

MSU Core Curriculum

The mission of Core is to enhance students' use of multiple perspectives in making informed critical and ethical judgments in their personal, public, and professional lives.

Foundation Courses: Students learn to think, speak and write effectively; evaluate the oral and written expression of others; and use complex knowledge in making decisions and judgments.

Inquiry Courses: Students are introduced to the methods used to discover and create the factual and theoretical knowledge of the discipline.

Research Course: Students experience the process of research or creative activity as a unique intellectual practice leading to a scholarly or artistic product.

Notes:

1. A grade of C- or better is required in all Core courses.
2. To fulfill your CS and IN Core requirements, you have two options. Option 1: Take one CS and one IN/RN class or any of these permitted substitutions: BIOB 160, BIOB 260, BIOH 201, BIOM 250, CHMY 123 and CHMY 124, CHMY 141 and CHMY 142, CHMY 143 and CHMY 144, CHMY 151 and CHMY 152, CHMY 153 and CHMY 154, CHMY 211 and CHMY 212, NRSM 240, PHSX 205, PHSX 207, PHSX 220, PHSX 222, PHSX 224, PHSX 240, PHSX 242. Option 2: Take two IN/RN courses.
4. Total number of credits: If the Research and Creative Experience requirement is completed as part of the requirements in Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences or Social Sciences, 27 credits; otherwise, 30 credits.
5. *Students with an ACT score of 11+ on the Writing Subject Score or 28+ on the English Score are exempt from WRIT 101. An SAT score of 38+ on the Writing/Language Subject Score or 750+ on the Reading/Writing score is exempt. Students with a high school GPA of 3.9 or higher are exempt from WRIT 101. Please refer to your academic advisor to determine if you should take an additional writing course.

Foundation Courses	Course Number
University Seminar (US) (at least 3 credits)	
College Writing* (W) (at least 3 credits)	
Quantitative Reasoning (Q) (at least 3 credits)	
Diversity (D) (at least 3 credits)	
Contemporary Issues in Science (CS) (at least 3 credits)	
Ways of Knowing: Inquiry and Research & Creative Experience	
Arts (IA or RA) (at least 3 credits)	
Humanities (IH or RH) (at least 3 credits)	
Social Sciences (IS or RS) (at least 3 credits)	
Natural Science (IN or RN) (at least 3 credits)	
Research & Creative Experience (R, RA, RH, RN, or RS) (at least 3 credits) Courses designated RA, RH, RN, or RS count as two Core requirements. For example, a course designated as RA will satisfy both the Inquiry Arts and the Research & Creative Experience Core requirements.	

Where can I find answers to my questions about Core requirements?

See your Departmental Advisor

Contact the Academic Advising Center, 130 Gaines Hall, 406-994-3532, advising@montana.edu

Visit: catalog.montana.edu/core-general-curricular-requirements/