Humanities and Social Science Requirements at the Colorado School of Mines

All Mines students must complete a 19-credit-hour curriculum in the Humanities and Social Sciences, ranging from freshman through senior levels of course work. These courses are offered by the Division of Liberal Arts and International Studies (LAIS) and by the Division of Economics and Business (EB).

The 10-credit humanities and social sciences core curriculum consists of

- **Nature & Human Values** (LAIS 100) – 4 credits
- **Human Systems** (SYGN 200) – 3 credits
- **Principles of Economics** (EBGN 201) – 3 credits

The remaining 9 credits, 3 courses, must be chosen from the Humanities and Social Sciences General Education restricted electives, listed in the LAIS section of the Bulletin.

This part of the humanities and social science requirement is often a source of confusion. Part of the problem is that this requirement has had many names over the years and may be called different things by different departments: LAIS credit, Clusters, H&SS, LAIS/EBGN electives, Distributed Humanities and Social Sciences. The other source of confusion is that not all EBGN courses may be used to satisfy this requirement.

Here are the rules:

- The 3 courses must be chosen from the approved courses listed in the LAIS section of the bulletin.
- At least one of the 3 courses must be taken in LAIS.
- *Single majors in Economics* must take all 3 courses in LAIS.
- At least one of the 3 courses must be an approved 400-level course.
- No 100-level courses may be used for these restricted electives (except foreign language courses).
- AP and/or IB credit may not be applied to the restricted electives.

A current list of courses that satisfy this requirement is on the reverse.
H&SS General Education Restricted Electives

**EBGN301** Intermediate Microeconomics
**EBGN302** Intermediate Macroeconomics
**EBGN310** Environment & Resource Economics
**EBGN320** Economics and Technology
**EBGN330** Energy Economics
**EBGN342** Economic Development
**EBGN343** International Economics
**EBGN344** Public Economics
**EBGN470** Environmental Economics

**LAIS220** Introduction to Philosophy
**LAIS221** Introduction to Religions
**LAIS286** Introduction to Government & Politics
**LAIS298** Special Topics
**LAIS300** Creative Writing: Fiction
**LAIS301** Creative Writing: Poetry
**LAIS305** American Literature: Colonial Period to the Present
**LAIS306** African American Literature: Foundations to the Present
**LAIS307** Explorations in Comparative Literature
**LAIS310** Modern European Literature
**LAIS315** Musical Traditions of the Western World
**LAIS320** Ethics
**LAIS322** Logic
**LAIS325** Cultural Anthropology
**LAIS335** International Political Economy of Latin America
**LAIS337** International Political Economy of Asia
**LAIS339** International Political Economy of the Middle East
**LAIS341** International Political Economy of Africa
**LAIS343** International Political Economy of Europe
**LAIS345** International Political Economy
**LAIS370** History of Science
**LAIS371** History of Technology
**LAIS375** Engineering Cultures
**LAIS398** Special Topics
**LAIS401** Creative Writing: Poetry
**LAIS402** Writing Proposals for a Better World
**LAIS405** Women, Literature & Society
**LAIS406** The Literature of War & Remembrance
**LAIS407** Science in Literature
**LAIS408** Life Stories
**LAIS409** Shakespearean Drama
**LAIS410** Critical Perspectives in 20th Century Literature

**LAIS411** Modern African Literature
**LAIS412** Literature & the Environment
**LAIS415** Mass Media Studies
**LAIS416** Film Studies
**LAIS421** Environmental Philosophy & Policy
**LAIS430** Corporate Social Responsibility
**LAIS435** Latin American Development
**LAIS437** Asian Development
**LAIS439** Middle East Development
**LAIS441** African Development
**LAIS442** Natural Resources & War in Africa
**LAIS443** The European Union
**LAIS446** Globalization
**LAIS448** Global Environmental Issues
**LAIS450** Political Risk Assessment
**LAIS452** Corruption and Development
**LAIS453** Ethnic Conflict in Global Perspective
**LAIS455** International Organizations
**LAIS466** War in Global Perspective
**LAIS475** Engineering Cultures in the Developing World
**LAIS476** Technology and International Development
**LAIS486** Science and Technology Policy
**LAIS487** Environmental Politics and Policy
**LAIS488** Water Politics and Policy
**LAIS489** Nuclear Power and Public Policy
**LAIS498** Special Topics Courses

**LIFL113** Spanish I
**LIFL123** Spanish II
**LIFL213** Spanish III
**LIFL114** Arabic I
**LIFL124** Arabic II
**LIFL214** Arabic III
**LIFL115** German I
**LIFL125** German II
**LIFL215** German III