

Core Curriculum 2020-2021

Students may use any appropriate courses, unless otherwise stated, to satisfy both core and major requirements. With the exception of core requirement IX (Experiential Learning), **a course that is used to satisfy one requirement cannot be used to satisfy another**. Special topics courses intended to fulfill core requirements must be approved by the Academic Affairs Committee prior to registration. Also with the exception of core requirement IX, only courses worth three semester hours of credit can be used to satisfy the following course requirements.

- I. **Language and Literature** (3 to 7 courses)
 - (a) Rhetoric 101 and 102 (unless exempted) AND passing either the Rhetoric Proficiency Exam OR Rhetoric 200
 - (b) Foreign Language – 201 and 202 of the same language OR any 300 level course in a classical language or a modern language.
 - (c) Literature – one course from among Classical Studies 203, 204; English literature courses; classical and modern language literature courses at the 300-level and above.
- II. **Natural Sciences and Mathematics** (4 courses)
 - (a) Natural Sciences

Two courses, chosen from different departments, including at least one (with co-requisite laboratory) from among Biology 110, Chemistry 110, Astronomy 110, or Physics 131. The Department of Physics & Astronomy is one department; therefore, the Natural Science requirement cannot be met by taking a combination of a Physics course and an Astronomy course.
 - (b) Mathematics

One course from among Mathematics 111, 121, 130, 140, 141, 142, 231, or 242.
 - (c) One additional Natural Science, Math, or Computer Science course.
- III. **Social Sciences** (1 course)

One course outside the department of the major from among Economics 101; Government and Foreign Affairs 101, 140; any History course at the 100- or 200- level; Psychology 101; or Sociology 201.
- IV. **Core Cultures** (3 courses)
 - (a) Western Culture 101 and 102.
 - (b) One course from either Global Cultures 103 or 104.
- V. **American Studies** (2 courses)

Two courses, chosen from **different departments**, from among United States history courses at the 100- or 200- level, or History 313, 317, 321, 323, 327; English 191, 199, 221, 222, 224, 230, 258; Government and Foreign Affairs 101, 102, 201; Music 212, 217, 218; Religion 231, 232, 334, 336; THEA 210; or Visual Arts 210. Music 212, 217, 218; THEA 210, and Visual Arts 210 are courses offered by the Fine Arts Department; therefore, the American Studies requirement cannot be met by taking a combination of Music, Theatre or Visual Arts.
- VI. **International Studies** (1 course)

An approved study-abroad experience (either during the academic year, in May Term, or in summer school) OR

one course from among History 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 322, 323, 325, 326, 332, 333, 340, 345, 346; Economics 210; English 228; Theatre 201; one course from Global Cultures 103 or 104 not already used in section IV to satisfy the Core Cultures requirement; Government and Foreign Affairs 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 322; or Religion 103, 202, 203, 204; and Spanish 310. **Note: International students with an F1 visa will be considered as having fulfilled the International Studies requirement.**
- VII. **Religious and Philosophical Studies** (1 course)

One Religion or Philosophy course at the 100-, 200-, or 300-level (except RELI 151, 152, or 251);
- VIII. **Fine Arts** (1 course)

One 3 credit hour course in the Department of Fine Arts. The Fine Arts department consists of the following three disciplines: Music, Theatre and Visual Arts.
- IX. **Experiential Learning**

Three courses (of at least one credit) designated as experiential learning, at least one of which is not in the division of the major (i.e., Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Sciences & Mathematics), and one of which must be “off the Hill” (i.e., course activities are primarily experienced off of the H-SC campus).