

Academic Advising Essentials: Understanding UNIFI

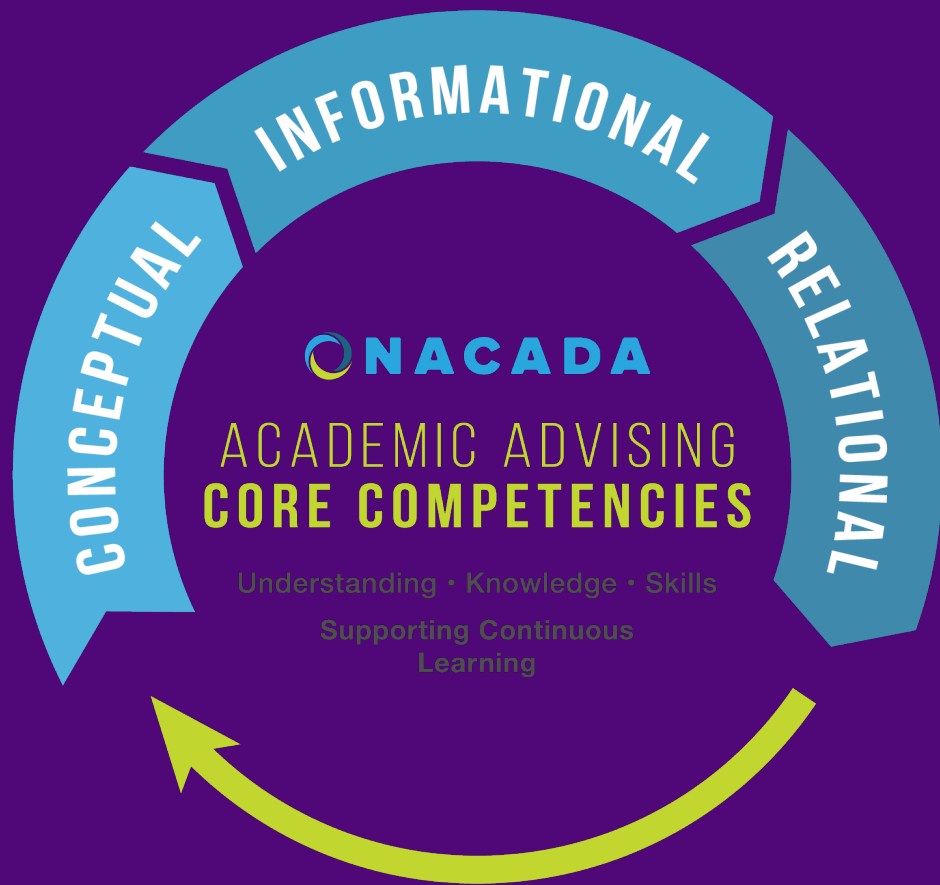
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We will review the new UNI Foundational Inquiry (UNIFI) program with focus on learning area requirements and policies, courses, and the opportunity for students to earn General Education certificates.

** This session will be recorded and posted on the Academic Advisor Portal website.*



The **Conceptual** component provides the context for the delivery of academic advising. It covers the ideas and theories that advisors must understand to effectively advise their students.

The **Informational** component provides the substance of academic advising. It covers the knowledge advisors must gain to be able to guide the students at their institution.

The **Relational** component provides the skills that enable academic advisors to convey the concepts and information from the other two components to their advisees.

Today's Agenda:

- **Structure and Learning Area Requirements**

 - Courses and General Education Certificates**

 - UNIFI | General Education Program website

 - Administrative Policies**

 - Academic Advising and UNIFI Resources**

Most importantly, we encourage your questions and to share your knowledge/ideas through discussion!

Structure and Learning Area Requirements

What is UNI Foundational Inquiry (UNIFI) | General Education Program?

Key Highlights...

- Making general education matter
 - More flexibility and credentialing
 - More transfer friendly

UNIFI Consists of...

Consists of **37 credits**

3 tiers that are divided into **learning areas**

UNIFI is meant to help a student **explore disciplines and academic areas** outside of their major - helping the student to be a **well-rounded learner**.

