

Core Curriculum 2015-16

Only courses worth at least three semester hours of credit may be used to satisfy the following core requirements and a course that is used to satisfy one requirement cannot be used to satisfy another. Special Topics courses (numbered 285 or 385) require the approval of the Executive Committee to fulfill a core requirement, unless prior approval was garnered from the Academic Affairs Committee by the instructor.

- 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 languages 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 not in the major from among Economics 101; Government and Foreign Affairs 101, 140; any History course at the 100- or 200- level; Psychology 101, 102; or Sociology 201.

- IV. **Western Culture** (5 courses)
 - (a) Western Culture 101, 102, and 103
 - (b) American Studies

2 courses in two departments from among United States history courses at the 100- or 200- level or History 313, 317, 319, 320, 321; English 199, 221, 222, 224, 230, 258; Government and Foreign Affairs 101, 102, 201; Music 217, 218; Religion 231, 232, 334, 336; or Visual Arts 210. Music and Visual Arts are part of the Fine Arts Department; therefore, the American Studies requirement cannot be met by taking a combination of Music and Visual Arts.

- V. **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, 325, 326; Economics 210; English 228; Theatre 201; Government and Foreign Affairs 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 322; or Religion 103, 202, 203, 204.

- VI. **Religious and Philosophical Studies** (1 course)

One Religion course at the 100- or 200- level (except RELI 151, 152, or 251); or Philosophy 102, 201, 210, 217, 218.

- VII. **Fine Arts**

One 3 credit course in the Department of Fine Arts. The Fine Arts department consists of the following three disciplines: Music, Theatre and Visual Arts.