











RELIGIOUS STUDIES, EMPHASIS


 - General Education Course

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The Core Curriculum is designed to foster critical thinking skills and introduce students to basic domains of thinking that transcend disciplines. The Core applies to all majors. Information on specific classes in the Core can be found at <https://www.marshall.edu/gened/>.

Course Requirements

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|---|--|--------------|
| Core Curriculum | | |
| <i>Core 1: Critical Thinking</i> | | |
| FYS 100 | First Yr Sem Critical Thinking | 3 |
| MTH 121  | Concepts and Applications (CT) Critical Thinking Course | 3 |
| <i>Core 2</i> | | |
| ENG 101  | Beginning Composition | 3 |
| ENG 201   | Advanced Composition | 3 |
| CMM 103  | Fund Speech-Communication | 3 |
| MTH 121  | Concepts and Applications (CT) | 3 |
| | Core II Physical/Natural Science | 4 |
| | Core II Humanities: RST Intro course | 3 |
| | Core II Social Science | 3 |
| | Core II Fine Arts | 3 |
| <i>Additional University Requirements</i> | | |
| | Writing Intensive | 3 |
| | Writing Intensive | 3 |
| | Multicultural or International | 3 |
| | Capstone (400-level Interdisciplinary Major Elective) | 3 |
| College-Specific | | |
| | Foreign Language 101 | 3 |
| | Foreign Language 102 | 3 |
| | Foreign Language 203 or MC, I, or GLC Course | 3 |
| | Foreign Language 204 or MC, I, or GLC Course | 3 |
| | COLA Humanities | 3 |
| | 300/400 COLA Humanities | 3 |
| | 300/400 COLA Humanities | 3 |
| | 300/400 COLA Social Science | 3 |
| | COLA Social Science | 3 |
| | COLA Social Science | 3 |
| | COLA Physical/Natural Science | 4 |
| Major-Specific | | |
| <i>RST Introductory Course (Core II Hum)</i> | | |
| | Select one of the following: | 3 |
| RST 205  | Religious Trads of West | |
| RST 206  | Religious Traditions Asia | |

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| RST 300  | The Nature of Religion | |
| <i>CL Introductory Course</i> | | 3 |
| | Any 200-level course except: CL 200 | |
| <i>PHL Introductory Course</i> | | 3 |
| | Any 200 or 300 level course, except: PHL 302, PHL 304 | |
| <i>Major Contract Courses</i> | | |
| 300/400 Major Contract Course | | 3 |
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| 300/400 Major Contract Course | | 3 |
| <i>Electives</i> | | |
| 300/400 Interdisciplinary Major Elective | | 3 |
| 300/400 Interdisciplinary Major Elective | | 3 |
| 400 Interdisciplinary Major Elective (Capstone) | | 3 |
| 300/400 Free Elective | | 3 |
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Major Information

- The total number of free electives will depend on the amount of double and triple counting of requirements.
- See course attributes each semester for courses that meet multiple requirements.
- Questions about requirements should be directed to the College of Liberal Arts (304-696-2350). Core II and COLA requirements may not be double counted.
- Students must earn a C or better in ENG 201 Advanced Composition and all foreign language courses.
- Forty-eight credit hours (sixteen 3-hour courses) must be at the 300/400 level.
- Minimum of 120 hours to graduate.

The program consists of 33 hours of coursework in three parts:

- Three courses introducing the specific goals and methods of the three disciplines (9 hours). These courses place special emphasis on the particular discipline's approaches to knowledge, critical thought, skills of expression, and human development. Students must choose from those listed, one for each discipline.
- Department-Approved Courses (15 hours) to be chosen by the student, usually with the advice of a committee of faculty members. Each major may select a small advisory committee to assist with course selection, advising, and long-range planning.
- Three interdisciplinary, team-taught courses (9 hours), in any combination of levels, but including at least one at the 400 level as the senior capstone experience.

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Semester Plan




The Humanities major offers areas of emphasis in Classical Culture, Classical Languages, Philosophy, and Religious Studies (CL/PHL/RST). This major is unique in two ways: Students may choose coursework

equivalent to a major in a single department or create a broader curriculum of their choice from various humanities courses, and our program also has a strong interdisciplinary side. The goal of the program is to help us deepen our understanding of ourselves and our culture by exploring the way human beings find meaning in their experience. We explore these ways by studying both our own individual insights and the artistic, philosophical and religious works that have expressed and shaped human experience.

First Year

| First Semester | | Credit Hours |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|
| CMM 103  | Fund Speech-Communication | 3 |
| ENG 101  | Beginning Composition | 3 |
| FYS 100 | First Yr Sem Critical Thinking | 3 |
| Core II Social Science | | 3 |
| Core II Fine Arts | | 3 |
| UNI 100 | Freshman First Class | 1 |
| Credit Hours | | 16 |

Second Semester

| | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------|
| ENG 201   | Advanced Composition | 3 |
| Multicultural/International | | 3 |
| Critical Thinking | | 3 |
| MTH 121  | Concepts and Applications (CT) | 3 |
| Core II Humanities: RST Intro Course | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |

Second Year

First Semester

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| Core II Physical/Natural Science | | 4 |
| 300/400 Elective | | 3 |
| Foreign Language 101 | | 3 |
| PHL Introductory Course | | 3 |
| COLA Social Science | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 16 |

Second Semester

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|------------------------|--|-----------|
| Writing Intensive | | 3 |
| Foreign Language 102 | | 3 |
| COLA Social Science | | 3 |
| 300/400 Elective | | 3 |
| CL Introductory Course | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |

Third Year

First Semester

| | | |
|---|--|-----------|
| 300/400 Interdisciplinary Major Elective | | 3 |
| COLA Physical/Natural Science | | 4 |
| 300/400 Free Elective | | 3 |
| 300/400 Elective | | 3 |
| Foreign Language 203 or MC, I or GLC Course | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 16 |

Second Semester

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|---|--|---|
| Writing Intensive | | 3 |
| 300/400 Major Contract Course | | 3 |
| Foreign Language 204 or MC, I or GLC Course | | 3 |

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| 300/400 COLA Social Science | 3 | |
| 300/400 Major Contract Course | 3 | |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |

Fourth Year

First Semester

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|---|---|-----------|
| 400 Interdisciplinary Major Elective (capstone) | 3 | |
| 300/400 COLA Humanities | 3 | |
| 300/400 Major Contract Course | 3 | |
| 300/400 Free Elective | 3 | |
| 300/400 Free Elective | 3 | |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |

Second Semester

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| 300/400 Major Contract Course | 3 | |
| 300/400 Major Contract Course | 3 | |
| 300/400 Interdisciplinary Major Elective | 3 | |
| COLA Humanities | 3 | |
| Credit Hours | | 12 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 120 |