General Education Handbook

The primary role of the General Education Committee at Northern New Mexico College (NNMC) is to oversee the General Education requirements at NNMC mandated by the New Mexico Higher Education Department. General Education requirements only apply to Associate of Arts (AA), Associates of Science (AS), Bachelor of Arts (BA), and Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees but not Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees or Certificates.

According the NNMC's catalog,

Northern New Mexico College's general education requirements reflect the values of the college and its faculty. The purpose of these courses is to help you achieve a foundation of knowledge that broadens and enriches your abilities to communicate, to think critically, to problem solve, and to broaden your world view regarding global awareness, human values, and social consciousness. These selections call for you to develop written and oral communication skills, problem solving skills, scientific, historical, cultural, and ethical thinking.

These requirements are divided into six different areas:

Area I: Communications (9 credit hours)
Area II: Mathematics (3 credit hours)
Area III: Laboratory Science (8 credit hours)
Area IV: Social Behavioral Sciences (6-9 credit hours)*
Area V: Humanities and Fine Arts (6-9 credit hours)*
Area VI: First Year Experience course

* Students need to complete a minimum of 15 hours between Areas IV and V.

We have additional General Education requirements for Bachelors degrees at NNMC:

Bachelor degree seeking students must take a Second Language. Their second language can be included in the 15 hours between Areas IV and V.

Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) - All bachelor's level programs must offer at least one Writing Intensive Course.

Departments that wish to include courses in these General Education requirements need to present a catalog description and a syllabus of the proposed course.   The course will then be reviewed by the General Education Committee to determine if it follows the guidelines for the specific area it is being considered.