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At its best, general education is about the unity of knowledge, not about distributed knowledge. Not about spreading courses around, but about making connections between different ideas. Not about the freedom to combine random ingredients, but about joining an ancient lineage of the learned and wise. And it has a goal, too: producing an enlightened, self-reliant citizenry, pluralistic and diverse but united by democratic values.

Harry R. Lewis
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WhatWillTheyLearn.com

INTRODUCTION

FAMILIES ARE PAYING MORE THAN EVER 1

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WHY IS A CORE CURRICULUM IMPORTANT?

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WHAT DOES A GOOD CORE CURRICULUM INCLUDE

A GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM NEEDS TO GIVE STUDENTS

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ACTA'S STUDY INCLUDES A WIDE RANGE OF INSTITUTIONS, ~~1= 8 F~~
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HOW WELL ARE INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING
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GRADE: F

Amherst College	\$37,640
Bowdoin College	\$38,190
Brown University	\$37,718
University of California-Berkeley	\$8,932 / \$29,540
Colgate University	\$39,545
Cornell University	\$36,504
Grinnell College	\$31,098
Hamilton College	\$38,600
Haverford College	\$37,525
Johns Hopkins University	\$37,700
Middlebury College	\$49,210*
Northwestern University	\$37,125
Oberlin College	\$38,280
University of Rhode Island	\$8,678 / \$24,776
Rice University	\$28,996
Rutgers University-New Brunswick	\$11,540 / \$21,488
Smith College	\$49,210*

Today's anything-goes curriculum means students are left unprepared to succeed in the global economy.

Economics has never been more important, but hardly any universities require it.

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? = /44 9, F 9/F3CF49: A ?4CF

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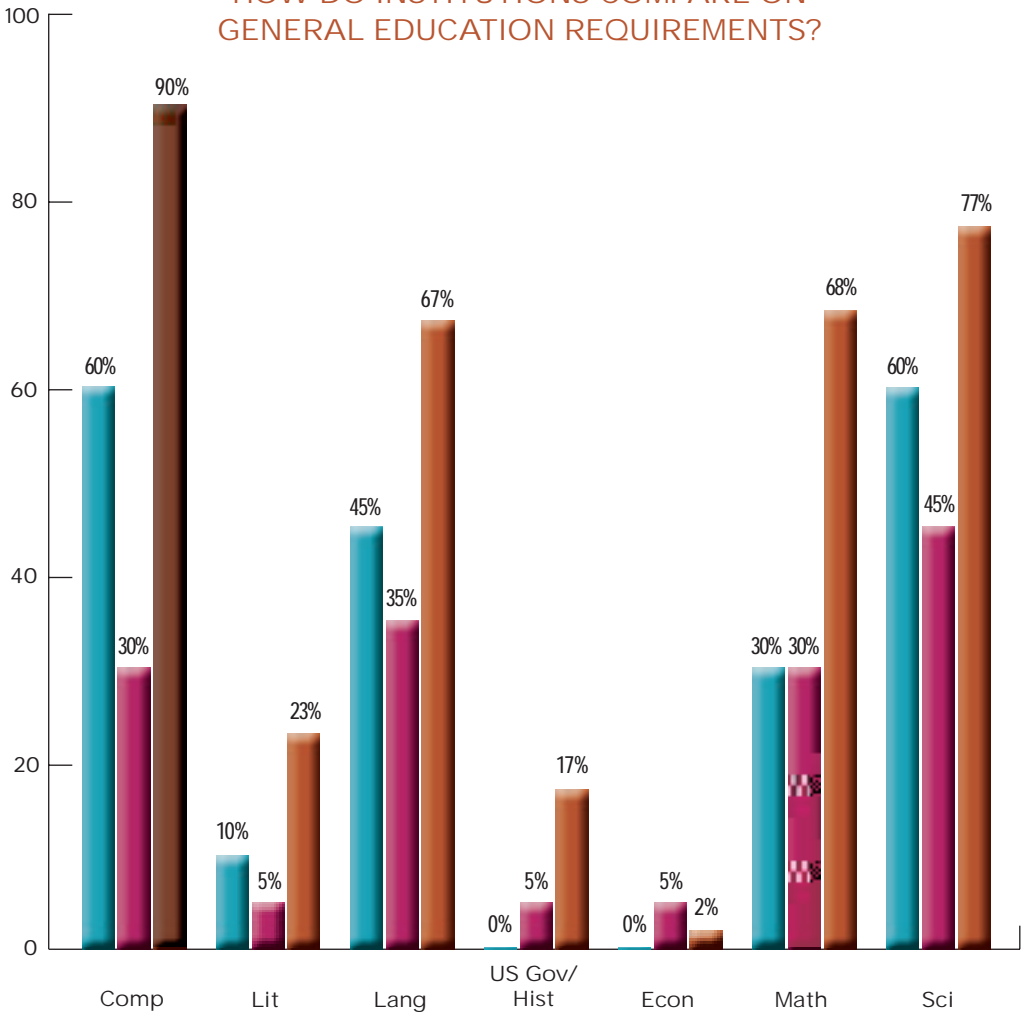
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Understanding math and science is essential to survival in the modern world, not to mention global competitiveness, but our colleges and universities are doing little to advance that understanding.^{FT}

