CATALOG STATEMENT ON LIBERAL ARTS CORE

Mission of the Liberal Arts Core

The mission of the Liberal Arts Core is to cultivate the skills, knowledge, and intellectual curiosity that are essential in every field of study, and which support a full and productive life. The University's Liberal Arts Core requirements introduce students to a variety of learning perspectives and methods of inquiry that combine to foster an appreciation for different ways of viewing, knowing, and engaging the world.

The curriculum emphasizes the acquisition of essential skills; chief among these are analytical and critical thinking, oral and written communication, and quantitative reasoning. Through the study of the liberal arts and sciences, the curriculum seeks to develop each student's understanding of self in relation to others. The Liberal Arts Core curriculum provides the foundation to acquire a mastery of a particular field of study, and enables graduates to participate as concerned, intelligent citizens of a rapidly changing, richly diverse, and increasingly interconnected world.

HENDERSON SEMINAR – 1 Hour
While not part of the Liberal Arts Core, GEN 1031 Henderson Seminar is required of all freshmen during the first semester. Students who fail the class have the option to retake it during their second semester. This course must be taken at the freshman level.

Liberal Arts Core Requirements (45 hours)

Note: The State of Arkansas requires all students with ACT scores below 19 in Reading, English, and/or Mathematics to be remediated before taking college level courses in these subjects. Henderson offers the following courses to fulfill this requirement. Credit hours earned in these courses do not count towards a degree.

ASSESSMENT-RELATED COURSES
(Should be completed during freshman year and prior to taking upper division courses)

____ ENG 0423 Basic English
ACT: 0-18
SAT: 0-469
ASSET: 0-44
COMPASS: 0-74

____ RDG 0043 Academic Reading
ACT: 0-18
SAT: 0-469
ASSET: 0-42
COMPASS: 0-81

____ MTH 0003 Elementary Algebra
ACT: 0-15
SAT: 0-389
ASSET: 0-32
COMPASS: 0-24

____ MTH 0013 Intermediate Algebra
Mandated ACT: 16-18; Suggested ACT: 19-20
Mandated SAT: 390-459
Mandated ASSET: 33-39; Suggested ASSET: 40-48
Mandated COMPASS: 25-40

*MTH 0003 is sufficient remediation for students wishing to take Mathematics for the Liberal Arts and Mathematics Through Practical Applications. Those required to take College Algebra must complete Intermediate Algebra as the remediation course.

Students may count no more than 7 hours of "D" in the Liberal Arts Core. Students must earn grades of "C" or better in Freshman English A & B. Grades of "C" or better are also required in courses used to meet the Writing Across The Curriculum requirements.

Students must earn a minimum of 42 upper-level (junior/senior) hours in order to graduate. Most of these courses will be taken in the student's chosen major, however, any upper level course approved in the Liberal Arts Core will also count towards this requirement. Foreign language at the intermediate level may count as upper level if taken during the junior or senior year.

Essential Skills

Students who successfully complete the essential skills component of the Liberal Arts Core will understand and appreciate the central role writing and critical thinking play in becoming an active student of the liberal arts. By fulfilling the essential skills requirements, students will be able to think coherently, write clearly and effectively, read with understanding and appreciation, speak effectively, demonstrate fundamental mathematical skills, and practice lifetime fitness skills. Throughout the Liberal Arts Core curriculum, students will develop skills for the appropriate use of various forms of technology.

Freshman English/Writing: (6 hours)

ENG	1463	Freshman English A and
ENG	1473	Freshman English B OR
ENG	1803	Freshman English—Honors

Students with a score of 25 or higher on the English and Reading sections of the ACT (or equivalent test) will be awarded credit for ENG 1463 (Freshman English A) after completion of 15 hours at Henderson with a 2.00 or higher grade point average and ENG 1473 (Freshman English B) with a grade of "C" or better.

Communication: (3 hours)

COM	2013	Oral Communication

Mathematics: (3 hours)

Students majoring in business, aviation, computer science, mathematics, and natural sciences must have College Algebra or a more advanced mathematics course.

Choose one:

MTH	1033	Mathematics for Liberal Arts
MTH	1083	Mathematics Through Practical Applications
MTH	1243	College Algebra
MTH	1253	Plane Trigonometry
MTH	1273	Precalculus Mathematics
MTH	1213	Algebra for the Elementary and Middle Grades (for P-4 and 4-8 majors only)

Or any mathematics course more advanced than Precalculus

Physical Well-Being: (1 hour)

Choose one:

HPR	1011	Lifetime Fitness Concepts
HPR	1—1	P. E. Activity

An HPR methods course may satisfy the one hour activity course. MSC1011 Introduction to ROTC or MSC1021 Introduction to Leadership will satisfy the requirement for the HPR activity course. One year or more of active duty military service will satisfy the Physical Well-Being requirement.

Academic Enrichment

Students should consult with their major area advisor before registering for enrichment courses as some majors have specific course requirements.

Fine Arts and Humanities: (6 hours)

Students who successfully complete the Fine Arts and Humanities requirements will have the ability to respond or react to a given artistic creation using a range of tools that include aesthetic sensitivity, personal experience, understanding of social context, and a variety of cultural/historical references. Students will be able to demonstrate through their writing, observations, questions and discussions, familiarity with a significant number of influential and representative works.

