What is the University Core Curriculum (UCOR)?

The UCOR plays a central role in the education of each Duquesne undergraduate student. It provides an educational foundation that expands your thinking, engages your heart and energizes your spirit. The UCOR combines discipline-specific courses with theme areas in creative arts, faith and reason, global diversity and social justice.

UCOR Benefits

The UCOR provides transferable and transformative skills, including communication, multidisciplinary thinking, collaboration and problem solving. Mission-driven courses that reflect Duquesne's distinctive Catholic and Spiritan identity promote academic excellence, ethical formation, global mindedness and intercultural competency. A Duquesne education prepares you to exercise leadership so you can serve others and build a more just world.

Beyond the Classroom

Employers increasingly report the value of a liberal arts education. The ideas and values that make a Duquesne education stand out provide the intellectual firepower you need to do great work, understand different viewpoints, and to advance within your career.

Become a lifelong learner and engaged citizen in a diverse and rapidly changing world. To learn more about UCOR offerings:

- review this flier
- consult the current course list
- search the upcoming course schedule for approved UCOR course offerings

Middle States requires that 30 credit hours of a 120 credit hour degree program be devoted to general education.

UCOR Emphases

You will complete 34 UCOR credits by graduation.
- 18 Mission-driven credits
- 9 Arts & Humanities credits
- 6 Math & Science credits
- 1 Information Literacy credit

UCOR Structure

- 1 Information Literacy credit, often embedded in Discipline specific courses
- 3 Writing Intensive Courses
- 12 Credit hours across four theme areas
- 21 Discipline specific credit hours

Discipline specific coursework includes:
- Natural Sciences
- Mathematics
- English
- Theology
- Ethics
- Philosophy

Theme Areas

You will complete coursework in each of the following theme areas:

- Creative Arts
- Faith & Reason
- Global Diversity
- Social Justice

One of the courses must be in History/Art History.
One must be in the Social Sciences (Economics, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology).

Questions?
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