

XAVIER UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE CORE CURRICULUM

Since 1599, Jesuit education has promoted a distinctive plan of studies (*Ratio Studiorum* in Latin) that adjusts to each generation, always maintaining a strong commitment to the Liberal Arts Catholic Jesuit tradition. At Xavier University this plan of studies begins with the Undergraduate Core Curriculum. In Fall 2015 Xavier launches a new Core that revolves around the Jesuit values of magis, reflection, discernment, cura personalis, solidarity and kinship, and service rooted in justice and love. The new Core significantly reduces the total credit hours required for most students, and thus allows for numerous possibilities for double majors, additional minors, immersion experiences, study abroad, and a wide range of electives that students can use to satisfy the overall number of 120 credit hours required for graduation.¹

THE CORE
Requirements for all first-year students entering Fall 2015 or later (Each line represents a three-credit hour course, unless otherwise noted, for up to a total of 48 credit hours)
First-Year Experience
CORE 100 First-Year Seminar
CORE 101 (Fall) & 102 (Spring) First-Year Co-Curricular Program (zero credit requirement)
Ethics/Religion and Society Focus ²
THEO 111 Theological Foundations
PHIL 100 Ethics as Intro to Philosophy
Literature & the Moral Imagination ³
Perspectives Courses
Creative Perspectives
Historical Perspectives
Mathematical Perspectives
Philosophical Perspectives (PHIL 200)
Scientific Perspectives
Theological Perspectives (THEO 200+)
Skills
ENGL 101 Composition or ENGL 115 Rhetoric
Language (201-level proficiency) ⁴
Electives
Humanities Elective ⁵
Natural Science Elective
Social Science Elective

Students also must satisfy five flags in addition to the 48 credit hours listed in the chart above. A flag constitutes a significant portion of a course in any discipline that is devoted to one of the five topics. Flagged courses are approved by the committee or subcommittee devoted to each flag topic. No single course can be used to fulfill more than two flags. Flagged courses often double count for other courses in the core, for major requirements, and/or for minor requirements, and thus do not add to the total number of credit hours required in the Core Curriculum.

Five Flags
Solidarity and Kinship (DCR), Ethics/Religion and Society (E/RS), Oral Communication, Quantitative Reasoning, Writing

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¹ Students who graduate before Fall 2015 must satisfy requirements for the Old Core. (See <http://www.xavier.edu/undergraduate-admission/documents/CoreCurriculumFactSheet9-7-2012.pdf>.) Students who enrolled before Fall 2015 and graduate after Spring 2015 count as Transition Students who must satisfy the Transition Core (see Transition Core Document).

² The Ethics/Religion and Society Focus also includes an E/RS flagged course, one of the five flags at the bottom of the chart.

³ Can be fulfilled with CLAS 205, ENGL 205, FREN 205, GERM 205, or SPAN 205.

⁴ Students entering prior to Fall 2017 are subject to the old requirement, of six credit-hours or 202-level proficiency.

⁵ Humanities Elective can be satisfied by one course from any of the following categories: ENGL 121+ except 205, FREN 300+, GERM 300+, HIST 200+, PHIL 300+, SPAN 300+, or THEO 300+, or all CLAS except 120, 160, 170, 205, 240, 241, 261, and 262. The Humanities Elective may not double count as an E/RS flag (though may be an E/RS).

flagged course). While all Theology courses 200 and above count as Theological Perspectives, and all Theology courses 300 and above also count for Humanities Electives, no Theology course can double-count for both Theological Perspectives and Humanities Elective.