Social Foundation
- Global Perspectives on Society I (GPS I) taken in Fall, Year 1
- Global Perspectives on Society II (GPS II) taken in Spring, Year 1
- Social Science Perspectives on China (one course)

Cultural Foundation
- Perspectives on Humanities (PoH) taken in Fall or Spring, Year 2
- Chinese Arts (one course)

Mathematics *
- Calculus
- Or Honors Calculus
- Or Pre-Calculus
- Or Quantitative Reasoning

Science
Two out of Three
- Experimental Discovery in the Natural World (ED)
- Science, Technology, and Society (STS)
- Programming or Computational Methods

Language
International Students: must reach the Intermediate Chinese II level.

Chinese Students: must take one to two semesters of English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses.

* Students are placed into a math course of their level at the fall semester of their freshman year. Calculus is required for Bio, Chem, Neural Sci, Physics, Math, Computer Sci, Engineering, Business, and Econ majors. Honors Calculus is required for Honors Math majors. Humanities, Global China Studies, and Interactive Media Arts majors who are placed below Calculus can take Pre-Calculus or Quantitative Reasoning to fulfill the math requirement.