The Core provides the foundation to acquire a mastery of a particular field of study. No more than 7 hours of “D” will count in the LAC.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS (13 hours)

Students will be able to think critically, write clearly and effectively, read with understanding and appreciation, speak effectively, demonstrate fundamental mathematical skills, and practice lifetime fitness skills.

Freshman English/Writing (6 Hours)

Students with a score of 25 or higher on the English and Reading sections of the ACT (or equivalent test) will be exempt from 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. Students must pass English courses with a “C” or better.

- ENG 1463  Freshman English A and
- ENG 1473  Freshman English B or
- ENG 1803  Freshman English Honors

Mathematics (3 Hours)

The table below indicates courses fulfilling the Mathematics requirement by major. Unless otherwise stated, the course/s listed apply to ALL tracks within a major. For courses not marked “required”, students also have the choice of completing MTH1243 College Algebra, MTH1244 College Algebra Enhanced or a higher-level MTH course. For majors listing MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy or STA1313 Statistical Reasoning, the enhanced version of these courses may completed as an alternative.

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Ellis College of Arts & Sciences

- Art: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy
- Biology: MTH1243 College Algebra or Higher (Required)
- Chemistry: MTH1243 College Algebra or Higher (Required)
- Communication (research): STA1313 Statistical Reasoning (Required)
- Communication (other): MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy
- Computer Science: MTH1294 Calculus I (Required)
- Criminal Justice BA: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy or STA1313 Statistical Reasoning
- Criminal Justice BS: MTH1243 College Algebra or Higher (Required)
- Engineering: MTH1243 College Algebra or Higher (Required)
- English: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy
- History: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy or STA1313 Statistical Reasoning
- Innovative Media: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy
- Integrated Studies: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy
- Mathematics (Pure Track): MTH1294 Calculus I (Required)
- Mathematics (Licensure): MTH1294 Calculus I (Required)
- Medical Technology: MTH1243 College Algebra or Higher (Required)
- Music: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy
- Nuclear Medicine: MTH1243 College Algebra or Higher (Required)
- Nursing: MTH1243 College Algebra or Higher (Required)
- Political Science: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy or STA1313 Statistical Reasoning
- Psychology: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy or STA1313 Statistical Reasoning
- Public Administration: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy or STA1313 Statistical Reasoning
- Radiography: MTH1243 College Algebra or Higher (Required)
- Spanish: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy
- Social Sciences: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy or STA1313 Statistical Reasoning
- Social Work: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy or STA1313 Statistical Reasoning
- Sociology: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy
- Statistics: MTH1294 Calculus I (Required)
- Theatre Arts: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy

School of Business

- Business Majors: MTH1243 College Algebra or Higher (Required)
- Aviation Majors: MTH1243 College Algebra or Higher (Required)

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Teachers College

- K-6 & 4-8 Majors: MTH1213 Algebra for Elem & Mid Grades (Required)
- Computer Sci & Bus Technology: MTH1243 College Algebra (Required)
- Special Education: MTH1213 Algebra for Elem & Mid Grades (Required)
- Other Ed. Majors: MTH1243 College Algebra or Higher, or MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy, or STA1313 Statistical Reasoning, or MTH1233 Applied Trigonometry
- Child Care Mng: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy (Recommended)
- Dietetics: MTH1243 College Algebra or Higher (Required)
- Hospitality Food Serv: MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy (Recommended)
- Health&Human Perform: STA1313 Statistical Reasoning (Recommended)
- Recreation Majors: STA1313 Statistical Reasoning (Recommended)
- HPE Majors: STA1313 Statistical Reasoning (Recommended)

Physical Well-Being (1 Hour)

Health & Physical Education Majors are Exempt. Students who complete BIO 4044 Neotropical Ecology are also exempt. Students pursuing an Associates of Health Science should take a lower division HPR course.

Choose one:

- HPR 1011  Life Fitness Concepts
- HPR 1---  P.E. Activity; or
- Any other HPR activity course (> 1 chl);
- MSC101 Introduction to ROTC,
- MTH1033 Quantitative Literacy (Recommended)

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Communication (3 Hours)

- COM 2013  Oral Communication

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ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT (23 hours)

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

Social Sciences (9 hours)

Students will gain a functional knowledge of the history of civilization and of our country in particular and will develop an understanding of political systems abroad and in the United States.

Choose one:

- HIS 1013  World Civilization to 1660
- HIS 1323  World Civilization to 1660 Honors
- HIS 1023  World Civilization since 1660
- HIS 1043  World Civilization since 1660 Honors

Choose one:

- HIS 2053  United States to 1877
- HIS 2063  United States since 1877
- PSC 1013  American National Government
- PSC 1263  American National Government Honors

Choose one:

- ANT 2013  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- CRI 2013  Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
- CRI 2033  Introduction to Criminology
- ECO 2013  Macroeconomics
- ECO 2163  Microeconomics
- GEO 1023  Introduction to Geography
- GEO 2023  World Geography
- PSC 1023  State and Local Government
- PSC 2193  Global Politics
- PSY 1013  General Psychology
- PSY 1073  General Psychology Honors
- SOC 1013  Introduction to Sociology

- Or any World Civilization, U.S. History, or American National Government course listed above not used to fulfill another requirement. Max 9 hours of HIS courses can count towards the core.
Fine Arts and Humanities (6 hours)
Using a range of tools that include aesthetic sensitivity, personal experience, understanding of social context, and a variety of cultural/historical references, students will gain familiarity with a number of influential and representative works.

