



**LIBERAL ARTS CORE  
2025-2026**

*Each degree-seeking candidate is required to satisfy the following distribution of requirements for graduation.  
All students must complete a designated advanced writing course in each major field of study.*

**First-Year Experience [6 hrs.]**

- FYEX-101, First Year Experience: Introduction to a Liberal Arts Education [3 hrs.] *Fall Semester/First Year*
- FYEX-102, First Year Experience: Portfolio Preparation [1 hr.] *Spring Semester*

**Complete two credits from the following: (no more than one hour from each course number): *Spring Semester/First Year***

- FYEX-103, Applying a Liberal Arts Education to Community Issues/Aesthetic Expression [1 hr.]
- FYEX-104, Applying a Liberal Arts Education to Community Issues/Cultural Expression [1 hr.]
- FYEX-105, Applying a Liberal Arts Education to Community Issues/Ethical & Spiritual Exploration [1 hr.]
- FYEX-106, Applying a Liberal Arts Education to Community Issues/Empirical Inquiry & Analysis [1 hr.]
- FYEX-107, Applying a Liberal Arts Education to Community Issues/Personal & Societal Well-Being [1 hr.]

**Foundations [18 hrs. depending upon placement]**

*A grade of C or better is required in ENGL-101, ENGL-110 and COMM-211.  
Students completing FYEX-101/Honors are not required to enroll in ENGL-101 or ENGL-110.*

- ENGL-101, Composition I [3 hrs.] (unless waived on the basis of test scores & high school composition grades)
- ENGL-110, Written Inquiry [3 hrs.]  
*NOTE: Honors program participants will complete an honors section of FYEX-101 in place of ENGL-110*
- COMM-211, Fundamentals of Human Communication [3 hrs.]
- One course designated as foundational scientific inquiry [3-4 hrs.]  
Options include: BIOL-111/112/151/163; CHEM-131/150/161; ENV5-130; PHSC-110/127; PHYS-103/110/131/132/151/152/161/162
- One course designated as foundational quantitative analysis [3-4 hrs.]  
Options include: BIOL-215; MATH-103/110/115/130/161
- One course designated as foundational Humanities & Liberal Arts [3 hrs.]  
Options include: COMM-105/125/130/150/ENGL-163/165/GNST-188/HIST-110/111/112/131/POLS-101/PUBS-101/SOCI-101

**Lenses [15 - 16 hrs.]**

*One course required from each of the following lens categories [prerequisite FYEX-101] No more than two courses may come from the same departmental prefix and one lens must be a 300 level course.*

- Ethical & Spiritual Exploration (ETSP) [3 hrs.]
- Aesthetic Expression (AEXP) [3 hrs.]
- Personal & Societal Well Being (PSWB) [3 hrs.]
- Cultural Perspectives (CEXP) [3 hrs.]
- Empirical Inquiry & Analysis (EXIN) [3-4 hrs.]

**Senior Year Experience [1 hr.]**

- FYEX-401, Senior Year Experience [1 hr.]

**TOTAL HOURS 40**