

**Approved Core Curriculum
BA, BFA, BS, and BSAS degrees
College of Arts and Sciences
October 12, 2017**

On October 12, 2017, the Council of Chairs of the College of Arts and Sciences approved, by a 20 to 4 vote, the following:

- I. The A&S Core Curriculum Vision stipulates that “the College of Arts and Sciences will have a unified core curriculum across all degrees”; therefore, beginning in the fall of 2019, the BA, BS, BFA, and BSAS degrees will have the same core curricular requirements.
- II. To meet the A&S core curriculum’s Vision requirements of “flexibility with the core curriculum” and to “not be burdensome” in respect to the student’s major requirements and electives to students, the core will consist of 49/50 hours, divided into common courses totaling 15/16 hours and distribution list courses totaling 34 hours.¹
- III. The common courses² will be follows:
 - A. Chapel (2 semesters)
 - B. Cultural Events Experience (6 semesters)
 - C. *CIV 31XX: Civic Engagement Seminar*³
 - D. ENG 23XX: American Literary Cultures
 - E. HIS 13XX: U.S. History in Global Perspective
 - F. PSC 13XX: The U.S. Constitution, Its Interpretation, and the American Political Experience
 - G. REL 1310: Christian Scriptures
 - H. REL 1350: Christian Heritage
- IV. The Distribution Lists (DL) will be as follows:
 - A. **Communication and Media Literacy.** Students will take one 3-hour course. See Communication and Media Literacy DL Addendum for description, justification, eligibility, and criteria.

¹ In 2016-17, the core requirements for the BS are 68 to 79 hours, for the BA are 65 to 78 hours, for the BFA are 41 to 52, and for the BSAS are 54 to 59 hours.

² Approved descriptions, justifications, and criteria of these common courses are attached.

³ Due to significant logistical issues in implementing this course, CIV 31XX receives tentative approval from A&S Core Curriculum Review Taskforce. Implementation would be expected following further study by the A&S Core Curriculum Advisory Committee.

- B. Contemporary Social Issues.** Students will take one 3-hour course. See Contemporary Social Issues DL Addendum for description, justification, eligibility, and criteria.
- C. Fine Arts and Performing Arts.** Students will take one 3-hour course. See Fine Arts and Performing Arts DL Addendum for description, justification, eligibility, and criteria.
- D. Foreign Language and Culture.** Students will take three 3-hour courses. See Foreign Language and Culture DL Addendum for description, justification, eligibility, and criteria.
- E. Formal Reasoning.** Students will take one 3-hour course. See Formal Reasoning DL Addendum for description, justification, eligibility, and criteria.
- F. Literature in Context.** Students will take one-3 hour course. See Literature in Context DL Addendum for description, justification, eligibility, and criteria.
- G. Research Writing.** Students will take one 3-hour writing course. See Research Writing DL Addendum for description, justification, eligibility, and criteria.
- H. Scientific Method I: Course with Laboratory Experience.** Students will take at least 7 hours in sciences courses, at least one of them a 4-hour course with a laboratory experience (or a 3-hour lecture course with a 1-hour lab). The second course may be taken in the Scientific Method Grand Challenges of Science Distribution List. See Scientific Method I DL Addendum for description, justification, eligibility, and criteria.
- I. Scientific Method II: Grand Challenges of Science.** Students may take one 3-hour Grand Challenges of Science lecture course to meet the 7-hour science requirement. See Section H above. See Scientific Method II DL Addendum for description, justification, eligibility, and criteria.
- V. Revisions to Core Curriculum
- A. Departmental proposals for courses in the DL will be submitted to the A&S Core Curriculum Advisory Committee. (See addendum “Distribution List Course Application.”) All full-time A&S faculty members are eligible for appointment to the advisory committee. Committee members are appointed by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for 3-year terms.
- B. Proposed changes to common courses or DL requirements must be submitted to the A&S Core Curriculum Advisory Committee for consideration.
- C. When approved by the A&S Core Curriculum Advisory Committee, new courses or revisions to the core curriculum are routed through existing curricular channels (i.e., A&S Dean, A&S Curriculum Committee, A&S Council of Chairs, University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, and Provost).

The following are the members of the A&S Council of Chairs, 2017-2018: Mark Anderson (ART), Stacy Atchley (GEO), Michael Beaty (PHI), Bill Bellinger (REL), David Clinton (PSC), George Cobb (ENV), Stan Denman (THEA), Pat Farmer (CHE), Kevin Gardner (ENG), Myers Gray (ROTC Airforce), Ken Hafertepe (Museum Studies), Barry Hankins (HIS), Chris Hansen (FDM), Lance Littlejohn (MTH), Michael Long (MLC), Carson Mencken (SOC), Michael Muehlenbein (ANT), Dwight Russell (PHY), David Schlueter (COM),

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