HOW DO INSTITUTIONS COMPARE ON GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS?



Total # of 100 Schools Surveyed
Requiring Each Core Subject

Composition	72
Literature	17
Foreign Language	56
U.S. Government or History	11
Economics	2
Mathematics	53
Natural or Physical Science	67

National Universities
Liberal Arts Colleges
State Flagships

COLLEGES MUST SHOW THEY ARE CAPABLE IF . . . /08 4F/4: 4 70CFTFCF /4F@CF =, DE IF: @>OF3, 79: BF, >>OF >E2090, 70/@, ?4 9F4F@, .. 0 ? - 7F4F 8 0-4, 9E2, /@ ?0>CC, 0 7F: F: 8; 000F0 ?407D4DF3CE27 -, 78, =60, 7. 0H 0-CF 4E3: BE3CF4@ ?4 9E, 9F CF08 0/4/I

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REPORT CARDS

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AT
TOP 20 NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES*
(in alphabetical order)

INSTITUTION	Comp	Lit	Lang	US Gov/ Hist	Econ	Math	Sci	GRADE
Brown University								F
University of California-Berkeley								F
Carnegie Mellon University								C
University of Chicago								

* Top 20 National Universities according to U.S. News & World Report's 2009 college rankings. California Institute of Technology and Massachusetts Institute of Technology are not included in this listing because they are science and engineering schools.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AT
TOP 20 LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES*
(in alphabetical order)

US Gov/

* Top 20 Liberal Arts Colleges according to U.S. News & World Report 2009 college rankings. Harvey Mudd College not included in this listing because it is a science and engineering school.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AT
60 STATE FLAGSHIP INSTITUTIONS*

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Bowdoin College: $\mathbb{Z} : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : F : 8 ; : \times 4 9 F 0 , @CF3CF \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : F$
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University of California-Berkeley: $\mathbb{Z} : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : F : -029EL, 92@ 2CF$
 $- 0 , @CF 92F0 : 9/H08 0 \rightarrow F : 8 ; 009. D4F0 @40/1Z : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : F$
 $&JSIF : A0-98 09F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F \rightarrow F$
 $- 0 @408 09F8 , y be satisf0/F D343E. 3 : F : @CB : -6F \rightarrow F , = BF : @01Z : F$
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 $! 3D4, 7S. 49. CF 0 , @CF @ 3F : @0F \rightarrow F(4/79/F 4CF. 49. Q18 , D5, 741F$
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 $\sim C = 4Q18 , y fullF73CF 4 7 24, 7S. 49. CF @408 09F$

University of California-Los Angeles: $\mathbb{Z} : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : F$
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 $\# Q \times 942F0 @408 09F$

