

## **MnSCU's Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) and The Hamline Plan**

The foundation of Hamline University's rigorous liberal arts education is the Hamline Plan. The Hamline Plan is a nationally recognized general education program that provides students with a set of flexible, goal-oriented skills and experiences tied directly to graduation requirements.

MnSCU's two-year Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) and Hamline University's four-year Hamline Plan work hand-in-hand to provide students with an excellent general education foundation.

Students who complete the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum or transfer a MnSCU Associate of Arts degree, with a minimum course grade of C-, will automatically complete all aspects of the Hamline Plan addressing MnTC Goals 1 through 5 and, with minimal planning, courses fulfilling MnTC Goals 6 through 10 will also fulfill similar requirements within the Hamline Plan.

Designed to provide practical applications of a theory-based education, the interdisciplinary Hamline Plan goes on to afford junior and senior students the opportunity to conduct independent studies, participate in internships and apprenticeships, and to further develop their skills in such areas as writing, speaking, computing, and cultural awareness.

The Hamline Plan is goal-driven, with these educational goals tied directly to graduation requirements. It emphasizes the responsibility each student has for his or her own education and the necessity for students to reflect upon and articulate what they have learned to the larger community. Students and faculty advisors approach the Hamline Plan not as a series of requirements, but as a foundation for discovery. For the student who seeks a true liberal arts education, the Hamline Plan offers a wide and ever-changing selection of learning opportunities.

### **MnSCU's MnTC Goals 1-10 and the Hamline Plan**

MnTC Goal 1: Communication: The two required MnTC courses fulfill the following two Hamline Plan Requirements:

- Expository Writing (1 course required)
- Speaking Intensive (2 courses required; one may be transferred to Hamline)

MnTC Goal 2: Critical Thinking (automatically met by meeting the rest of MnTC Curriculum)

MnTC Goal 3: Natural Science: The two required MnTC courses fulfill Hamline's two Natural Science requirements.

MnTC Goal 4: Math/Logical Reasoning: The one required MnTC course fulfills Hamline's one Formal Reasoning requirement.

MnTC Goal 5: History/Social/Behavioral Science: The two MnTC required courses fulfill these same areas within the Hamline Plan.

MnTC Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts: With minimal planning, the three required courses taken to fulfill this MnTC goal can fulfill three of the four Humanities and Fine Arts courses required within the Hamline Plan (Single-credit courses such as voice or orchestra may be taken multiple times).

MnTC Goals 7-10 call for four courses, one each across the four MnTC goals: 7) Human Diversity, 8) Global Perspective, 9) Ethical and Civic Responsibility, and 10) People and the Environment. The Hamline Plan calls for three courses across two of these goals: Human Diversity and Global Perspective. These courses are identified within the Hamline Plan's Goal 7: Cultural Breadth.