

Core Curriculum

The sound liberal arts education includes study in the humanities, the natural sciences and the social sciences. To prepare its students adequately in the liberal arts, then, Hillsdale College asks that they fulfill certain academic requirements in these areas.

There are 14 specific courses that every Hillsdale student must complete: BIO 101, Core Principles in Biology; CHM 101, Great Principles of Chemistry; COR 150, Classical Logic and Rhetoric; ENG 104, Great Books in the Western Tradition; ENG 105, Great Books in the British and American Traditions; HST 104, The Western Heritage to 1600; HST 105, The American Heritage; MTH 105, Mathematics and Deductive Reasoning; POL 101, The U.S. Constitution; PHL 105, The Western Philosophical Tradition; PHY 100, Great Principles of Physics; REL 105, The Western Theological Tradition; and SSD 180, Physical Wellness Dynamics. Students also complete the Liberal Arts capstone course COR 450 during their senior year.

In addition, a student will complete at least one course in Fine Arts, one in Western Literature, one in the Social Sciences, and one Center for Constructive Alternatives seminar. Within these broad requirements, however, students are free to choose courses that correspond to their interests and abilities.

Also during the first two years, the student pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree (BA) will meet a requirement in foreign language. The Bachelor of Science (BS) degree candidate will place a heavy emphasis on laboratory science and mathematics courses.

Students who do not fulfill these requirements before the senior year should not expect departments to make special arrangements if scheduling conflicts occur in their last year.

Each student is assigned an academic advisor. During the freshman-sophomore years, the advisor assists the student in understanding and integrating the liberal arts core curriculum, assimilating the College experience, course scheduling, and general academic counseling. Once a student has declared a major field of concentration, he or she will typically change to an advisor within that discipline. The major advisor offers guidance related to the upper-level curriculum in the discipline, as well as graduate school and vocational planning. To change academic advisors, a student completes the process as directed by the Registrar's Office.

The Humanities

Rhetoric, English, Philosophy, and Theology Required Courses

English 104 is to be taken spring semester of the freshman year.

English 105 is to be completed the fall semester of the sophomore year.

Course Code	Title	Hours
COR 150	Classical Logic and Rhetoric	3
ENG 104	Great Books in the Western Tradition	3
ENG 105	Great Books in the British and American Traditions	3
PHL 105	The Western Philosophical Tradition	3
THL 105	The Western Theological Tradition	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Complete one of the following courses in Fine Arts.

Course Code	Title	Hours
ART 203	History of Art: Prehistoric to Medieval	3
ART 204	History of Art: Renaissance to Modern	3
MUS 204	The Understanding of Music	3
MUS 206	Advanced Understanding Music	3
THE 200	Understanding Theatre	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

Students must complete one Western Literature course.

Course Code	Title	Hours
ENG 201	Great Books in Continental Literature	3
CLS 200	Greco-Roman Literature and Culture	3
THE 215	The Theatre in History II: Dramatic Literature, History, Theory and Criticism; 3 Renaissance to Revolution (1500-1800)	3
	1 400 Level Literature Course	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

Liberal Arts Capstone

Required to be taken senior year.

Course Code	Title	Hours
COR 450	Liberal Arts Capstone	1
	Sub-Total Credits	1

The Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Biology

Students may substitute any upper-level biology course of 3-4 credits (except BIO 340) to satisfy this requirement.

Course Code	Title	Hours
BIO 101	Core Principles in Biology	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

Chemistry

Students may substitute CHM 201 to satisfy this requirement.

Course Code	Title	Hours
CHM 101	Great Principles in Chemistry	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

Mathematics

Students may substitute a higher level 3-4 credit mathematics course to satisfy this requirement.

Course Code	Title	Hours
MTH 105	Mathematics and Deductive Reasoning	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

Physics

Students may substitute PHY 101 or PHY 201 to satisfy this requirement.

Course Code	Title	Hours
PHY 100	Great Principles of Physics	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

The Social Studies

History

History 104 is to be taken fall of the freshman year.

History 105 must be completed by the end of the sophomore year.

Course Code	Title	Hours
HST 104	The Western Heritage to 1600	3
HST 105	The American Heritage	3
	Sub-Total Credits	6

Politics

Course Code	Title	Hours
POL 101	U.S. Constitution	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

Complete one of the following Social Science courses.

Course Code	Title	Hours
ECO 105	Introduction to Political Economy	3
ECO 202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
PSY 101	Psychology in the Modern Era	3
SOC 101	Understanding Society and Culture	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

Modern and Classical Languages

Hillsdale College offers students the opportunity to study both modern languages (French, German and Spanish) and classical languages (Greek and Latin). Students are encouraged to study more than one language.

In order to satisfy requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree, students must demonstrate competency in at least one of the modern or classical languages.

Sport Studies

Completion of Physical Wellness Dynamics (SSD180) is required of all students. No more than four of the 124 hours required for graduation are to be taken in physical education activity courses. SSD 180 is not counted toward this limit.

Center for Constructive Alternatives Seminars (CCA)

Students are required to complete one CCA seminar during their undergraduate years. Additional CCA seminars may be taken for credit.

Total Credits

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