

The Magis Core Curriculum

The Magis Core Curriculum supports and reflects the University's Mission, educating the whole person and offering on-going opportunities for transformation.

The Magis Core Curriculum is a discipline-based, tiered experience (Tier 1- Orientation; Tier 2- Exploration). It provides a common experience for **ALL** undergraduates, one that is grounded in the humanistic tradition and is thus a hallmark of a Fairfield education. It has **22 curricular requirements**, consisting of the following coursework:

Tier 1- Orientation (7 courses, taken in the first two years of undergraduate study)

	Discipline	Requirement
1	English	ENGL 1001
2	History	HIST at the 1000 level; CLST 1115/1116
3	Philosophy	PHIL 1101(all sections)
4	Religious Studies	RLST at the 1000 level
5	Modern/Classical Language	Based on placement
6	Mathematics	MATH<3300 level, Based on placement (no MATH 1011)
7	Modern/Classical Language or Mathematics	Must be same language as #5

Tier 2- Exploration (8 courses, taken throughout four years of undergraduate study)

	Discipline	Requirement
2 courses in...	History, Philosophy, Religious Studies	Choose from two different disciplines (HIST at 2000 level or 3000 level) (PHIL, RLST at 2000 level)
1 course in...	Literature	Choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English (ENGL 1010-1799) • Modern Languages & Literatures • Classics
1 course in...	Visual & Performing Arts	Choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art History & Visual Culture (1000 level) • Music (MUSC 1000-2000) • Film/Television & Media (FTMA 1000-2999) • Studio Art (1000 level) • Theatre (1000 level)
2 courses in...	Natural Sciences	Choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Biochemistry • Chemistry • Physics • ANTH 1200; ANTH 1210; PSYC 1610 (non-majors only)
2 courses in...	Behavioral & Social Sciences	Choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Economics • Politics • Psychology • Sociology & Anthropology

Signature Elements (7 courses, may be covered with Orientation, Exploration and major courses)

Interdisciplinary (1 course)	<i>Either a team-taught course, or a cluster course, or an individually taught course (with at least one instructor in the College of Arts and Sciences). All courses within the Orientation and Exploration areas.</i>
Social Justice (3 courses)	One course providing an introduction to social justice (SJ1), and two additional social justice courses (SJ2), at least one of which accomplishes the learning outcomes through a focus on race (broadly construed), studied intersectionally with gender and class. SJ1 and one SJ2 course fulfilled within the Orientation and Exploration areas. One SJ2 course fulfilled within <i>either</i> the Orientation and Exploration areas <i>or</i> within a Major.
WAC/WID (3 courses)	Two courses (within the Orientation and Exploration areas) plus one additional course fulfilled within <i>either</i> the Orientation and Exploration areas (Writing Across the Curriculum) <i>or</i> within a Major (Writing In the Discipline).

