REQUIREMENTS IN CORE/LIBERAL STUDIES

FOUNDATION COURSES (Required)  TOTAL 6-12 CREDITS

Philosophy Courses
Students entering with less than 24 credits:
PHIL 101 Intro to Philosophy as freshmen and 3 cr
PHIL 300 Ethics during the junior or senior year 3 cr
Transfer students entering with 24 credits or more:
PHIL 103 World Views and Values
Transfer students who have completed Intro to Philosophy and Ethics, or comparable courses, with a C or better, are not required to take World Views and Values. 3 cr

Writing Courses
On the basis of test scores, the Writing Placement Test, and transfer credits, students will be required to take one or two college writing courses:
ENG 116 College Writing I
and/or
ENG 117 College Writing II 3-6 cr
On the basis of the exam and other evaluations, it may be recommended to some students that they first take ENG 001, Intro to College Writing, as preparation for ENG 116, College Writing I. Those who have completed College Writing I, or a comparable composition course, will be assigned to ENG 117, College Writing II. Transfer students who have completed College Writing I and II, or comparable composition courses, with a C or better, are exempt from further writing requirements. 3-6 cr

DISTRIBUTION AREAS (Courses Selected by Students) 36 cr

NOTE: Not every course with an “LA” (Liberal Arts) designation is a CORE/LS course. Only courses identified as “CORE/LS” in the Course Schedule (published each semester) qualify. Courses may only fulfill one Core/LS requirement, with the exception of the Cultural Diversity requirement. A course may fulfill CORE/LS requirements as well as requirements in a student’s major or minor areas.

Fine Arts 3 cr
Any course designated “LA” in Art History, Music History, Theatre History; or ART 125L Arts and Values or COM 286 Art of Film

History 6 cr
First course: Themes in Modern History
Second course: Any history course
OR
Foreign-Language Option (see below)*
OR
Foreign-Culture/Civilization Option (see below)*

Literature 6 cr
First Course: Any literature course taught in English or a Foreign-Language
Second Course: Any literature course as described above
OR
Foreign-Language Option (see below)*
OR
Foreign-Culture/Civilization Option (see below)*

Mathematics 6 cr
First Course: See Mathematics Placement recommendation.
Second Course: Any course for which prerequisites have been met
OR
Foreign-Language Option (see below)*

Natural Science 6 cr
First Course: A course designated as Core/Liberal Studies in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Health, Environmental Science, or ANTH 101 Physical Anthropology
Second Course: Any course designated as Core/Liberal Studies from the areas listed above

OR

Foreign-Language Option (see below)*

Philosophy or Religious Studies 3 cr
Any course in Philosophy or Religious Studies except PHIL 101L, PHIL 103L, and PHIL 300L

Social Science 6 cr
Two courses selected from Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology; or ANTH 102 Cultural Anthropology, or ANTH 120 Introduction to Archaeology

*Foreign-Language and Foreign-Culture/Civilization Options
Note: The Foreign-Language Option may not replace a requirement in a student’s major or related field. Foreign-Language Option: A maximum of two foreign-language courses at the intermediate level or above may be substituted for the second course(s) in history, literature, natural science, and/or mathematics. Critical languages such as Latin, Japanese, Arabic, Chinese, and Japanese qualify for the foreign-language option at the Elementary II level.

Foreign-Culture/Civilization Option: Students may substitute one course in a foreign-culture/civilization (taught in English or in a Foreign-Language) for the second course in either History or Literature.

CAPPING COURSE 3 cr
Each student’s major department offers a Capping Course. This course is taken during a student’s senior year.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY (Courses Selected by Students)

Courses satisfying this requirement are identified in the Semester Course Listing. Each student is urged to consult his/her advisor in selecting a course to fulfill this requirement.

NOTE: This requirement may also fulfill a Distribution Area Requirement as well as a requirement in a student’s major or minor area.

Students must fulfill one of the following options:
Option 1: Three-credit course taught in a country other than the United States.
Option 2: Three-credit course of a Foreign-Culture or foreign civilization.
Option 3: Three-credit course of content that is international or non-Western.
Option 4: Three-credit course that examines religion(s) other than Judaism and Christianity. Judaism and Christianity may be included in a comparative context.
Option 5: Three-credit course that examines ethnic/cultural traditions and phenomena other than Anglo-Saxon North America. The issues and processes of integration or assimilation of parallel cultures within a society may be included.

TOTAL CREDITS FOR CORE/LS REQUIREMENT 45-51 cr