CORE CURRICULUM

**** All students MUST take at least 2 Religious Studies Courses - one from Core Area II and an additional Religious Studies course from any other Core Area excluding Core Area X (Senior Capstone)**

Core Area I - Freshman Component (Take one from each A, B, & C)

[A] – Integrative/Interdisciplinary Courses
IDST 110 Interdisciplinary Studies

[B] - Research & Writing
ENG 120 Research & Writing
ENG 126 English Seminar

[C] - Literary Classics
ENG 140 Western Classics
ENG 150 British Classics
ENG 155 American Classics
FSAT 140 Western Classics

Core Area II - Religious & Philosophical Inquiry (Take one each from A & B)

[A] - Religious Traditions
FSAT 190 Religious Traditions
RLST 100 Intro to Religious Studies

[B] - Philosophy
FSAT 130 Philosophy
PHIL 100 Philosophical Inquiry
PHIL 150 Philosophical Studies

Core Area III - Language and Literature (Take one from either A or B)

[A] - Language
ARAB 101 Intro to Arabic I
ARAB 102 Intro to Arabic II
CHNS 101 Intro to Mandarin I
CHNS 102 Intro to Mandarin II
FREN 102 Intro to French II
ITAL 102 Intro to Italian II
JPNS 101 Intro to Japanese I
JPNS 102 Intro to Japanese II
LATN 102 Latin II
RUSS 102 Intro to Russian II
SPAN 102 Intro to Spanish II
TURK 102 Intro to Turkish II

[B] - Literature
COMM 292/ENG 292 Film Narrative & Theory
ENG 200 Literary Studies
FREN 132 French Theater in English Translation
FREN 135 Topics in French & Francophone Lit
JPNS 130 Japanese Literature
PHIL 200 Philosophy & Literature
RLST 390 Apocalyptic Literature: Apocalypse to Zombie
RUSS 130 Golden Age of Russian Literature
RUSS 131 Later 19th Century Russian Literature
SPAN 130 Latin American Literature

Core Area IV - Civic Responsibility & Historical Understanding (Take one from each A & B)

[A] – U.S. History/American Government
HIS 101 US History to 1865
HIS 102 US History since 1865
HIS 211 Colonial America
HIS 212 Revolutionary America
HIS 216 Civil War & Reconstruction
HIS 217 Making Modern America 1877-1920
HIS 220 America Since 1945
HIS 221/POLI 229 US Environmental History
POLI 100 American Government

Core Area IV (continued)

[B] - European/World History
FSAT 120 European/World History
HIS 145 European History to the Renaissance
HIS 146 European History Since the Renaissance
HIS 170 World History I: Agriculture to Zheng He
HIS 171 World History II: Exploration to the Atomic Age
HIS 245 Ancient Greece
HIS 246 Ancient Rome
HIS 270 20th Century World History
HIS 280 Gendering World History I: Sex & Power in the Ancient World
HIS 281 Gendering World History II: Sex & Power in the Modern World
PHIL 260 History of Philosophy to the Renaissance
PHIL 261 History of Philosophy Since the Renaissance

Core Area V - Scientific Quantitative & Critical Reasoning (Take one from each A & B)

[A] – Natural Science & Lab
ANTH 130/131 Archaeology & Lab
BIO 110/111 Plant Science
BIO 120/121 Human Biology & Lab
BIO 126/127 Aquatic Ecology & Lab
BIO 130/131 Functional Human Biology & Lab
BIO 142/143 Cellular & Molecular Biology & Lab
BIO 146/147 Ecology and Evolutionary Biology of Organisms & Lab
BIO 180/181 Microorganisms & Lab
CHEM 101/102 Chemical Principles & Lab
EASP 118/119 Astronomy & Lab
ENVS 100/101 Environmental Problem Solving & Lab
FSAT 182/183 Natural Science & Lab
GEOL 100/102 Physical Geology & Lab
GEOL 110/111 Historical Geology & Lab
GEOL 112/113 Voyages to the Terrestrial Planets & Lab
GEOL 124/125 Cataclysmic Geology & Lab
GEOL 225/226 Science on Display & Lab
GEOL 235/236 Paleoclimatology: The Science of Global Warming & Lab
PHYS 101/103 Principles of Physics I & Lab
PHYS 201/203 General Physics I & Lab
SCI 170 Energy Science & Lab

