

## 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)

	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
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 <b>or</b> Mathematics	Must be same language as #5

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

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

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

<b>Interdisciplinary (1 course)</b>	<i>Either</i> a team-taught course, <i>or</i> a cluster course, <i>or</i> an individually taught course (with at least one instructor in the College of Arts and Sciences). All courses within the Orientation and Exploration areas.
<b>Social Justice (3 courses)</b>	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 <b>a focus on race</b> (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.
<b>WAC/WID (3 courses)</b>	Two courses (within the Orientation and Exploration areas) plus one additional course fulfilled within <i>either</i> the Orientation and Exploration areas ( <b>Writing Across the Curriculum</b> )

	<i>or</i> within a Major ( <b>Writing In the Discipline</b> ).
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