Carleton College: $\mathbb{Z} : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : F$
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Carnegie Mellon University: $\mathbb{Z} : F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : F : -029EL, 92@ 2CF 0 , @CF$
 $3CF : 8 8 @4, 742EL, 92@ 2CF 9/F970 = 0, 74 9 F0 @408 09F 77 B \rightarrow F \rightarrow F$
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Harvard University: $\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2409F : F : = 029H, 92@ 2CF 0, @CF 97E 9CF$
 $DQ = F 1F7 92@ 2CF4E \rightarrow 40 / \tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2409F : F \&SIF : A0-98 097E = F 4? = DF$
 $- 0, @CF?3CR:940 / IS? , ?0-F9F?3CF (: = 7FE \rightarrow 408 0974H8, /CF @ F 1E94 3CF$
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 $7A078, ?3F : 9709R > @ 3E \rightarrow , ?F 3, 9. 0GF F : @CF 470 / F9F7 > F 0 : = 4 ?4 9E > F$
 $@ : 78, ?308, ?4, 7DF / 08, 9 / 42R 8, y be used to full?F?3CF 8; 44, ?E 9 / F$
 $l , ?308, ?4, ?#Q > 942FE \rightarrow 408 097F$

Haverford College: $\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2409F : F : 8 ; : > 4 9F 0, @CF?30B = 492F$
 $> 08 4, = F - 00430 = F / 4 4 79CH, > / GF? ; 4H, > / GF = F 4 / 4M @ 7E0 / F 9 / F$
 $: F0 / F9F E, 92CF 1F / 0, = 8 097\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2409F : F : = 029H, 92@ 2CF 0, @CF$
 $: 97E 9CFDQ = F 1F7 92@ 2CF?@ / DF4E \rightarrow 40 / \tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2409F : F , ?308, ?4 > F$
 $- 0, @CF?3CF @ 9?4, ?4CF \rightarrow 408 0978, DF 08 01B 43E. 49. CF : @ \rightarrow OF = F 7 >> F$
 $., 70 / F_6 709. DB 43F 91 = 8, ?4 9F / 0 39: 7 2D\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2409F : \tilde{E}, ?@, ?E = F$
 $! 3D4, ?S. 49. CF 0, @CF?@ / 09?78, DF? 608, ?308, ?4 > F : @ \rightarrow OF = F : @ \rightarrow HB 43F$
 $limited scientiEE : 9709?E E, ?4 1DF3CE, ?@, ?S. 49. CF \rightarrow 408 097F$

University of Hawaii-Manoa: $\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2409F : F , ?308, ?4 > F 0, @CF?3CF$
 $SD8 - : ?1#Q > 942FE \rightarrow 408 0978, y be satisf0 / F Dd , ?3F : = F 78 09? = DF$
 $%0. 30 > F / GF F : @CF?3, ?F : 019: 79A 7CF : 702CH0A078, ?3I$

University of Idaho: $\tilde{Z} : F \rightarrow 4E2409F : F : 8 ; : > 4 9F 0, @CF?@ / 09?F, 9F0 > F$
 $: @F 1F?309?4CF (= 4709F 92743FE \rightarrow 408 0973 = @23S %F = F ^ %E : = 01F$

University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign: $\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2409F : F , ?308, ?4 > F$
 $- 0, @CF @ 3E : @ \rightarrow OF > Fd = 4. 4 70F 9 / F / 0 394 @ F9F @ 4F / @, ?4 9F$
 $, 9 / F_9 = / @ ?4 9F? F ; 4 08 4 7 2D18, D, ?4 1DF?3CF @ 9?4, ?4CF#Q > 942F$
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Iowa State University: $\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2A09E \neq : -029EL, 92@ 2CF 0, @CF 97E 9CF$
 $DQ \neq F7 92@ 2CF?@/DE4E0<@40/1$

Johns Hopkins University: $\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2A09E \neq : 8 ; : >A4 9F 0, @CF 97E$
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 $2A09E \neq : -029EL, 92@ 2CF 0, @CF. F 7E/Q, =8 09?P9E \neq F 9/IS. 49. 0F$
 $=0<@4CF9?0-8 0/4?CF0A0F7 92@ 2CF?@/DE : F \rightarrow 4E2A09E \neq , ?308, ?4 >F$
 $: \neq \tilde{E}, ?@, F \neq 3D4, TS. 49. CF 0, @CF@8, 944F 9/E. . 4 T. 49. 0E, 5 \Rightarrow F$
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 $\sim 92400-92E., /08 4F =0 >F$

