

Core or Hawaiian/Second Language Requirement Designations

Departments may request approval of Foundations, Diversification, and Hawaiian/Second Language designations for courses numbered 100 – 499. The designations are as follows:

Foundations Requirements

Written Communication	FW
Quantitative Reasoning	FQ
Global and Multicultural Perspectives	FG

- Because students must complete their Foundations requirement during their first year, Foundations courses must be at the 100- or 200-level.
- Once given a Foundations designation, a course cannot have a Focus or Diversification designation.
- Courses on the [Diversification/Foundations Course List](#) are approved for a five-year period. At the end of the period, the course will be reassessed to see if it continues to meet the hallmarks.

IMPORTANT: Foundations designations also require that a separate proposal be submitted to the General Education Office. See www.hawaii.edu/gened/foundations.htm for Foundations Hallmarks, the proposal form, and applicable deadlines.

Diversification Requirements

Arts	DA
Humanities	DH
Literature	DL
Social Sciences	DS
Biological Sciences	DB
Physical Sciences	DP
Laboratory (science)	DY

- The following types of courses are not eligible for Diversification designations: graduate level, experimental, directed reading and research, internship, practicum.
- Two Diversification designations (DB+DY or DP+DY) may be granted only for courses with an embedded science lab.
- Courses on the [Diversification/Foundations Course List](#) are approved for a five-year period. At the end of the period, the course will be reassessed to see if it continues to meet the hallmarks.

Hawaiian/Second Language

HSL

- Experimental courses are not eligible for Foundations, Diversification, or Hawaiian/Second Language designations but may qualify for Focus designations.
- Focus designations (H, E, O, W) are granted on a section-by-section basis and should not be requested using UHM forms. See the General Education website (www.hawaii.edu/gened/) or contact the General Education Office for information regarding Focus designations.
- Cross-listed courses must have the same designation(s).
- Honors courses and their non-honors counterparts must have the same designation(s).
- Changes to a course may result in changes to its existing Core or Hawaiian/Second Language designation(s).