

# Core Curriculum for a Bachelor's Degree

## I. English Composition

Courses in English composition will emphasize the practice of critical reading and effective writing.

Select two courses: 6 credit hours

- ENGL 121 Freshman Composition
- ENGL 220 Research Writing

## II. Mathematics

Courses in mathematics will emphasize quantitative and deductive reasoning, problem solving and logical thinking, organizational and systematic thinking, and the application of mathematics to various life situations.

Select one course: 3 credit hours

- MATH 110 College Algebra
- MATH 131 Applied Mathematics
- MATH 141 Intro to Probability & Statistics
- MATH 180 Precalculus
- MATH 181 Calculus I

## III. Whole-Person Wellness

Courses in fitness activity will emphasize practical knowledge and practices that will promote life-long whole-person wellness.

Select two courses: 2 credit hours

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## IV. Humanities

Courses in the humanities will emphasize a reflection on the human experience and human condition through literary texts and artistic forms.

A. Literature Select one course: 3 credit hours

- ENGL 221 or 222 World Masterpieces I or II
- ENGL 224 Survey of English Literature
- ENGL 231 or 232 American Literature I or II
- ENGL 322 Literary Perspectives

B. Fine Arts Select one course: 3 credit hours

- ARTS 222 Art Appreciation
- ENGL 272 Introduction to Drama
- HIST 221/ARTS 221 History of Western Art
- MUHL 221 Survey of Music
- MUHL 355 Survey of Christian Worship

## V. Life and Physical Science

Courses in science will emphasize understanding and application of everyday phenomena. Laboratories will be discovery based and emphasize the development and testing of hypotheses, or they may expose students to observational experiences that enhance scientific understanding.

A. Life Science Select one course: 4 credit hours

- BIOL 101 or 102 Anatomy and Physiology I or II
- BIOL 103 Human Biology
- BIOL 111 or 112 General Biology I or II
- BIOL 220 Microbiology and Immunology
- BIOL 225 Field Biology
- BIOL 345 Environment & Mankind

B. Physical Science Select one course: 4 credit hours

- CHEM 105 Survey of Chemistry
- CHEM 111 General Chemistry I
- GEOL 240 The Dinosaurs
- PHYS 101 Introductory Physics
- PHYS 114 Physical Science
- PHYS 121 General Physics I

## VI. History and Social Science

Courses in history and social science are designed to give students a broad understanding of the sweep of world historical, governmental, and cultural events. Through reading, lectures, discussions, and writing, these courses will enhance the critical abilities of students by providing tools and practices that are universal in application. Ultimately, students should be better able to understand contemporary events by grasping how historical, political, and cultural events have combined to create the world in which they live.

A. History

Select two courses: 6 credit hours

- HIST 111 American History, 1492-1865
- HIST 112 American History, 1866 to Present
- HIST 225 World Civilizations I
- HIST 226 World Civilizations II

B. Social Science

Select one course: 3 credit hours

- ECON 211 Macroeconomics
- ECON 212 Microeconomics
- HIST 242 Historical and Political Geography
- POLS 211 National and Texas Constitutions
- PSYC 212 General Psychology
- PSYC 220 Human Growth & Development
- SOCI 111 Introduction to Sociology

## VII. Religion

Courses in biblical studies will introduce the student to practical methods of Bible study, critical evaluation of scholarship and interpretation, and the richness and depth of the biblical text. Courses in theology will engage the student in a systematic approach to biblical matters, will have students explore different perspectives and relevant issues, and guide students to formulate personal viewpoints and positions. Courses in historical studies trace the origin and development of the Bible, Christianity, Seventh-day Adventism, and other religions.

Select four courses: 12 credit hours

A maximum of 2 courses can be taken in any one area. One course must be numbered 300 and above. Transfer students from a non-SDA college must complete one course for each academic year in attendance, with a minimum of 2 courses (one in Biblical Studies).

#### A. Biblical Studies

- RELB 211 Life and Teachings of Jesus
- RELB 313 Prophetic Studies
- RELB 315 or 316 Old Testament I or II
- RELB 339 New Testament I: Gospels
- RELB 340 New Testament II: Letters

#### B. Theological Studies

- RELT 101 Christian Beliefs
- RELT 212 Christian Ethics
- RELT 325 World Religions
- RELT 327 Integrated Wellness Connections
- RELT 360 Philosophy & the Christian Worldview
- RELT 419 Philosophy of Science

#### C. Historical Studies

- RELH 230 History of the SDA Church
- RELH 233 Biblical Archaeology
- RELH 314 Origin & Development of the Bible
- RELH 320 Ellen White Writings
- RELH 331 or 332 History of Christianity I or II

### VIII. Competence in Computer Applications

Students completing a degree must be proficient in the use of general computer applications and important software in the field of the student's major. Proficiency will be determined by the completion of a department-designated course or courses.

*The Bulletin description of approved courses includes the statement "This course fulfills the Computer Competency requirement as specified in the Core Curriculum." Unless specified in the major, the following courses meet the proficiency requirement:*

- CSIS 102 Computer Literacy and Applications
- CSIS 104 Spreadsheet and Database Applications
- CSIS 106 Comprehensive Spreadsheets

### IX. Competence in Communication

Students completing a degree must be proficient in the application of the principles of effective oral communication including discussion techniques and public presentations. Proficiency will be determined by the completion of a department designated course or courses.

*The Bulletin description of approved courses includes the statement "This course fulfills the Communication Competency requirement as specified in the Core Curriculum." Unless specified in the major, the following courses meet the proficiency requirement:*

- COMM 111 Speech
- COMM 113 Oral Interpretation
- COMM 115 Discussion Techniques

Total GE Credit Hours: 46