

This example plan is designed to provide a blueprint for students to complete their degrees within four years. It includes recommended sequences of courses. Individual plans will vary based on previously earned credit, such as Dual Enrollment and AP credit, as well as the student’s academic goals. Students will work with an academic advisor to develop a more individualized plan to complete their degree.

This example four-year plan is applicable to students admitted during the 2023–24 academic year.

Total credits required: 120 credits

Required GPA for graduation: 2.0 (institutional)

Courses requiring a C or better are denoted with an asterisk (*).

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Year 1							
Fall				Spring			
Course	Title	Hours	Area	Course	Title	Hours	Area
MSCM 0001	First-Year Academic Seminar	1		ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3	A
ENGL 1101*	English Composition I (pre-req to ENGL 1102)	3	A	Core Area A	Math (student’s choice)	3	A
Core Area C	Humanities and Ethics (student’s choice)	3	C	Core Area E	Social Science (student’s choice)	3	E
GC1Y 1000	Critical Thinking	3	B	RHET 2350*	Communication Theory (pre-req to RHET 4305)	3	F
RHET 1110*	Fundamentals of Public Speaking (pre-req to RHET 2350)	3	F	Lang 1002	World Language II (1002-level)	3	F
Lang 1001	World Language I (1001-level)	3	Elective				
Semester Hours		16		Semester Hours		15	
Notes:	Area A and GC1Y 1000 must be completed by 30 earned hours. First-Year Seminar does not count toward 120 hours required for graduation. Students must complete a world language course at the 2002 level or higher. Complete the WebCAPE exam to determine placement for first course.						

Year 2							
Fall				Spring			
Course	Title	Hours	Area	Course	Title	Hours	Area
RHET 2315*	Voice for the Public Speaker	3	Major	RHET Course*	Public Address course (see DegreeWorks for options)	3	Major
GC2Y 2000	Global Perspectives	4	B	Core Area C	Fine Arts (student's choice)	3	C
Core Area D	Science with Lab (student's choice)	4	D	Core Area D	Science, Math, or Technology (student's choice)	4	D
Lang 2001	World Language III (2001-level)	3	F	Core Area E	Social Science (student's choice)	3	E
				Lang 2002	World Language IV (2002-level)	3	F
Semester Hours		14		Semester Hours		16	
Summer	Summers are a great time for study abroad or internship opportunities.						
Notes:	GC2Y 2000 must be taken between 30–59 earned hours. Students are encouraged to use elective hours to complete requirements for a minor.						

Year 3							
Fall				Spring			
Course	Title	Hours	Area	Course	Title	Hours	Area
RHET 4305*	Classical Rhetorical Theory	3	Major	RHET Course*	General Communication course (see DegreeWorks for options)	3	Major
RHET Course*	Performance Studies course (see DegreeWorks for options)	3	Major	RHET Course*	Theory and Criticism course (see DegreeWorks for options)	3	Major
Core Area D	Science, Math, or Technology (student's choice)	3	D	Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective
Core Area E	Social Science (student's choice)	3	E	Upper-Level Gen Elective	Any 3000- or 4000-level elective	3	Elective
Core Area F	Liberal Arts (student's choice, see Notes below)	3	F	Upper-Level Gen Elective	Any 3000- or 4000-level elective	3	Elective
Semester Hours		15		Semester Hours		15	
Notes:	General electives can be in any discipline and any level (1000–4999, unless specified as upper-level). The Core Area F Liberal Arts requirement can be met by any 1000- or 2000- level course in the following subjects: ARTS, BLST, ENGL, HIST, IDST, LING, MSCM, PHIL, RELI, THEA, or WMST. Students who need fewer than three world language courses will need to take additional Liberal Arts courses to meet the 18 credit hours required in Area F.						

Year 4							
Fall				Spring			
Course	Title	Hours	Area	Course	Title	Hours	Area
RHET Course*	Public Address or Performance Studies course	3	Major	RHET Course*	General Communication or Rhetorical Theory course	3	Major
Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective	RHET 4990*	Capstone Experience	3	Major
Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective	Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective
Upper-Level Gen Elective	Any 3000- or 4000-level elective	3	Elective	Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective
Upper-Level Gen Elective	Any 3000- or 4000-level elective	3	Elective	Upper-Level Gen Elective	Any 3000- or 4000-level elective	3	Elective
Semester Hours		15		Semester Hours		15	
Notes:	General electives can be in any discipline and any level (1000–4999, unless specified as upper-level).						

Legend	
Area	This section of the plan references the area of the curriculum the course fulfills.
A	Core Area A: Essential Skills
B	Core Area B: Institutional Options
C	Core Area C: Humanities, Ethics, and Fine Arts
D	Core Area D: Science, Technology, and Math
E	Core Area E: Social Sciences
F	Core Area F: Major Directed Core Requirements
Major	Rhetoric Major Requirements
Elective	Course(s) a student selects. Hours are needed to meet overall graduation hours. Number of electives varies per major. Electives can be used towards GC Journeys, minors, or professional/graduate school pre-requisites, or to take courses of interest.