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Based on requests and suggestions from the advising community, we have clarified and altered the SLI requirement in the Academic Advisement Report.

Students whose major courses will fulfill SLI (mostly STEM majors, so we will use “STEM” as shorthand in this communication) will now see their SLI requirement as satisfied, along with a notice that states they will complete the requirement via courses required for their major. It also indicates that they may need to complete one of the SLI options in the Undergraduate Catalog if they change their major.

Students in majors whose major courses do not typically fulfill SLI (mostly non-STEM) will see the following options:

- The first option is the “Recommended Course Option” “AND Recommended Course Option Lab,” which lists the SLI courses that are recommended in the catalog.
- The second option is intended for students who have completed a first science course, but not a full sequence. This may be a transfer student without a GETA; a UB student who started in a STEM major then switched to a non-STEM major; or a UB student who completed a first course for a minor or other interest in these courses.
- Transfer students with a Natural Sciences GETA will see the GETA option.
- Options that are typically filled within STEM majors are also coded into the AAR, but these will only appear to students if they have taken any of the courses. This is necessary so that students who completed one of the non-recommended options will have their AAR satisfied. This may be students who completed the requirement while enrolled in a STEM major, transfer students without a GETA, or students who completed one of the options for a minor or out of interest in these courses.

The Advisement Report will continue to direct students to the Undergraduate Catalog via a link to view a complete list of approved SLI courses and pairings.

We hope this new presentation of the SLI requirement will be clearer for you and students. As always, we welcome your feedback as we seek to continually improve the Academic Advisement Report.

Thanks,

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