University of Kansas: $\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2A09E \neq \&ISIF : A0-98 09E \neq 4? \neq F 0, @CF$
 $?3CF 4? =4, TS?@/4FE0<4ement does not speEi, 7E0<@4CF?3CF?@/DE IF&ISIF$
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Kansas State University: $\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2A09E \neq \&ISIF : A0-98 09E \neq 4? \neq F$
 $-0, @0B34CF?3CF 0?0-9E 0-4, 2CF<@408 09E, >E: 8 CF: 74F F0-92CF$
 $>@/09?IB, y ful F7E?3CF<@408 09EIB 43E9, = BE? ; 4, F: @>0F$

University of Kentucky: $\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2A09E \neq \tilde{E}, ?@, F \neq 3D4, TS. 49. CF 0, @CF$
 $?3C\tilde{E}, ?@, TS. 49. 0F<@408 09E, y be satis0/F DE : @>0F= 8 F 9?3= ; : 7 2DE$
 $: : 74, T. 49. 0E 9/F >D 3: 7 2DE 9/F 3CF : 702EL, - : = ? \neq F. 407E : =6F$
 $\sim C 0-49. CF<@408 09E. @/0F: @>0F= 8 F 3CF: . 4 T. 49. 0E$

University of Maryland: $\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2A09E \neq L 40, ?@CF 0, @CF?3CE 40, ?@CF$
 $; : =4 9E IF3CE @8, 944F 9/F \neq FE0<@408 09E, y be fulF70/IB 43E : @>0F$
 $9, = BE9E. ; : IE : F \rightarrow 4E2A09E \neq , ?308, ?4 >F 0, @CF?3CF @/, 8 09? F$
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 $satis0/F DE@ 3F: @>0F \neq d 347 > ; 3DE 9/F : 8 ; @0>F 9/Ed ; ; >F 9/E ; ; F$
 $&>Qp$

University of Massachusetts-Amherst: $\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2A09E \neq , ?308, ?4 >F$
 $-0, @CF?3CF , >4E , ?3E647E0<@408 09E, y be satis0/F DE343E. 3 : 7H0A0F$
 $8, ?3E 9/E@ 3E : @>0F \neq 9? / @ ?4 9E? EL 42@4?4F FO =DE 9/Ed = - 78 F$
 $S: 7A92B 43E?3CF 9?0-90E, y ful F7E?3CF 9, D4, T#Q > 942FE0<@408 09E$

University of Michigan: $\tilde{E} : F \rightarrow 4E2A09E \neq , ?308, ?4 >F 0, @CF?@/09?F$
 $8, y use science courses toH7E?3CF @ 9?4, ?40E#Q > 942FE0<@408 09E : F$
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Michigan State University:F9EQ 097DD =>CF S&I9 ? - 7Ė, 40/E?, 9/, =>FĖ: F 73, 7 97Ė: 702CH0A078, 7308, 74>F: @>0F, 74IDF30F @ 9?4, 74CF# Q > 9492F -0<@408 097

