Academic Overview for Parents and Families of First-Year Students
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The Four Pillars

Ramapo’s curriculum is built upon four pillars:

– Interdisciplinary
– Experiential
– Intercultural
– International

**Purpose:** To educate students that are prepared to succeed in a variety of professions by helping them to develop the ability to think critically, problem solve, and to communicate creatively and effectively across diverse cultures.
Five Academic Schools

- Salameno School of Humanities and Global Studies (SSHGS)
- Anisfield School of Business (ASB)
- Contemporary Arts (CA)
- Social Sciences and Human Services (SSHS)
- Theoretical and Applied Sciences (TAS)

Helpful Links:
Majors/Minors A to Z: http://www.ramapo.edu/catalog_15_16/majors-minors.html
The Schools: http://www.ramapo.edu/academics/index.html

*Teacher Education is a certification program, not a major or a minor. If you are interested in the Teacher Education program:

Contact: Dr. Rexton Lynn, rlynn@ramapo.edu
Salameno School of Humanities and Global Studies (SSHGS)

Majors:
- American Studies
- History*
- International Studies*
- Liberal Studies (contract major)
- Literature*
- Political Science*
- Spanish Language Studies*

Minors Only:
- Anthropology
- Creative Writing
- East Asian Studies
- French
- Human Rights and Genocide Studies
- Italian
- Judaic Studies
- Latino/a and Latin American Studies
- Philosophy
- Public Policy

*Also available as a minor
Anisfield School of Business (ASB)

• Accounting*
• Business Administration
  – Finance
  – Management
  – Marketing
• Economics*
• Information Systems*
• International Business*

*Also available as a minor

Notes:
• You are provisional ASB Student until you reach 48 credits with a 2.5 or higher GPA
School of Contemporary Arts (CA)

- Communication Arts
  - Digital Filmmaking
  - Global Communication and Media
  - Journalism
  - Visual Communication Design
  - Writing
- Contemporary Arts
  (Contract Major)
- Music*
  - Music Industry
  - Music Performance
  - Music Production
  - Music Studies

- Theater*
  - Acting
  - Design/Technical
  - Directing/Stage Management
  - Theater Studies
- Visual Arts*
  - Art History
  - Art & Technology
  - Drawing & Painting
  - Photography

*-Also available as a minor
School of Social Science and Human Services (SSHS)

Majors:
• Africana Studies*
• Environmental Studies*
• Law and Society
• Psychology*
• Social Science (contract major)
• Social Work
• Sociology*

Minors:
• Criminology
• Food Studies
• Gerontology
• Substance Abuse
• Women’s and Gender Studies

*Also available as a minor
School of Theoretical and Applied Science (TAS)

Majors:

• Allied Health Technologies (joint)
• Biochemistry
• Bioinformatics*
• Biology*
• Chemistry*
• Clinical Laboratory Science (joint)
• Computer Science*
• Engineering Physics*
• Environmental Science*

*Also available as a minor

Minors only:

• Integrated Science Studies
• Mathematics*
• Medical Imaging Science (joint)
• Nursing

• Earth Science and Science, Technology and Society
Undeclared Students

• Undeclared students should make the most of the following:
  – Assigned advisors within The Center for Student Success
  – Cahill Career Development Center
  – Majors and Minors Fair
  – Undeclared student workshops
Get Engaged!

• The Four Year Plan and Roadmap to Success
The Components of the Ramapo Curriculum

1. General Education Requirements (40 Credits)
   - Social Issues
   - Math (dependent on major)
   - Critical Reading and Writing
   - International Issues
   - Topics in Arts/Humanities or Topics in Social Science (dependent on major)
   - First-Year Seminar

2. School Core
   - All students are required to complete the same core school courses

3. Major Requirements
   - All the courses required to complete your major

4. Free Electives, Minors, Double Majors (Remaining Credits)
   - Most students have space in their curriculum to add additional academic courses and pathways

*Note: You can double-count courses, as long as they are in different components of the curriculum.
Frequently Asked Questions

• How many credits do I need to graduate? 128

• What GPA do I need in my major to graduate? 2.0
  (some joint programs require higher than a 2.0)

• What about a minor?
  Minors are not required, but a great idea. Talk with your assigned advisor.

• Can I double major?
  In most cases, but there are some exceptions.

• AP and Transfer Credits?
  If you have College credit (AP scores of 4 or 5, community college credit, etc.), send an official transcript sent to the Admissions office. Adjust your schedule if you are registered for a course for which you received credit (Pre-med exception for sciences).
Academic Advisement for Student Success

• The Academic Advisement Plan: Every student has an Advisor and Mandatory Advisement Appointments.

• An Academic Advisor from the Center for Student Success is assigned to every First-Year Seminar. He or she will follow your son or daughter through their entire first-year at Ramapo.

• Peer facilitators are experienced students who know the path to success.
  – They provide guidance in areas of academic and social development
  – They guide students through the maze of college life

• CONNECT: Our online tool for communication regarding academic progress and appointment scheduling system.
FY Student Summer Reading 2015

Deep Down Dark: The Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine, and the Miracle That Set Them Free

Book by Héctor Toba
Course Registration

• Today, students will complete their registration for fall classes.
  – MOST of their classes have been “pre-packaged” by us.

• In the future, they will register with all other students based on the amount of earned credits.

*If students still have questions or concerns about their schedule or courses after registration, please meet with an Advisor prior to leaving campus. Advisors will be available:

At the close of orientation in room D207 until 5:00 pm.
Questions?

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