COLLEGIATE CURRICULUM

*The Randolph-Macon College general education curriculum consists of three components: a three-course First Year Experience (the **First Year Experience Requirement)** followed by a set of subject-based Areas of Knowledge requirements not to exceed 17 courses, and two physical education courses **(the Areas of Knowledge requirement)**. In conjunction with a student's major coursework, these courses are collectively attentive to providing students with experiences that provide instruction in computing technologies, are attentive to Non-Western cultures, are experiential, and provide students with a focused "capstone" experience (the **Cross Area Requirement**).*

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

The First-Year Experience (FYE) consists of a two-course, year-long interdisciplinary First-Year Colloquium (FYC) and a one-semester course devoted to the development and reinforcement of students' writing skills.

AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

A student may use a single course to satisfy only one Area of Knowledge requirement, even if the course is designated as fulfilling an Area of Knowledge requirement in more than one area.

- *Civilizations (4 courses)*
  -Two courses must be in history.
  -Two courses must be in religious studies or philosophy.

- *Arts and Literature (3 courses)*
  -At least one of the three courses must be in literature.
  -At least one of the three courses must be in the arts.

- *Social Sciences (2 courses)*

- *Natural and Mathematical Sciences (4 courses)*
  "Mathematical Sciences" includes mathematics, statistics, & computer science.
  -At least one of the four courses must be in mathematics.
  -At least two courses must have laboratory components and at least one of these courses must be in the natural sciences.

- *Foreign Language*
  A student must demonstrate proficiency through the intermediate (second-year) level in at least one foreign language.

- *Wellness (2 activity courses)*

CROSS-AREA REQUIREMENTS

Students must fulfill the following cross-area requirements. These are often, but not always, met by fulfilling the FYE and Area of Knowledge requirements. Students should work with their advisors to ensure that they have had:

- A capstone experience that widely integrates knowledge and skills
- At least one course that emphasizes problem solving for computer solution and/or the creation of models to implement solutions in computer software or hardware.
- At least one course designated as especially attentive to non-Western culture(s) or other cultural differences among people.
- At least one course in a student's program must be experiential in that it is a travel or study-abroad course, an internship, a research experience, a field study, or student-teaching.

AP/IB/DUAL ENROLLMENT POLICIES

Students may use Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate or Dual Enrollment credits to receive credit for requirements in the **Areas of Knowledge.** Students may also place out of one or more courses in foreign language based upon R-MC's language placement tests. A student that places out of an Areas of Knowledge course or course on his/her major that has been designated as fulfilling a Cross-Area Requirement will often be deemed to have fulfilled the same Cross-Area Requirement.

***A single course may count for up to one Area of Knowledge, two Cross Area Requirements, and on a student's major or minor when it carries appropriate approvals by all relevant college authorities. Students should work closely with their academic advisors to select their courses.