[B] – Mathematics/Computer Systems
FSAT 180 Math/Mis
MATH 109 Introduction to Statistics
MATH 110 Math Applications
MATH 111 College Algebra
MATH 118 Math for the Natural Sciences
MATH 139 Statistics for the Sciences
MATH 170 Calculus I
MATH 171 Calculus II
MIS 120 Introduction to Programming with 3D Animation
MIS 130 3D Modeling & Animation
PHIL 101 Introduction to Logic
POLI 330/SOC 330 Intro to Social Statistics
PUBH 240 Biostatistics

Core Area VI - Arts Encounter (Take One Course)

Arts Appreciation
ART 110 Art Appreciation
ART 122 Ancient/Medieval Art History
ART 123 Renaissance to 20th Century Art History
ASIA 126 Chinese Culture through the Martial Arts
COMM 174 Film Appreciation
DANC 100 Dance: Creative Discipline & Cultural Expression
ENG 294 Popular Music & Culture
FSAT 110 Arts Encounter
MUS 100 Music in Society
THEA 101 Theater Appreciation
THEA 110 Acting I

Core Area VII - Analysis of Individuals & Society (Take Two Courses)

Choose 2 courses from among all approved courses listed in this category
ANTH 112/SOC 112 World Cultures
CRJS 101 Justice in America
ECON 105 Macroeconomics
FSAT 150 Analysis Individuals & Society
HIS 225 Exploring American Culture 1920-Present
HIS 232 African Americans in Films
POLI 201 Catholic Political & Social Thought
POLI 202 Contemporary Environmental Issues
POLI 246 Political Cinema
PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology
PUBH 101 Foundations of Public Health
RLST 325 Religion, Enculturation & Pluralism in America
SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 101 Contemporary Social Problems
SOC 108 Human Growth & Development
WL 314 Introduction to Sociolinguistics

Core Area VIII - Global Awareness, Responsibilities, Religions, Cultures & Politics (Take 2 Courses)

Choose 2 courses from among all approved courses listed in this category
ASIA 125 Asian Cultures
CST 250 Theology of Church
DANC 107 Global Perspectives Through Yoga
ECON 250 Economics of Poverty
ECON 260 Environmental Economics
ENG 144 World Literature & Global Issues
FREN 126 Francophone Cultures
FSAT 145 World Lit & Global Issues
FSAT 210 VIII-Religions
FSAT 230 Global Aware, Resp, Relig, Cult, Poli
HIS 352 Anti-Semitism before the Holocaust
POLI 236 World Politics
POLI 240 Comparative Politics: Africa
POLI 241 Comparative Politics: Asia
POLI 242 Comparative Politics Europe
POLI 243 Comparative Politics: Latin America
POLI 244 Comparative Politics: Countries at Crossroads
POLI 280 Global Environmental Politics
POLI 303 Geopolitics
POLI/SOC 362 Global Issues
RLST 205 Western Christian Heritage
RLST 210 New Testament & Christian Origins
RLST 255 Religious Perspectives on Human Relationships
RLST 260 Catholic Symbols and Sacraments
RLST 275 Liberation, Religion, Society
RLST 285 World Religions
RLST 330 Hinduism
RLST 360 Buddhism
RLST 370 Intro to Islam
RLST 380 Christology
RUSS 125 Russian Cultures
SOC 342 Human Needs and Social Problems
SPAN 125 Latin American Cultures

Core Area IX – Core Choice from Core Areas II – VIII

** Students should work with their advisor to choose an extra class from Categories II-VIII.

Core Area X – Mercyhurst Senior Capstone (One Course)

FSAT 400 Ethics
PHIL/POLI 400 Political Theory
PHIL 401 Applied Ethics
PHIL 405 Ethics & The Professions
RLST 405 Social Ethics