## At a Glance

**Comparison of the 4 Former A&S Cores and the New A&S Core**

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| **1. Unified under one Vision Statement** | • four different lists of core requirements (BA, BS, BFA, BSAS)  
• no Vision Statement | • one list of core requirements (all students, BA, BS, BFA and BSAS, take the same core requirements)  
• all courses in the core must cohere with the Vision Statement; the A&S Core Curriculum Advisory Committee approves all new courses in light of Vision |
| **2. Common courses for a shared foundation of knowledge** | 5 common courses:  
(1) Chapel; (2) US Constitution; (3) Christian Scriptures; (4) Christian Heritage, & (5) Thinking and Writing | 7 common courses:  
(1) Chapel; (2) US Constitution; (3) Christian Scriptures; (4) Christian Heritage; (5) American Literary Cultures; (6) The United States in Global Perspective; & (7) Cultural Events Experience |
| **3. Flexible structure for students and faculty** | multiple choices of courses to satisfy requirements | multiple choices of courses to satisfy requirements but organized under new distribution lists (DLs) |
| **4. Balanced size with respect to student’s major, minor, and electives** | BA: 65-78 hours  
BS: 68-79 hours  
BFA: 41-52 hours  
BSAS: 54-59 hours | • one core of 49-53 hours  
• adds opportunity for students to pursue multiple majors, minors, certificates, and electives  
• eliminates some of the difficulty pre-med students face if they desire to major in humanities or social sciences (*note*: ½ of all A&S students enter as pre-med) |
| **5. Multidisciplinary Courses** | none | 4 of the 9 DLs encourage multidisciplinary and team-taught courses |
| **6. Upper-level courses** | few | 6 of the 9 DLs allow for 3000 and 4000-level courses |
| **7. Attention to moral, intellectual, and spiritual virtues for personal and professional life** | present in some courses, but not necessarily defined or required | not only present, but defined and required in all courses whether common or DL |
| **8. Religion** | BA, BS, BFA & BSAS: 6 hrs (REL 1310 & REL 1350) | 6 hrs  
| **9. Political Science** | BA, BS, BFA & BSAS: 3 hrs (PSC 2302) | 3 hrs  
| **10. History** | BA & BSAS: 6 hrs  
BS & BFA: 0 hrs | 3 hrs  
(*HIS 1300: “The United States in Global Perspective”*) |
| 11. Fine Arts | BA: 7-9 hrs  
BS & BSAS: 0 hrs  
BFA: 4-5 hrs | 3 hrs  
(one common requirement—“Cultural Events Experience” and one 3-hr course from a “Fine Arts and Performing Arts DL”) |
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| 12. Formal Reasoning | BA: 3 hrs  
BS: 6 hrs  
BFA & BSAS: 0 hrs | 3 hrs  
(one 3-hr course from a “Formal Reasoning” DL) |
| 13. Literature | BA, BS & BSAS: 6 hrs  
BFA: 3 hrs | 6 hrs  
(one 3-hr common course—American Literary Cultures and one course from a “Literature in Context” DL) |
| 14. Writing | BA, BS, BFA & BSAS: 6 hrs | 3 hrs  
(one 3-hr course from a “Research Writing” DL) |
| 15. Foreign Language | BA & BS: Fourth semester proficiency, or 2 classical languages through the second semester  
BFA: Third semester proficiency  
BSAS: Second semester proficiency | 8-12 hrs  
Third semester proficiency in one language, 2 classical languages through the second semester |
| 16. Science | BA: 12 hrs lab science  
BS: 8 hrs lab science (plus 20 additional hours of science or math)  
BFA: 8 hrs lab science  
BSAS: 8 hrs | 7-8 hrs  
(At least one 4-hr lab science from a “Scientific Method I: Course with Laboratory Experience” DL. A second course may be taken in the “Scientific Method I” DL or in the “Scientific Method II: Grand Challenges of Science” DL. Note the lecture course, which can be multidisciplinary, addresses global issues not typically addressed in the lab science courses, such as history and philosophy of science, origin of the universe, evolution/extinction, climate change, global health, or ethical issues in science and medicine.) |
| 17. Communication | BA, BS & BFA: 0 hrs  
BSAS: 3 hrs | 3 hrs  
(one 3-hr course from a “Communication and Media Literacy” DL that will help students use communication media more effectively and to control better media’s impact on themselves) |
| 18. Social Sciences | BA: 12 hrs  
BFA & BS: 9 hrs  
BSAS: 6 hrs | 3 hrs  
(one 3-hr course from a DL titled “Contemporary Social Issues,” which will focus on questions of class, civil society, gender, public health, justice, and identity) |

Note: DL abbreviates “distribution list.” This is a list of courses any of which would satisfy the corresponding core requirement.