

A Short Guide to the New Core Curriculum

- The new core curriculum is in effect for all new and transfer students entering Xavier under the 2010-2012 catalog. *Please refer to the new catalog for full details and policies; this guide is not intended as a replacement!*
- Students enrolled under any previous catalog will be required to fulfill the old core. However, they will have the option of choosing the new core instead, with the approval of their chair and the dean. Once a “previous catalog” student chooses to follow the new core, however, he or she may not elect to return to the old core. Therefore, it is important that the student discuss this option with his or her academic advisor and chair beforehand!
- The new core consists of 60 total hours organized in three components: *Fundamental* (18 hrs.), *Essential* (36), and *Expansive* (6).

- ***Fundamental Core.*** If departmental curricula permit, these courses should (and in the case of English composition, *must*) be taken during the freshman year. These are the Fundamental Core courses/sequences:
 - ENGL 1000 or ENGL 1010, then ENGL 1020 (6) OR →
 - ENGL 1023H (3) (6 hrs., if ENGL 2011H is subsequently completed successfully)
 - Any 1000-level MATH offering (3)
 - Any BIOL, CHEM, or PHYS offering that includes a lab component (3)
 - Foreign Language (6 semester hours of the *same* language)
- Students may also earn by-pass credit for Fundamental Core courses (see “Credit by Examination” on CAS website for details).

- ***Essential Core*** courses (36 total hrs.) are chosen from the following (see end of each line for required hours). The Freshman Seminar sequence *must* be taken in the freshman year. Students who fail FRSM 1000 and/or 1100 *must* repeat and pass the course(s). Transfer students with less than 30 credit hours are strongly encouraged to take the Freshman Seminar sequence. Finally, some major programs specify particular Essential Core courses.
 - FRSM 1000 and 1100 (2)
 - AFAM 2000, 2010, 3020, or 3370 (3)
 - CMST 1010, 1011H, 1400, 1500, or 2080 (3) (N.B.: freshmen may enroll in CMST 2080)
 - Any ART course (except ART 2500), CMST 2010, CMST 2400, MSCM 2580, any Music course, or CRWT 1050 (3)
 - Any 1000- or 2000-level HIST course (3)
 - Any introductory level PHIL course (see catalog) (3)
 - Any upper level PHIL course (see catalog) (3)
 - Any activity PHED course (1)
 - Any biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, or physics course (3)
 - ECON 1030, ECON 2010, ECON 2020, PSCI 1010, PSCI 1020, PSCI 2040, PSYC 1010, SOCI 1010, SOCI 1011, or SOCI 1015 (3)
 - Any two THEO courses (6)
 - ENGL 2010 or ENGL 2011H (3)

- ***Expansive Core.*** Be sure to consult the catalog website for the most recent list of *Expansive Core* courses (6 hrs. required). Please note the following:
 - These courses are organized into four categories (only for Expansive Core purposes): Fine Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences.
 - Students must take **one course each from two of these four categories outside of their major and minor prefixes.**
 - If a student takes an Expansive Core course that shares the same prefix as his or her major or minor, that course may not be applied to the fulfillment of the Expansive Core requirement. For example, a student majoring in sociology who takes the Expansive Core course SOCI 2010 (Social Problems) may count that course towards the major, but not as Expansive Core. However, should the same student later change his or her major, SOCI 2010 could be counted towards the Expansive Core requirement, if the student has not already applied another Social Sciences course towards fulfillment of the Expansive Core.
 - Several Essential Core courses, and some Fundamental Core courses, are also listed as Expansive Core; however, a student must choose how he or she wants the course applied (the same course may not be used to fulfill both a Fundamental or Essential and an Expansive Core requirement).