

GENERAL EDUCATION & VIEWING A WIDER WORLD

NMSU Viewing a Wider World Requirements

The Viewing a Wider World (VWW) requirement fosters intelligent inquiry, abstract logical thinking, critical analysis, as well as the integration and synthesis of knowledge. The program strives for literacy in writing, reading, speaking and listening. It teaches mathematical structures, acquainting students with precise abstract thought about numbers and space. The program also encourages an understanding of science and scientific inquiry, as it provides a historical consciousness, including an understanding of one's own heritage as well as respect for other peoples and cultures. To achieve its goals, the program includes an examination of values and stresses the importance of a carefully considered values system as it fosters an appreciation of the arts and general education. It provides the breadth necessary to have a familiarity with the various branches of human understanding. All VWW courses can be identified by the "V" suffix.

Prior to graduating, NMSU students are required to take two courses from separate colleges from the Viewing a Wider World list in the Catalog. These courses are upper-division (300-400 level) Viewing a Wider World courses and should be taken in a student's junior and/or senior year. One of the two courses must be in a college other than their own. The other course may be taken within their home college, but this course:

1. must be in a different department from their major department;
2. must not be cross-listed with a course in their home department;
3. cannot be counted as one of the requirements for the student's major.

These courses strongly emphasize the international character and multicultural influences in the fields of study and strengthen information retrieval skills. There are two options that NMSU allows for replacing 3 credits of VWW requirement with another form of educational experience, these are:

1. **Study Abroad Experience-** consisting of at least four weeks of a Study Abroad program or university coursework in a foreign country earning 3 credits.
2. **Military Experience-** for students who have served at least four weeks of military service in a foreign country.

The Military and Veterans Programs Office website (<https://mvp.nmsu.edu/military-members/military-experience-waiver.html>) provides the instructions on how to request the waiver for Military Experience replacing 3 credits of VWW.

NOTE: This list is under continuous revision. Please check with the office of the college associate dean or with college advisors for additional eligible courses. Honors courses have a specific college designation based on course content. These are listed near the end of this section.

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Prefix	Title	Credits
ACOM 3160V	Communicating Agriculture & Science to the Public	3
AEEC 3110V	World Agriculture and Food Problems	3

AEEC 3120V	Natural Resource Economics	3
AEEC 3130V	Water Resource Economics	3
AEEC 3140V	Agricultural Policy	3
AGRO 303V	Genetics and Society	3
ANSC 312V	Companion Animals and the Human- Animal Interaction	3
ANSC 351V	Agricultural Animals of the World	3
AXED 3210V	John Muir. Lessons in Sustainability	3
EPWS 325V	Insects, Humans, and the Environment	3
EPWS 380V	Science & Society	3
FCST 3110V	Introduction to Child Advocacy	3
FCST 3120V	Family Ethnicities and Subcultures	3
HORT 302V	Forestry and Society	3
HORT 318V	Urban Water Issues and Society	3
RGSC 302V	Forestry and Society	3
HRTM 4240V	Sustainability in the Hospitality Industry	3

College of Arts and Sciences

Prefix	Title	Credits
ANTH 305V	Contemporary Native Americans	3
ANTH 306V	Peoples of Latin America	3
ANTH 307V	Japanese Culture and Society: Anthropological Perspectives	3
ANTH 313V	Ancient Mexico	3
ANTH 330V	Magic Witchcraft and Religion	3
ANTH 357V	Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH 360V	Food and Culture Around the World	3
ANTH 362V	Environmental Anthropology	3
ANTH 431V	Nutritional Anthropology	3
ANTH 433V	Sex, Gender and Culture	3
ASTR 301V	Revolutionary Ideas in Astronomy	3
ASTR 305V	The Search for Life in the Universe	3
ASTR 308V	Into the Final Frontier	3
ASTR 330V	Planetary Exploration	3
BEST 480V	Narratives and Representations of Palestinians: Media, Music, Film, and Art	3
CJUS 440V	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	3
ENGL 327V	Shakespeare around the Globe	3
ENGL 328V	Literature of Science Fiction and Fantasy	3
ENGL 339V	Chicana/o Literature	3
ENGL 380V	Women Writers	3
ENGL 392V	Mythology	3
ENGL 394V	Southwestern Literature	3
FREN 365V	Perspectives in French Culture	3
GEOG 315V	World Agriculture and Food Problems	3
GEOG 325V	New Mexico and the American West	3
GEOG 328V	Environment and Society of Latin America	3
GEOG 331V	Europe	3
GEOG 361V	Challenges of Globalization	3
GEOG 363V	Cultural Geography	3
GEOG 365V	The City	3
GEOL 305V	Fossils and the Evolution of Life	3
GEOL 335V	Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Hurricanes, and Floods: The Role of Natural Hazards in Civ Past and Present	3
GNDR 380V	Women Writers	3
GNDR 381V	Women's Health Issues	3

