the CALS communications proficiency requirement IF the student gets a C or better.
3. Engl 300+. A departmental requirement that can also be used to meet the CALS communications proficiency requirement IF the course is on the approved list and the student gets a C or better. It can also be used to meet the university’s ISUComm Foundation requirement if approved by the English department.

Fun, isn’t it? :-)

Sometimes courses can be used to satisfy more than one of these requirements. This is known as dual-listing or double-counting, and the guidelines can be found on our website: http://www.cals.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/Double-Counting-Courses-in-CALS.pdf. Note that some departments place additional restrictions on dual-listing.

* Note that some majors use a more restrictive list. Note also that these lists have been recently updated – courses that were previously taken to satisfy these requirements will still count, but courses taken spring 2018 or later will need to be on the new lists....