Choose one:
- ENG 2013 World Literature I
- ENG 2023 World Literature II
- ENG 2053 Studies in Literature
- ENG 2793 Masters of Western Literature Honors

Choose one:
- ART 2033 Humanities: Art
- ART 2603 Humanities: Studio Art
- HUM 2093 Fine Arts Honors
- MUS 2033 Humanities: Music
- MUS 4363/4373 Music History (MUS majors: See MUS catalog)
- THA 2033 Humanities: Theatre Arts
- COM/MMC/THA 3423 Movie Appreciation & Enjoyment

Natural Science (8 hours)
Students will develop a deeper understanding of the physical universe and recognize some of the issues in both the physical and life sciences that influence society.

Choose one:
- BIO 1013/1021 Introduction to Biology (with lab)
- BIO 2104 General Botany
- BIO 2114 General Zoology
- BIO 2174/2184 & 3094 – Transfer Nursing Majors Only (All 3 classes required; A&P I, A&P II, Microbiology)

Choose one:
- CHM 1004 Introduction to Chemistry
- CHM 1014 University Chemistry I
- CHM 1034 General Chemistry Non-Majors
- CHM 1044 General Organic and Biochemistry
- CHM 1234 Introduction to Forensic Chemistry
- PHY 1024 Introduction to Astronomy
- PHYS 3154 Physical Science for Teachers
- PHY 2034 General Physics I
- PHY 2234 University Physics I

National Park ESCI 1104 Earth Science Transfer Exceptions for Natural Sci.
- All Education Majors
- Human Services and Natural Resc. Management majors with prior Associate of Science in Liberal Arts Science.

---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. Health & Physical Education Majors are Exempt.

Choose one:
- FCS 2103 Nutrition
- FIN 2183 Financial Literacy
- FRE 1013 French I (or any higher level French)
- GER 1013 German I (or any higher level German)
- HUM 2153 Intro/Women’s and Gender Studies
- PHI 2013 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHI 2083 Introduction to Philosophy Honors
- PHI 3113 Ethics
- PHI 4043 Ancient Philosophy
- PHI 4053 Modern Philosophy
- 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.

Freshman Orientation (Not Part of L.A.C.):
- GEN 1031 Henderson Seminar (1 hour) Freshman only; required of all first time freshman.

---NON-WESTERN CULTURE (3 hours)---
This course is usually taken in the junior or senior year.
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 4053 World Cultures
- ART 4103 Art of the Nonwestern World
- BIO 4324 Tropical Marine Biology
- BIO 4044 Neotropical Ecology
- EDU 4543 Exploring Perspectives of Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Learners
- ENG 3043 Nonwestern Literature
- GEN 4083 Study Abroad: Non-Western (requires travel)
- GEO 3073 Geography of Asia
- HIS 4253 African Kingdoms
- HIS 4273 Islam and the West
- HIS 4303 Sex and Gender in Africa
- HIS 4343 Africa in the American South
- 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
- PHI 4203 Asian Philosophy
- PHI 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 4063 World Cultures
- THA 3483 Theatre of the Nonwestern World

---WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS (3 hours)---
The projected outcomes of students’ skills, habits, and attitudes are not separable; they blend together to produce the ability to write well and to think critically. Must pass with a grade of “C” or better.

Choose one:
- ENG 3313 University Writing
- ENG 3613 Technical Writing
- ENG 4453 Advanced Composition
- HIS 3383 Writing History
- COM 4063 Magazine & Feature Writing
- COM 4293 Creative Nonfiction
- NSG 3603 Healthcare Research for Evidence-Based Practice

Writing Intensive (WI) Requirement
While not a part of the Liberal Arts Core, each student must take one (1) additional 3000- or 4000-level writing intensive course in the major area of study. Approved courses are identified with “WI.” Must pass with a “C” or better.

HONORS GUIDELINES
Most entering honors-eligible students sign up for ENG 1803, English Honors (Substitutes for English B; must have ACT sub-scores of at least 25 (or equivalent test) in both English and Reading.) Students who have satisfied the English B requirement should register for ENG 2793, Masters of Western Lit/Honors. [Students without AP Literature/Composition test score should sign up for English/Honors at a time matching Masters of Western Lit/Honors. Honors students should NOT take Philosophy, Civilization since 1660, Gen. Psychology, or Humanities Art, Music, Theatre in the first semester EXCEPT for those with 26 composite & who do not have 25 ACT in both Eng & Rdg.]