Engage (Skills)

Written Communication

SLOs 1, 2

Oral Communication

SLOs 3, 5, 6

Quantitative Reasoning

SLOs 1, 4

Discover (Knowledge)

Human Condition

(Domestic)

SLOs 6, 7

Human Condition

(Global)

SLOs 6, 7

Scientific Reasoning

(with lab)

SLOs 1, 8

Human Expression

SLOs 9, 10

Responsibility

SLOs 11, 12

Connect (Multidisciplinary Certificate)

Course Choice #1

Course Choice #2

Course Choice #3

Course Choice #4

Certificate must minimally meet SLOs 1, 2, 3 PLUS at least two others. | Certificates may be three or four courses in length.

Tier 1



- Learn foundational skills to be successful throughout your time at UNI

Take one course from each Learning Area

9 credits required

Student Learning Outcomes Achieved

Critical Thinking
Writing
Speaking
Quantitative
Collaboration
Diversity & Commonality

Tier 2

Discover (Knowledge)

Human Condition
(Domestic)

Human Condition
(Global)

Scientific Reasoning
(with lab)

Human Expression

Responsibility

- Develop a broad base of knowledge across multiple disciplines

Take one course from each Learning Area

16 credits required

- 5 3-credit classes + 1-credit lab

Student Learning Outcomes Achieved

Critical Thinking

Diversity & Commonality

Human Condition

Scientific Reasoning

Creativity

Artistic Meaning

Values

Ethics

Tier 3

Connect (Multidisciplinary Certificate)

Course Choice #1

Course Choice #2

Course Choice #3

Course Choice #4

● Connect knowledge and skills

Four courses required for a total of 12 credits.

Two options to complete this tier:

- **Option 1:** Complete four additional UNIFI elective courses
- **Option 2:** Complete a UNIFI Certificate!
Certificates consist of 3 or 4 courses that take a broad look at a topic from different perspectives.

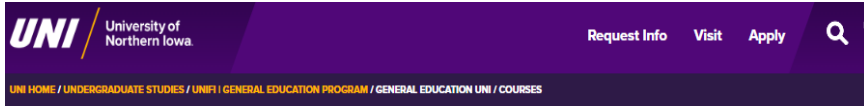
Student Learning Outcomes Achieved

Though customizable to your interests, certificates must minimally meet outcomes aligning with those below:

Critical Thinking
Writing
Speaking
Plus two others

Courses and General Education Certificates

UNIFI | General Education Website: <https://undergraduatestudies.uni.edu/unifi>



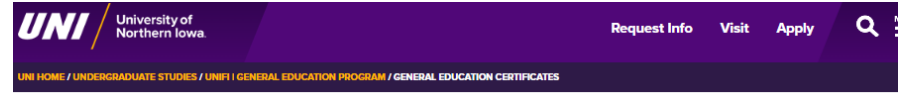
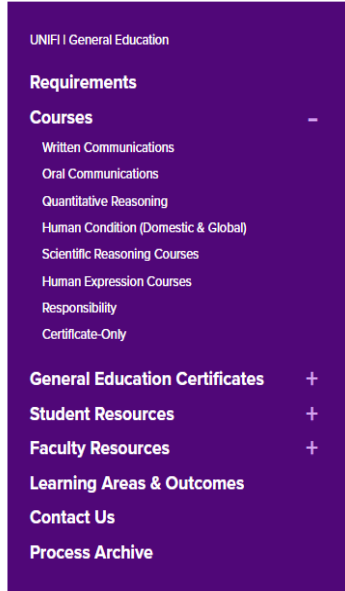
Courses

More than 150 general education courses

Students can choose from among more than 150 courses across 50 different programs. The innovative faculty on our campus have revised current courses or designed new ones especially for the general education program. More offerings will be added on an ongoing basis. For a full list of general education courses included in the UNIFI program, you can consult [this spreadsheet](#), which includes the Student Learning Outcomes covered in each course. (Note: In order to access the spreadsheet, you must be signed in to your uni.edu account.)

You can also download a list of UNIFI courses in each category by clicking [this link](#).