Middlebury College:Ė: F=0/ 4E2409FĖ =F : 8 : : >4 9F 0, @CF: 73EQ 74 9>F : IF3CF 4>71Q =F =492F508 4, =EQ<@408 0978, y be satisf0/F DĖ?; 4F: @>0F 49F Ė, 92CF IF/4 4 790ĖĖ: F=0/ 4E2409FĖ =F: =029EL, 92@ 2CF 0, @CF74F 9CF : 1023F., /08 4F, 702 =0F 1B 34 3Ė?@/ 09?F =CF 97Ė0<@4ed to F7Ė0A09IF Ė: F=0/ 4E2409FĖ =F&ISIF : A0-98 097Ė =F 4?: =DF 0, @CF3CF @7@0F 9/F 447E 74 9>F ĖĖ: =730-9F 8 0-4, E0 74 9F IF3CF @7@0F 9/F 447E 74 9>F -0<@408 0978, y be fulF70/IB 43F: @>0F9, = BE9Ė: :; CF =F: @F , 9, /, IF Ė: F=0/ 4E2409FĖ =EL 40, 7@CF 0, @CF30EL 40, 7@CF., /08 4F, 702 =D8, DĖ CF satisf0/F DĖ, = BE =94 3CF: @>0ĖĖ: F=0/ 4E2409FĖ =F , 7308, 74>F 0, @CF3CF ° 0/@ 74CF# Q > 9492F 9/F 9, 7D4, 7Ė =. 0>0F., /08 4F, 702 =D8, y be fulF70/ B 43Ė. 49. CF: @>0ĖĖ: F=0/ 4E2409FĖ =Ė, 7@, 7 Ė =F 3D4, 7Ė. 49. CF 0, @CF3CF ! 3D4, 7 9/EL 40Ė. 49. 0F., /08 4F, 702 =D8, y be satisf0/F DĖ: @>0B 43F 777Ė. 49. CF: 97097

University of Minnesota:Ė: F=0/ 4E2409FĖ =F&ISIF : A0-98 097Ė =F 4?: =DF -0, @CF3CF 4?: =4, 7Ė 0>; 0 740F0<@408 0978, y be fulF70/IB 43F: @>0F 9, = BE9Ė: :; 0

University of Mississippi:Ė: F=0/ 4E2409FĖ =F&ISIF : A0-98 097Ė =F 4?: =DF -0, @CF 9F 8 0-4, 9E2 A0-98 097Ė =F34?: =DF@ACD49: 7EQ<@40/IF : B0A0Ė >7@/09?F=009 : @, 2ed to fulF773CF 4?: =DF0<@408 097B 43F FB: H08 0>0F (0>0-9F 447E 74 9Ė@ACD

University of Missouri:Ė: F=0/ 4E2409FĖ =F&ISIF : A0-98 097Ė =F 4?: =DF 0, @CF 0A09F3: @23F30Ė?, 7CF If 4>: @4B, >F F : 9>4@74 9EQ<@408 097Ė?@/09?78, DĖ fulF774F DĖ, 6492F Ė: @>CF9Ė 4>: @4B4?: =DF =F&ISIF34?: =DF: @>0F: A0-92F F 9, = BE 3= 9: 7 24, 7 0-4 /1

University of Montana:Ė: F=0/ 4E2409FĖ =F: =029EL, 92@ 2CF 0, @CF?@/09?F , =C2409F F 3: 4CF 0B 009Ė?@/D92F F7 92@ 2CF =F, 6492F F5D8 - : 71FSD:708 >F . 7>ĖĖ: F=0/ 4E2409FĖ =F , 7308, 74>F 0, @CF: @>0B 43F777Ė: 702CH 7A078, 73F: 97097Ė@ 3F 7Ė : 9708 ; : = =DF , 7308, 74>F 9F9? = /@ 74 9F? F 8, 7308, 74, 74 Q >F 9/F304F8 ; , 7 9Ė: . 40D518, y fulF773CF , 7308, 74, 7 EL 40, . DE0<@408 097

University of Nevada-Las Vegas: $\tilde{E}Z : F=O/4E24O9FI =F : =029EL, 92@ 2CF 0, @CF >?@/O9?B, ACFF 3: 4CF OB009E?@/D92F 9CHD =F IF FI =029F792@ 2CF =F >?@/D92F FI =029F @7@C$

University of New Hampshire: $\tilde{E}Z : F=O/4E24O9FI =F : =029EL, 92@ 2CF 0, @CF : 97F 9CHD =F F?3CF : 702CF0A074F@<@40/FI =F E?@/O9?B\tilde{E}Z : F=O/4E24O9FI =F \tilde{Z}, ?@, F =F 3D4, 7S. 49. CF 0, @CF@ 3F : @>OF >6S?O>O/E @?F 9/F \acute{O} A0D 9C\tilde{Z} O/>F F 7. CF. EL Aq18, DE, ?41DF3CF 4 7 24, 7S. 49. OE 3D4, F S. 49. OE =F/O 39: 7 2DF@<408 O9?I$

