

At a Glance

comparison of the 4 former A&S Cores and the New A&S Core

	Former Cores	New Core
1. Unified under one Vision Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • four different lists of core requirements (BA, BS, BFA, BSAS) • no Vision Statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <i>(note: ½ of all A&S students enter as pre-med)</i>
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 <i>(REL 1310: "Christian Scriptures" & REL 1350: "Christian Heritage")</i>
9. Political Science	BA, BS, BFA & BSAS: 3 hrs (PSC 2302)	3 hrs <i>(PSC 2302: "The U.S Constitution, Its Interpretation, and the American Experience.")</i>
10. History	BA & BSAS: 6 hrs BS & BFA: 0 hrs	3 hrs <i>(HIS 1300: "The United States in Global Perspective")</i>

11. Fine Arts	BA: 7-9 hrs BS & BSAS: 0 hrs BFA: 4-5 hrs	3 hrs <i>(one common requirement—"Cultural Events Experience" and one 3-hr course from a "Fine Arts and Performing Arts DL)</i>
12. Formal Reasoning	BA: 3 hrs BS: 6 hrs BFA & BSAS: 0 hrs	3 hrs <i>(one 3-hr course from a "Formal Reasoning" DL)</i>
13. Literature	BA, BS & BSAS: 6 hrs BFA: 3 hrs	6 hrs <i>(one 3-hr common course—American Literary Cultures and one course from a "Literature in Context" DL)</i>
14. Writing	BA, BS, BFA & BSAS: 6 hrs	3 hrs <i>(one 3-hr course from a "Research Writing" DL)</i>
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 <i>Third semester proficiency in one language, 2 classical languages through the second semester</i>
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 <i>(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.)</i>
17. Communication	BA, BS & BFA: 0 hrs BSAS: 3 hrs	3 hrs <i>(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)</i>
18. Social Sciences	BA: 12 hrs BFA & BS: 9 hrs BSAS: 6 hrs	3 hrs <i>(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)</i>

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