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WHAT'S CORE?

A transition support tool from Augusta State University UMAC

WHAT IS CORE CURRICULUM?

The basic course of study required of all students seeking a bachelor's degree at Augusta State University is referred to as the "core." The core curriculum is detailed in the university catalog but a brief overview is presented here. In addition to 18 credit hours from Area F (major specific) and the other courses required to satisfy the major, students **MUST** take 42 credit hours from Areas A-E as outlined in the table on the right. (Note: "Science Track" majors include Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics.) **You should become familiar with Area F and other courses you need for your degree by studying your ASU catalog, consulting with your academic advisor, and reviewing your major's checksheet.**

HOW MANY CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE?

In order to graduate in a timely manner, you should earn about 15 credit hours each semester (example: five 3 hour classes). Keep in mind your academic strengths and weaknesses as you select course combinations and load. Most ASU classes are worth 3 credit hours, but some may be worth 1, 2, or 4 hours (check catalog and departments). To be considered a "full time" undergraduate at ASU, you would take at least 12 hours. You may register for up to 18 hours without special permission.

WHAT ABOUT CPC DEFICIENCIES?

If you have any CPC deficiencies, you will want to promptly begin addressing these. Courses taken from the core to satisfy CPC deficiencies do NOT count toward core requirements. See "Q&A: What are CPC's?" for more info.

WHAT IS THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT?

All students pursuing a baccalaureate degree must complete three courses in Physical Education. The requirement consists of the 3-hour "Wellness" course (WELL 1000) and two 1-hour activity courses selected from the physical education curriculum (WELL ____ X 2). (ASU Nursing students satisfy the WELL 1000 requirement within their degree program.) *Students graduating before Fall 2007 must satisfy a swimming requirement.*

ASU Physical Education Requirement: 3 courses			
WELL 1000 Wellness/Fitness 3 credit hours	WELL ____ Activity Course 1 credit hour	WELL ____ Activity Course 1 credit hour	

WHAT IS THE RTP REQUIREMENT?

All students must demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing skills by passing required parts of the Regents' Testing Program Examination. The exam is administered each term and students are notified when they must take the test (usually after completing ENGL1102/1114 or after earning 30 hours).

WHAT IS THE ASU HONORS PROGRAM?

ASU offers special opportunities to qualified undergraduates to pursue a program of study that leads to recognition as an ASU Honors Program Graduate. In most cases, Honors Program courses (section letter=XX) are smaller in size, involve more interaction and exploration, and may be substituted for required credits. Consult Honors Program office, 706-729-2083.

AREA A	ENGL 1101 or ENGL 1113 (Honors)	Grade of C or better is require in each. After 18 hrs earned, you must register for ENGL1101 until successfully completed.		3 hours
	ENGL 1102 or ENGL 1114 (Honors)	After 27 hrs earned, you must register for ENGL1102 until successfully completed.		3 hours
	NON-SCIENCE TRACK		SCIENCE TRACK	3 hours
	Choose one:		Required course:	
	MATH 1111	MATH 1101	MATH 1113	
Total Semester Hours required for Area A = 9 hours				

AREAS B & C	COMS 1010 (2 hrs) or COMS 1020 (3 hrs) or HONR 1010 (Honors)	Communications/Speech course required for all ASU majors.	2 hours
	HUMN 2001	Follows successful completion of ENGL 1102 or 1114. Humanities is a two semester, 8 hour sequence.	4 hours
	HUMN 2002		4 hours
Total Semester Hours required for Area B & C = 10 hours			

AREA D	NON-SCIENCE TRACK		SCIENCE TRACK	8-11hrs
	Choose any two or three:		Choose a sequence:	
	BIOL 1101	GEOL 1121	BIOL 1107 & BIOL 1108	
	BIOL 1102	GEOL 1122		
	BIOL 1107	PHYS 1111	CHEM 1211 & CHEM 1212	
	BIOL 1108	PHYS 1112		
	CHEM 1151	PHYS 2211	PHYS 1111 & PHYS 1112	
	CHEM 1152	PHYS 2212		
	CHEM 1211	PHSC 1011	PHYS 2211 & PHYS 2212	
	CHEM 1212	PHSC 1012		
Choose one or zero:		Choose one:	0-3 hrs	
MATH 1120	MATH 2011	MATH 2011		
MATH 1113	MATH 2210	MATH 2210 (option for Biology majors only)		
MATH 1220				
Total Semester Hours required for Area D = 11 hours				

AREA E	HIST 2111 or HIST 2112	EITHER CLASS satisfies GA&US History legislative requirements.		3 hours	
	POLS 1101	Satisfies GA & US Constitution legislative requirements.		3 hours	
	Choose one:	ANTH 2011	PSYC 1101	3 hours	
		ECON 1810	SOCI 1101		
	Choose one not chosen above:				3 hours
	ANTH 1102	HIST 1111	PSYC 1101		
	ANTH 2011	HIST 1112	PSYC 1103		
	ECON 1810	HIST 2111	PSYC 2150		
	ECON 2106	HIST 2112	SOCI 1101		
	ECON 2105	PHIL 1000	SOCI 1160		
GEOG 1111	POLS 2201	SOCI 2241			
	POLS 2401				
Total Semester Hours required for Area E = 12 hours					