

DSXX-Distributive Studies Wildcard

The DSXX designation is used only for at Maryland Community college students transferring to the University of Maryland who have not earned an associate's degree, or students from USM four year schools who have not earned a bachelor's degree or who do not have a completed a General Education package from their institution.

The Maryland Higher Education Commission requires that the University accept general education courses from Maryland public higher education institutions. General education courses from Maryland public colleges and universities that do not carry designations in our new General Education program will be given the designation of DSXX ("Distributive Studies Wildcard"). These DSXX designated courses may be used to satisfy Distributive Studies requirements (Humanities, History and Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Scholarship in Practice) in a transfer student's general education. DSXX cannot be used to satisfy Fundamental Studies, I-Series, Understanding Plural Societies or Cultural Competence; nor can DSXX courses be used to replace the four-credit laboratory requirement. Only those DSXX courses taken prior to transferring to the University of Maryland are applicable to a student's general education.

Please note: Students who have earned an associate's degree will be considered to have completed all general education courses with the exception of Professional Writing and additional courses in order to fulfill the 40 credit minimum required general education courses. Students with associate's degrees or who have completed the general education requirements at the sending institutions are not required to complete a course by course articulation. The DSXX designation is used only for students transferring to the University of Maryland who have not earned an associate's degree. Students who have earned Bachelors' degrees do not need any additional General Education courses.

Because the general education requirements are different at each school, the maximum number of courses/credits that are acceptable to the University of Maryland's General Education program vary. Below is a chart that indicates the number of DSXX courses that the University of Maryland will accept.

Community Colleges

School	DSXX
Allegany College of Maryland	2 courses or 6 credits
Anne Arundel Community College	2 courses or 6 credits
Baltimore City Community College	up to 8 credits
Carroll Community College	1 course or 3 credits
Cecil Community College	none
Chesapeake College	2 courses or 6 credits
College of Southern Maryland	1 course or 3 credits
Fredrick Community College	2 courses or 6 credits
Garrett Community College	1 course or 3 credits
Hagerstown Community College	1 course or 3 credits
Harford Community College	none
Howard Community College	1 course or 3 credits

Montgomery College	1 course or 3 credits
Prince Georges Community College	1 course or 3 credits
The Community College of Baltimore	up to 8 credits
Wor-Wic Community College	none

Four Year Schools

Bowie State University	1 course or 3 credits
Coppin State University	1 course or 3 credits
Frostburg State University	2 courses or 6 credits
Morgan State University	2 courses or 6 credits
Salisbury State University	1 course or 3 credits
Towson State University	1 course or 3 credits
University of Baltimore	2 courses or 6 credits
University of Baltimore, Baltimore County	1 course or 3-4 credits
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	2 courses or 4 credits
University of Maryland, University College	2 courses or 7 credits

Please note that when a student has attended multiple institutions, the University will follow the requirements of the most recently attended school.