

At a Glance

comparison of the 4 Existing A&S Cores and the Proposed A&S Core

	Existing Cores	Proposed 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
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	8 common courses: (1) Chapel; (2) US Constitution; (3) Christian Scriptures; (4) Christian Heritage; (5) Thinking and Writing; (6) US History in Global Perspective; (7) Cultural Events Experience; & (8) Civic Engagement Seminar
3. Flexible structure for students and faculty	multiple choices of courses to satisfy requirements	multiple choices of courses to satisfy requirements
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 49/50 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	7 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, but not necessarily defined or required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not only present, but defined and required in all courses whether common or DL • service requirement in Civic Engagement Seminar
8. Religion	BA, BS, BFA & BSAS: 6 hrs (REL 1310 & REL 1350)	BA, BS, BFA & BSAS: 6 hrs <i>(two common courses, REL 1310: "Christian Scriptures" & REL 1350: "Christian Heritage")</i>
9. Political Science	BA, BS, BFA & BSAS: 3 hrs (PSC 2320)	BA, BS, BFA & BSAS: 3 hrs <i>(one common course, PSC 13XX: "The U.S Constitution, Its Interpretation, and the American Experience.")</i>
10. History	BA & BSAS: 6 hrs BS & BFA: 0 hrs	BA, BS, BFA, BSAS: 3 hrs <i>(one common course "US History in Global Perspective")</i>

11. Fine Arts	BA: 7-9 hrs BS & BSAS: 0 hrs BFA: 4-5 hrs	BA, BS, BFA, BSAS: 3 hrs <i>(one 0-hr common course—"Cultural Events Experience" and one 3-hr fine arts course from a DL)</i>
12. Formal Reasoning	BA: 3 hrs BS: 6 hrs BFA & BSAS: 0 hrs	BA, BS, BFA, BSAS: 3 hrs <i>(one 3-hr course from a DL of mathematics, statistics, and logic courses)</i>
13. Literature	BA, BS & BSAS: 6 hrs BFA: 3 hrs	BA, BS, BFA, BSAS: 3 hrs <i>(one 3-hr course from a DL)</i>
14. Writing	BA, BS, BFA & BSAS: 6 hrs	BA, BS, BFA, BSAS: 6 hrs <i>(one common course, "Thinking and Writing," and 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	BA, BS, BFA, BSAS: Third semester proficiency in one language
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	BA, BS, BFA, BSAS: 7 hrs <i>(one 4-hr lab science from a DL and one 3-hr "Grand Challenges in Science" lecture course from a 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	BA, BS, BFA, BSAS: 3 hrs <i>(one 3-hr course from "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	BA, BS, BFA, BSAS: 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.