University of New Mexico: $\tilde{E}Z : F=O/4E24O9FI =F : 8 ; : >A 9F 0, @CF?@/O9?B 8, DFO>F @F IF3CF&940>4DI =492F@<4ement and fuF7F3CF =492F 9/F S; Q 692F : =FO<@408 O9?B 43FF : @>CF9F @ 7IF; Q 692F\tilde{E}Z : F=O/4E24O9FI =F \tilde{Z} : =029EL, 92@ 2CF 0, @CF970>8 O/4 ?FOA074F9: F@<40/I$

State University of New York-Bu alo: $\tilde{E}Z : F=O/4E24O9FI =F : =029EL, 92@ 2CF -0, @CF 97F =o F 49. DF?=: @23F3CF@ : 9/F@8 O>O?F4F@<@40 I\tilde{E}Z : F=O/4E24O9FI =F 1 =R&SIF : A0-98 O9F =F 4? =DF 0, @CF?3CF 8 O-4, 9F 7@, 748 F@<@408 O9F 8, y be satisF/D9, = Bf56>6I\tilde{E}Z 5F1@/4E24O9FI #H) & ?308 574 >F@, @CF?3CF 6 5@ C$

State University of New York(S)-15(on)15(yBr)15oo $\tilde{E}Z : F=O/4E24O9FI =F : =029EL, 92@ 2CF -0, @CF?3CF 970; =0292AQD?>O9F?3CF@<8, 944>F@<@408 O9F, F70; ?>CF O* CF : @> I\tilde{E}Z : F=O/4E24O9FI =F Aq=029EL, 92@ 2CF ! : E08 O>O>F F FI =029F792@ 2CF =FO<@40 I\tilde{E}Z : F=O/4E24O9FI =F ~ : A0-98 O9F =F 4? =DF 0, @CF?3CF 8 O-4, 9F 4? =DF ~ °$

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 l , ?308, ?4>F 0, @CF3CF: =8, TS?@/ 4F0<@408 0978, y be fulF70/IB43F
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University of Notre Dame: EZ: F=O/ 4E2A09F: =L 40=: ?@CF 0, @CF@ 3F: @>OF
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 =0<@408 097E

Oberlin College: EZ: F=O/ 4E2A09F: =F : 8; ; >4 9F 0, @CF3CF(=4D2H
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, >E% ; 4 >PDE , ?308, ?4 >Ft =F?3CE L 4 O, F =>?p8, y satisfy theF=>F, =F F
?3CF @ 9?4, ?4CF# Q > 942F/4?4 @?4 9FO<@408 O9?F FCE0 : 9/F, =F IF?3CF
=O<@408 O9?8, y be fullF70/IB 43F: @=>0PDE =B 4, ?5@?4CF 9/F7D2@4?4 >EŽ: F
. =/ 4E2409Ft =Ž, ?@, F =F 3D4, ?S. 49. CF 0, @CF@ 3F: @=>0F >F 0904 >G
L, BCF 9/FS: . 4 ? : 7DF 9/Id @8, 9FS00@ 7Dp8, D, ?4ID?3CEŽ, ?@, ?S. 49. OF
=O<@408 O9?

University of South Dakota: EŽ: F =/ 4E2409Ft =F: =029E, 92@ 2CF 0, @CF: F
8: =CF?3, 9F 90DQ =F IF F =029F7 92@ 2CF4FO<@40/I

Stanford University: EŽ: F =/ 4E2409Ft =F: =029E, 92@ 2CF 0, @CF 97F 9CF
DQ =F ??3CF: 702CF0A074FO<@40/IEŽ: F =/ 4E2409Ft =F&SIF : A0-98 O9F =F
1 4? =DF 0, @CF?3CF 8 O4, 9F @7@0FO<@408 O9?8, y be fullF70/IB 43F9, = BF
.: @=>0F@ 3F >F 44 9>F IF?3CF. } w?F 9/Ff1 4S: n ?@F FCEŽ CB# O9, 4>, 9. CF IF
, F , B, 4 9F @4, ?% / 44 9Ip8?, 9t =F/ OF FO=F?@/ O9?F 9F; ?4 9, ?2-Q ?
- : : 6F @4 @?8 F, 70/FS?@ ?@O/EL 4 O, F /@, ?4 9I

