

Core Curriculum 2016-2017

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 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, 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 217, 218 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 and 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, 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.

- VII. **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.

- 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.