

The Liberal Arts Core Curricula

You might be wondering, “What other courses do I take besides my major classes?” Students pursuing a Bachelors degree also complete coursework in the *liberal arts core curricula*. There are two tracks of study in the core curricula and a student follows a particular course of study depending on a his/her major. The majors and their assigned core curricula are listed below along with number of credits and subject areas.

Liberal Arts Core: Arts and Sciences

Includes: Chemistry, English/Communication, Foreign Languages and Literature (except International Business Foreign Language), History-Political Science-International Relations, Psychology (except Biology-Psychology), Sociology-Criminology, Theology.

Student pursuing secondary certification in any of the above majors follow the Professional Studies Core.

In the Mathematics-Computing Sciences-Physics Department, students completing a BA in Mathematics follow the Arts and Sciences Core.

Theology	6 credits
Philosophy	6 credits
Ethics	0-3 credits*
Composition I	3 credits
Composition II	3 credits
Foreign Language	6 credits**
Exercise Science	2 credits
FYE	1 credit
Physical Education	2 Contact Hours ***
Natural Sciences (w/Lab)	3 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Social Sciences	6 credits
History	6 credits
Humanities electives	6 credits (<i>3 credits must be in music, art or literature</i>)

Total credits: 51-54

Liberal Arts Core: Professional Studies

Includes the following: Biology (including Biology-Psychology), Business-Accounting-Economics, Education (including all students pursuing secondary certification), Fashion-Family and Consumer Sciences, Health Sciences and Services, International Business Foreign Language, Mathematics-Computing Science-Physics (except the BA in Mathematics), Music, Nursing (Generic BSN program only), Nutrition and Dietetics, Physical Education and Exercise Science.

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Students may use courses from their major to satisfy a core requirement.

*Students must complete an ethics requirement which may be satisfied by the requirements for the major, from courses offered by the theology or philosophy departments, or from a demonstrated departmental component. Credits used to satisfy the ethics requirement do not satisfy required credits in theology or philosophy.

**Students must take 6 credits of language in the same foreign language, for example, 3 credits of Spanish 101 followed by 3 credits of Spanish 102.

***Students take 2 PED courses (Physical Education) to equal 2 contact hours.