Swarthmore College: EŽ: F =/ 4E2409Ft =F : 8 : : >4 9F 0, @CF?3CF =4D2F
. : @=>0F 9/FO8 4, =>F =CF? ; 4F: @=>0FDE F, 92CF IF/4-9F O=/ 4E2409Ft
- .) 0 P À ð Ð / - à 0 , (• 0, 0 Àà& & 5 *) À • / , , , 0 Àà&%eP Ð ð Ð !

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- 0, @CF B4CF, 92CF IF: @>0CF 109F9, = BFDf. : ; 0fB, Df, ?4DF3CF 4? =DF
, 9/F @7@CF 1F3CF&940/IS?, 70fQ<@408 097fŽ: F=0/4f2409Ff =f , ?308, ?4>f
- 0, @CF?@/09?>fB, Df, 6CF 7f: 40. CF 7>0fF =f3CF , ?308, ?4>f 9/fŽ, ?@, f
S. 40. 0f, 702 =DF

- 4 7 2DF 9/IS @4IŽ: F=O/4E2409FI =FI , ?308, ?4>F 0, @CF@ 3E: @=>OF
, >F#Q > 9FDF : 8 8 @4, ?4 9p8, DE, ?4IDF3CF @ 9?4, ?4CF#Q > 942F F
=O<@408 097IB 34CF: @=>OFDF >=: 9: 8 DF : ?, 9DF 9/IE : 7 2D8, y ful F7F3CF
" @ 9?4, ?4CF#Q > 942F F<@408 097F

University of Wyoming:Ž: F=O/4E2409FI =F: =029IL, 92@ 2CF 0, @CF?@/DF
; , >F?300708 09?, =DF0A07449: F<@40/I

Yale University:Ž: F=O/4E2409FI =F : 8; : >44 9F 0, @CF?3CF =422F
>647F<@408 0978, y be satisFO/F DE A=K|vF: @=>OF; , 9942Fy|F/4IO-09F
/Q, =?8 09?IŽ: F=O/4E2409FI =FI , ?308, ?4>F 0, @CF?3CF @ 9?4, ?4CF
#Q > 942F<@408 0978, y be fullF70/IB 43E: @=>OFIO : 9: 8 4>09A4: 98 09?, F
>@/4>G 9/F 3D4, F: 49. CIŽ: F=O/4E2409FI =Ž, ?@, F =FI 3D4, F8. 49. CF
- 0, @CF@ 3E: @=>OF >F 308 4?DFDF : ; @7=Ž: A07F 9/F6SQ = 3FI =F
" C=, ?0=0?4 7L 4Q18, DE, ?4IDF3CF8. 49. CF<@408 097F FCF 40 ?0/IS?@/4F
444 ?4CF 9E; ?4 9, F = 2= 8 E; 09F 9DF? E070 ?0/E?@/09?@D: ? - 7E IO=>E 9F
4?02=, ?0/E?@/DE 1E-Q F : : 6F 9/F4Q >