Choose one:

ENG	2013	World Literature I
ENG	2023	World Literature II
ENG	2683	Masters of Western Literature
ENG	2793	Masters of Western Literature—Honors

Choose one:

ART	2033	Humanities: Art
MUS	2033	Humanities: Music
THA	2033	Humanities: Theatre Arts
HUM	2093	Fine Arts: Honors
ART	2603	Humanities: Studio Art
MUS	4363 or 4373	Music History (for music majors—see Music Dept. pages)

Social Sciences: (9 hours)

The courses in the social sciences are designed to assist students in obtaining a functional knowledge of the history of civilization and of our country in particular; give them an understanding of political systems abroad and in the United States; help them adjust to the physical and social environment; teach them the value of cooperation and tolerance in a free society; and encourage them to participate as concerned, intelligent citizens. The following courses provide a research-based perspective for studying the effects of cultural and social forces on individuals, groups, and institutions.

Choose one:

HIS	1013	Civilization to 1660
HIS	1023	Civilization Since 1660
HIS	1043	Civilization since 1660—Honors

Choose one:

HIS	2053	U.S. History to 1865
HIS	2063	U.S. History Since 1865
PSC	1013	American National Government

Choose one:

ANT	2013	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ECO	2013	Macroeconomics
ECO	2023	Microeconomics
GEO	1023	Introduction to Geography
GEO	2163	World Geography
PSC	1023	State & Local Government
PSY	1013	General Psychology
PSY	1073	General Psychology--Honors
SOC	1013	Introduction to Sociology

Or any Civilization, U.S. History, or American Government course listed above not used to fulfill another requirement. No more than nine hours of HIS courses can count towards the core.

Natural Science: (8 hours)

Upon successful completion of the requirements in natural science, students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of how scientific theories are evaluated and applied. They will understand the physical universe and recognize some of the issues in both the physical and life sciences that influence society. Students will be familiar with the technical language and basic theories of science that inform personal and public decision making.

Choose one:

BIO	1013/1021	Introduction to Biology (with lab)
BIO	2104	General Botany
BIO	2114	General Zoology

Choose one:

CHM	1004	Introduction to Chemistry
CHM	1014	University Chemistry I
CHM	1034	General Chemistry Non-Majors
CHM	1044	General Organic and Biochemistry
PHY	1024	Introduction to Astronomy
PHY	2034	General Physics I
PHY	2234	University Physics I

Non-Western Culture: (3 hours)

In a rapidly changing world, understanding cultural differences is important in fostering a perspective of global concern and acceptance of a range of cultural responses. Students completing the Non-Western Culture requirement will appreciate the complexity and diversity of world cultures. They will develop an understanding of how culture influences behavior, and in turn, how cultural differences impact intercultural interactions.

Choose one:

ANT	3043	North American Indians
ANT	3053	World Cultures
ART	3103	Art of the Nonwestern World
EDU	4543	Teaching People of Other Cultures

ENG	3043	Nonwestern Literature
GEO	3173	Geography of the Pacific
HIS	4673	Asian Civilizations
HIS	4683	The Modern Middle East
HIS	4693	African History
HPR	3973	History & Philosophy of Nonwestern Leisure, Culture, Wellness & Sport
MUS	3473	Survey of Nonwestern Music
NSG	3643	Trans-cultural Health Care
PHI	3023	Religions of the World
PHY	4293	Nonwestern Cosmology
PSC	4233	Comparative Politics in the Middle East
PSC	4243	Comparative Politics in Africa
PSC	4253	South Asian Politics
PSY	3043	Cross-Cultural Psychology
PSY	3053	Multicultural Mental Health
SOC	3063	World Cultures
GEN	3083	Study Abroad: Non-Western (requires travel)

Core Elective: (3 hours)

Electives offer students opportunities to explore personal interests, add variety to their studies, and advance particular academic, career, or professional goals.

Choose one:

PHI	2013	Introduction to Philosophy
PHI	2083	Introduction to Philosophy—Honors
PHI	3043	Ancient Philosophy
PHI	3053	Modern Philosophy
PHI	3113	Ethics
FRE	1013	French I (or any higher level French)
GER	1013	German I (or any higher level German)
SPA	1013	Spanish I (or any higher level Spanish)
		Or any course listed in the Liberal Arts Core that has not been used to fulfill any other category.

Writing Across the Curriculum Requirements

The projected outcomes of students' skills, habits, and attitudes, while distinguishable, are not separable; they blend together to produce the ability to write well and to think critically. Cognition, writing process, and the written product interact and mutually reinforce one another.

Required: Must pass with a grade of "C" or better. (3 hours)

Choose one:

ENG	3313	University Writing
ENG	4453	Advanced Composition
ENG	3613	Technical Writing
MMC	4223	Magazine & Feature Writing
MMC	4293	Creative Nonfiction

Writing Intensive (WI) Requirement: Must pass with a grade of "C" or better.

While not a part of the Liberal Arts Core, each student must take a minimum of two (2) 3000 or 4000-level Writing Across the Curriculum courses in addition to one of the courses listed directly above. One must be taken within the department of the student's major; the other may be from the major, the

minor, the liberal arts core, or as an elective. Approved courses are identified in the Catalog, the Registration Bulletin and on the transcript as (WI). It is the responsibility of the chair/director/supervisor of the student's major, and the registrar, to "certify" that the upper-level writing requirements have been met.

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