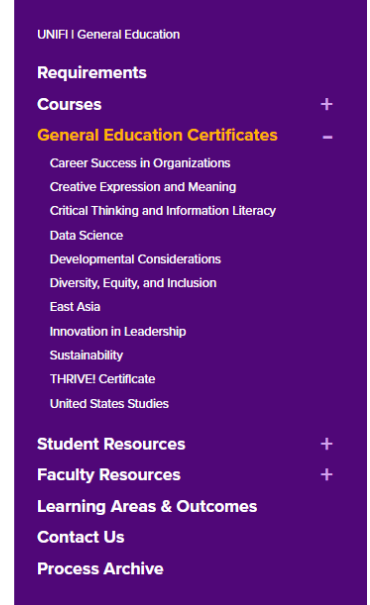
A list of UNIFI certificates and their respective courses can be found by clicking [this link](#).



General Education Certificates

From classwork straight to the resume, certificate options are built right into the UNIFI experience.

UNIFI general education works harder for our students. The requirements are planned intentionally so you get the most out of experience, setting you on the right path with the skills employers are seeking. Built right into the program is the opportunity to earn an extra credential along the way. General education certificates can be a great way to examine issues from a variety of perspectives and disciplines, creating a holistic understanding that you can carry straight into the working world.



Administrative Policies

UNIFI Administrative Policies

1. UNIFI/General Education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both the UNIFI program and the major, minor, and program emphases.
2. Departments offering a UNIFI/General Education course may preclude their major or minor students from taking that particular course to satisfy the requirements for UNIFI/General Education, the major, or the minor.
3. UNIFI/General Education requirements can be met through CLEP examinations, departmental examinations, and the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board.
4. No UNIFI/General Education course may be taken for graduate credit.
5. **No UNIFI/General Education course may have a prerequisite with the exception of demonstrated language or math proficiency for placement purposes.**
6. **All courses taken to meet UNIFI/General Education requirements must be taken for graded credit.**
7. **An Associate of Arts (AA) or an Associate of Science (AS) degree from any accredited institution of higher education shall be accepted to meet all UNIFI/General Education program requirements.**
8. The UNIFI/General Education requirements apply to all undergraduate degree programs.
9. Regents Articulation Agreement

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UNIFI Advising Information

- Complete UNIFI **throughout your time at UNI** - no need to complete in your first year!

UNIFI requirements are the **same** for all UNI students - it doesn't matter what your major is!

Use UNIFI courses as an **opportunity to learn** about different disciplines - you may discover a new interest!

What should I do if I have a student who is on the previous Liberal Arts Core (LAC) program and wants to **switch to UNIFI**?

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UNIFI Resources

● UNIFI | General Education Program

- <https://undergraduestudies.uni.edu/unifi>

UNIFI Courses by Learning Area (pdf)

- <https://undergraduestudies.uni.edu/sites/default/files/inline-files/2-pager-unifi-courses-3.27.23.pdf>

UNIFI Certificates (pdf)

- <https://undergraduestudies.uni.edu/sites/default/files/inline-files/unifi-certificates-2023-2024.pdf>

UNIFI Advising Guide 2023 -24 (pdf)

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BZ6WkKB8obvZ-UeJSisykewfAV93qjSo/view?usp=sharing>
- This guide will be linked on the Academic Advisor Portal - Academic Advising webpage

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Questions?

Upcoming Academic Advising Essentials Sessions:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Reading the Advisement Report

Take a walk with us through the advisement report as well as discuss policies related to graduation requirements, undergraduate academic standing, and transfer credits.

This session will be held via Zoom. Join in these live zoom events to learn, engage, and ask questions on this topic. Complete [this form](#) to request the zoom link to participate in the session at least 24 hours (on business days) prior to the event. If requesting the link after this time, please call the [Office of Academic Advising](#) at 319-273-3406 for information.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Scheduling & Registration

We will address scheduling/registration through the questions of what information students should know, how they plan for registration, and what happens at their registration date/time. Using and viewing the student information system (SIS) from both the advisor and student side will be integrated into this session.

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