END NOTES

1. L: 4# : 8, 9: 6L40;. DE IF : 702CF = /@ 70F>F 9F 0 700F Washington Post | F 0 08 - 0Fyww| 6B??, JZBBBIB, >342? 9; : >A : 8 ZB; HD9Z: 9?09Z =H 74 7Zyww| ZxyZy{ Z #yww| xyy{ vvw-wxI3?8 7D@ " #I
2. d : >F : @2F 0 ; 7F 970-92F?3C&JSIF : =6t = 6L. . 6F =44, 76647F >09H 74 7t =S@. 0>GF, =90>34 Ft =Fyx^F 09?@-DS647?6yE. . ? - 0Fyww| 6B??, JZ BBBIyx>? 09?@-D647A: =2Z0/00; 3; 0; 74 9' . : 8 \. : 9?09L ? >6' A0BL 4''y| vL /? 8 4'' } {I
3. /970: : 7024 70S?@ / 4F9>74@CF 8 0-4, 9F 44EL40;. DE = 2; 8 6Z @F, / 92F 1 0-4, 20F 8 0-4, 9F, 4FF , >4F%0>F 9F04H 4? =DF 9/F9>74@4 9>6F970: : 7H 7024 70S?@ / 4F9>74@06B??, JZBBBI, 8 0-4, 9. 44 70;. DE =Zyww|Z@8 8, =D>@8 H 8, =I3?8 7E 8 0-4, 9F : @. 4F IF@>70F 9/F 78 94E Losing America's Memory: Historical Illiteracy in the 21st Century | yww|
4. 6Z, 74 9, F 9/: B8 097E =F3CF =?F 99: @. 0 6Z 0BF#Q / 42IS?@ / D6Z, 74 9, F ~ 9/: B8 097E =F3CF =?6K, EZ : A08 - 0Fyww-6B??, JZBBBI9Q I2 A90B>90B>w-Z % #Z #I3?8 7
5. f@/DHF 9/0>: 900/10 Undergraduate Bulletin 2008-09: University of Nebraska – Lincoln | SL 4. : 9E IF CF IF @ 7A, 74 9>EL F 3 ? 2; ; 30Fyww| 6K} 6Z, , 6F w| 6B??, JZ BBBI@970 / @707 @ 709/0-2; /Z: B97, />Z02- w6w I; / IF6 : @>CF9t =8, 74 9F \$@40F 090; F /@, 74 9F# 0<@408 09?>6R&940>41F 1F7A: 4F 7R=>, 9, H 3, 8 H ; , 496B??, JZ : @>0-147A: 410 / @Z 4Z090/7A &t I3?8 7064 / ''yx}, H6&940>41F : IZ 0BF , 8; >340R&9/0-2; /@ 7CF , ? 7 26R&940>41F IZ 0BF , 8; >3406B??, JZ

10. 6CR:940>4DE IF#3: /CF>79/FywwCHvF , ? 7 26CR:940>4DE IF#3: /CF>79/G
3??, JZBBBI@4I'@Z, ? 7 2Z, ? 7 238 7@2= /@ 70 = 2<@438 7

11. Are ey Really Ready to Work? Employers' Perspectives on the Basic Knowledge and
plied Skills of New Entrants to the 21st Century U.S. Workforce 6EF : 910-09. CF : , =/G
' : = : = 7CF : 40FI =H : =602F, 8 40CF FCF, =90>34 FI =Fyx*F 09?@-186474G 9/F
FOIS: . 40DE FI @8, 9#0: @= CH , 9, 208 09Fywy TK=K, I

12. /- 4GE{I

13. ~ @Q @F IL, -: =5? 74?4>GZ @8 -CH IFi ->EL, -: =FI , =60F C 0-40. 0F 9/F , =9H
42F = B73IF#0@7FI= 8 F EŽ, ?4 9, 7L: 924@/ 4, 7S@-ADŽ CB>#070 >06R:940/F
S?, 70F Q, =8 09F IL, -: =Gy-Fl@CFyww@E3??, JZBBBI- 712 AZCB-I-070 >097: D
38I

14. 6CF : =CF @=4@78 GF : 78 - 4F : 702CF : 78 - 4R:940>4DF9F3CF 4DE IŽ CBF
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15. 6CF : =CF @=4@78 GF : 78 - 4F : 702CF : 78 - 4R:940>4DF9F3CF 4DE IŽ CBF
*: =6E3??, JZBBBI: 702C: 78 - 4I0'@Z: =06CF : 8 8 : 9F : =06CR:940>4DE IF
' 34, 2 E3??, >VZ: 702Q / 8 4>4 9-I@ 34, 2 I0'@Z., /08 4-Z: 8 8 : 9: =C-38 7

16. ~ C 7@ 42F , >>. 3@0?>F9>24@CF IF/0 39: 7 2DE 9/F , 7L =94F9>24@CF IF/0 3H
9: 7 2DE= 8 F30Ž, ?4 9, 7R:940>40EL 4:F 9/F D DF0 DE= 8 F3IF
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\$8 43F : 7020G, G}

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