

To Require or Not to Require?

Most programs require over $\frac{1}{2}$ of coursework – some substantively more. The range is from about 50/50 to 75/25.

Programs that have concentrations have a smaller overall core (like our redesigned core) and then a small required concentration core with student choice on other concentration classes and electives. Concentrations require that students know what courses count toward their concentration (which means a courselist) and what courses are “elective” (not necessarily part of their concentration but could be).

Cleveland State is a good example of a program more like ours:

Core Courses: 20 credit hours (47%)
Specialization Courses: 12 credit hours (28%)
Electives: 9-12 credit hours (21%)
Internship or Exit Project: 2-3 credit hours (5%)
Total: 43-47 credit hours (total may vary depending on area of specialization)

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Specialization courses are predetermined (a set of potential offerings) and students get to choose from the mix (also probably depends upon when courses offered). Electives are completely free choices.

Our (**Evergreen**) proposed plan:

Core Courses: 24 credit hours (40%)
Specialization Courses: 20 credit hours (33%)
Electives: 12 credit hours (20%)
Capstone: 4 credit hours (7%)
Total: 60 credit hours