

Undergraduate Curriculum

The academic competencies are accomplished through the following elements:

1. **The General Education Core Curriculum.** Mission: To inspire lifelong learning through the study of the liberal arts and sciences, the general education program provides the opportunity for students to hone their skills of intellectual inquiry, to gain knowledge of the world and its cultures, and to apply that knowledge to their personal and social lives.

Learning Outcomes:

- **Social & Behavioral Science**
 - Describe and explain human behavior and social systems.
 - Understand the importance and impact of informed, engaged citizenship.
 - **Written Communications**
 - Demonstrate effective written communication skills.
 - Utilize research and information literacy.
 - **Oral Communications**
 - Demonstrate effective oral communication skills.
 - **Natural Sciences**
 - Identify and apply basic concepts of science, including empirical methods and scientific inquiry.
 - **Mathematical Sciences**
 - Employ quantitative concepts and mathematical methods to analyze and solve problems.
 - **Humanities and Fine Art**
 - Articulate the significance of artistic expression and the creative process within society.
 - Identify, explain, and evaluate ethical perspectives of others and themselves.
 - Understand the diversity and complexity of the cultural and social world.
2. **The Major.** Each student chooses a particular area of academic concentration. Most of the content-oriented majors require the completion of 30-50 credit hours; performance-oriented majors generally require additional hours.
 3. **The Minor.** Students may elect to take minors in addition to their majors. A minor consists of 18-25 hours with at least nine hours of upper division credit. Courses used to complete the major may not be used as electives in the minor. A minor must be in a different discipline from the major.
 4. **Electives.** Students select electives in consultation with their advisors in order to attain the 120 hours necessary for graduation. The electives chosen should satisfy the general guidelines established for the major. The elective program makes the pursuit of double majors possible for many students.