

## Transition Rules

**These rules have been put in place to ease the transition from a 3-credit to a 4-credit system.**

**Please talk to your advisor if you think these rules will affect you in any way.**

*Remember: Current students may complete their Integrative Studies requirements as described in the catalogue of the year they entered Houghton.*

### As of Fall 2009:

- You are not required to fulfill the following IS requirements:
  - Exploration level Advanced Bible course
  - Exploration level Humanities course
  - Level 3 foreign language
- You must take a Lab Science but may choose between the Math and Second Science requirements according to the following rules:
  - If you've already taken a lab science and a Math or Second Science, you've fulfilled the requirement.
  - If you haven't taken a Math or Second Science but fulfill the new Quantitative Literacy Competency\*, you may choose either a Math or Second Science to fulfill the requirement.
  - If you have not yet taken a Math or Second Science & don't satisfy the new Quantitative Literacy Competency\* you must take a Math course for the second requirement.

**You will not be forced to take more than 53 hours of Integrative Studies (IS) coursework as a result of the curriculum revisions.**

### **When considering what not to take, please be aware of the following:**

Rule: You are expected to complete Biblical Literature and Intro to Christianity, Western Civ, Lit of the Western World, and Philosophical Foundation.

Exception: If taking all of these will put you over 53 IS hours, you should first take Bib Lit and Intro to Christianity; then take Civ, LWW, or Philosophical Foundation; then begin filling any other remaining requirements. And, if at any point you are going to go over 53 hours: STOP!

### **Students who were in school prior to fall 2009 and are switching to the 2009-2010 catalog:**

If you have already taken Lifetime Wellness, that course meets both Points 1 & 2 of the new Health and Wellness competency for the new requirements.

### **Through the 2012-2013 academic catalog year ending August 2013:**

Students will be allowed to use any course or procedure to meet a specific IS requirement that was approved to meet said requirement at any time during his/her career as a college student.

\* The Quantitative Literacy Competency is a new Integrative Studies qualification for 2009-2010.

A student will satisfy the Quantitative Literacy competency if he or she:

- Has a Math SAT score of at least 600;
  - Has a Math ACT score of at least 28;
  - Completed at least 3 years of standardized math\* in grades 9-12 and earned at least 85% or a B in the third year;
  - Has passed a college math course\*\* elsewhere with a grade of C- or better;
  - Passes the Houghton College course BADM/PSY/SOC 309 Statistics; or
  - Passes a Houghton College Quantitative Literacy Competency Exam after matriculation; or
  - Has earned a score of at least a 2 on AP Stats, AP Calc AB, or AP Calc BC.
- \*Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Math A, Math B, Precalculus, Calculus, Statistics, etc; but not consumer math, business math, and similar courses.

\*\*includes College Algebra or Precalculus