

Arches Requirements for BRICKS

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As initially designed, the Arches requirement for OHIO BRICKS required that students complete a minimum of nine (9) credit hours in a single Arch, including a minimum of three (3) credit hours from each of the World courses - Constructed, Connected, and Natural World. Arches were to be approved by the General Education Committee of UCC, with courses constituting each Arch eventually to be maintained in documents in OCEAN 1.9. The expectation was that each Arch would appear individually as a choice on the DARS.

Due to anticipated constraints on the number of seats available in Arch courses for AY21-22, the original requirements no longer appear viable. The primary goal for the next two years is to assure that students have adequate OTM courses from the required disciplinary areas that also incorporate the common goals of Teamwork and Critical Thinking. UCC also wants to preserve the ability to transition to requiring students to complete a whole Arch on a single topic when it becomes possible to do so.

Therefore, UCC has approved the following based on the recommendations of the Reimagining General Education leadership team:

Requirements	Implementation Details
<p>Students must complete at least one of each of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Constructed World ○ Natural World ○ Connected World 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students may complete the Arch requirement by taking these components from the same Arch topic or from different Arch topics. ● Standard undergraduate DARS will not differentiate between Arches. Instead, the DARS will simply show a requirement of Arch, with three sub-requirements: Connected World, Constructed World, Natural World.
<p>Arch courses will be classified into one Arch topic/theme.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arches will be approved by the General Education Committee of UCC. ● Courses may be approved for one Arch topic. ● Courses that do not fit an approved Arch topic may be submitted for the Breadth of Knowledge Arch. Breadth of Knowledge Arch courses must incorporate both Critical Thinking and Teamwork common goals. ● Lists of courses approved for individual Arches as will be maintained in a way acceptable to the Registrar's office.
<p>Completion of three Arch courses in a single topic will be encouraged.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advising materials will describe the Arches topics and lists of courses.

The Arch structure and requirements approved should be reviewed in Fall 2022 for the AY23-24 Undergraduate Catalog.