GNDR 433V	Sex, Gender and Culture	3
GRMN 326V	Transnational German Film	3
HIST 302V	Science in Modern Society	3
HIST 308V	The History of Food	3
HIST 311V	Colonial Latin America	3
HIST 312V	Modern Latin America	3
HIST 321V	History of Korea	3
HIST 330V	Introduction to Religious Studies	3
HIST 366V	British Imperialism	3
HIST 379V	The History of Italy from the Etruscans to the Mafia	3
HIST 382V	Modern Russia	3
HIST 390V	The Holocaust	3
JOUR 350V	Media History	3
JOUR 377V	Mass Media Ethics	3
JOUR 460V	Sports & Entertainment P.R.	3
LING 302V	Language and Society	3
MATH 4110V	Great Theorems in Mathematics	3
PHYS 303V	Energy and Society in the New Millennium	3
PHYS 305V	The Search for Water in the Solar System	3
POLS 380V	Contemporary World Political Ideologies	3
PORT 364V	Brazilian Culture Through Popular Music	3
SPAN 364V	Culture and Civilization of Mexico	3
SPAN 365V	Culture and Civilization of Spanish America	3
THEA 307V	Society in Style: Fashion, History and Culture	3

College of Business

Prefix	Title	Credits
BFIN 303V	Personal Financial Planning and Investing in a Global Economy	3
BLAW 385V	Employment and Consumer Law	3
ECON 324V	Developing Nations	3
ECON 325V	Economic Development of Latin America	3
ECON 335V	Business and Government	3
ECON 337V	Natural Resource Economics	3
ECON 384V	Water Resource Economics	3
MGMT 310V	Entrepreneurial Mindset	3
MGMT 335V	Business and Government	3
MGMT 345V	Quality and Competitiveness: An International Perspective	3
MGMT 388V	Leadership and Ethics	3
MKTG 311V	Consumer Behavior	3

College of Engineering

Prefix	Title	Credits
C E 355V	Technology and the Global Environment	3
CHME 395V	Brewing Science and Society	3
E T 309V	Manufacturing: History and Technology	3
E T 360V	Technology in Business and Society	3
ICT 350V	Introduction to Personal Computer Security and Privacy	3

College of Health, Education and Social Transformation

Prefix	Title	Credits
CCST 3120V	Chicana/o Genders and Sexualities	3
CEPY 3210V	Human Relations Training	3
CEPY 4110V	Introduction to Counseling	3

DANC 3510V	World Dance	3
EDUC 3110V	Multicultural Issues in Society	3
ELAD 3110V	Introduction to Educational Leadership in a Global Society	3
NATV 4120V	Native American Visual Culture	3
PHLS 3110V	Human Sexuality	3
PHLS 3120V	Women's Health Issues	3
PHLS 3130V	Global Environmental Health Issues	3
PHLS 4620V	Cross-Cultural Aspects of Health	3
SOCI 3110V	Sociology of Religion	3
SOCI 3120V	Introduction to Population Studies	3
SOCI 3245V	Comparative Family Systems	3
SOCI 3310V	Social Issues in the Rural Americas	3
SOCI 3340V	Social Change	3
SOCI 3610V	Sociology of Pop Culture	3
SOCI 3620V	Sports and Society: A Global Perspective	3
SOCI 4240V	Comparative Global Family Systems	3
SOCI 4335V	Advanced Environmental Sociology	3
SOWK 3140V	Introduction to Social Policy: History	3

University Library

Prefix	Title	Credits
LIBR 311V	Information Literacy	3

Honors - Viewing a Wider World

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Prefix	Title	Credits
HNRS 321V	Agriculture in an Interconnected World	3

College of Arts and Sciences

Prefix	Title	Credits
HNRS 304V	Dilemmas of War and Peace	3
HNRS 305V	Is Fake News Real: Journalism, Community, and Mass Communications	3
HNRS 306V	Science, Ethics and Society	3
HNRS 317V	Cultural Lessons on Nazism	3
HNRS 318V	The World of Cinema	3
HNRS 324V	Science and the Arts: Theatre and Story	3
HNRS 326V	Art and Mythology	3
HNRS 341V	The Old Testament as Literature	3
HNRS 348V	Comparative Mythology: Myth, Ritual, and the Life Cycle	3
HNRS 370V	Design: The Creative Act	3
HNRS 374V	The European City: History and Culture	3
HNRS 390V	Worlds of Buddhism	3
HNRS 394V	Southwestern and Border Literature	3
HNRS 411V	Great Theorems in Mathematics	3
HNRS 450V	The Sundt Honors Seminar	3

College of Business

Prefix	Title	Credits
HNRS 303V	Personal Financial Planning and Investing in a Global Economy Honors	3
HNRS 335V	Legal Issues in Modern Society	3
HNRS 381V	Economic Development of Latin America	3

College of Engineering

Prefix	Title	Credits
HNRS 378V	Technology and Policy	3

College of Health, Education and Social Transformation

Prefix	Title	Credits
HNRS 308V	Into the Final Frontier	3
HNRS 336V	Testimonios from the Borderlands	3
HNRS 347V	World Dance	3
HNRS 353V	Justice without Prejudice	3
HNRS 387V	Comparative Perspectives on Women	3
HNRS 388V	Leadership and Society	3

Alternatives for Meeting Viewing a Wider World Requirements

Students taking nine or more credits in a specific subject area, even though the courses are not designated as Viewing a Wider World courses, will have met the VWW requirements for that subject area.

The 9 credit hours must be in 300- to 400-level courses in one prefix area. For example, 9 upper-division ECON credits would fulfill one VWW area for students majoring in programs other than Economics.