

Lower-Division Core Check Sheet: AY 2013–14

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The lower-division core (“general education”) requires 38 semester credit hours, as outlined in the checksheet below. The following abbreviations indicate disciplinary categories for certain courses in this list:

FA = Fine Arts
HUM = Humanities
SS = Social Sciences

Transfer students, the State Minimum Core, and the Lower-Division UCA Core: A transfer student who has completed the 35-hour State Minimum Core curriculum before entering UCA will be deemed to have completed the lower-division UCA Core. No additional lower-division UCA Core courses will be required. A transfer student who has not completed the 35-hour State Minimum Core curriculum before entering UCA must work with an academic advisor to ensure timely completion of lower-division UCA Core requirements.

Arkansas Course Transfer System: A notation in [square brackets] following selected courses indicates the corresponding Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) index number. For more information, see the UBulletin [ACTS page](#).

First-Year Seminar: During the first year, one course – from the Critical Inquiry, Diversity, or Responsible Living category – must be a First-Year Seminar (FYS). A student who is required to enroll in remedial course work in writing and/or reading must complete the remedial requirement before enrolling in a First-Year Seminar. See the online class schedule to find FYS sections.

Other First-Year Requirements: Student must take a Quantitative course, a Natural Science course, and the Written Communication course sequence (Writing Foundation + Research and Writing) in their first year unless the requirements was already met or remediation is required.

Fine Arts and Humanities: Students must take at least one course in the Fine Arts and one course in the Humanities in fulfillment of lower-division UCA Core requirements.

Social Science: In addition to the Social Science course taken in the Critical Inquiry category, students must take an additional Social Science course in either the Diversity in World Cultures or the Responsible Living category.

Additional information:

- If an ACT subject score is below 19 in reading, writing, or mathematics, remediation is required.
- Some majors require specific UCA Core courses.
- Courses may be used only once to satisfy the UCA Core requirements.
- A minimum grade of C is required in some UCA Core courses.
- For additional information, consult your academic advisor or the relevant sections of this *Undergraduate Bulletin*.

[1] Critical Inquiry (20 hours)

[1.1] Quantitative (3 hours)

- __ MATH 1360 Quantitative Literacy [MATH1003]
- __ MATH 1390 College Algebra [MATH1103]

OR, if required by the student’s program of study or with the consent of the advisor and the course instructor

- __ MATH 1392 Plane Trigonometry* [MATH1203]
- __ MATH 1395 Business Calculus*
- __ MATH 1491 Calculus for the Life Sciences*
- __ MATH 1580 Algebra & Trigonometry* [MATH1305]
- __ MATH 1496 Calculus I* [MATH2405]

* These courses have prerequisites. Consult the [Mathematics Courses page](#) for details.

[1.2] Natural Sciences (8 hours)

Physical Science – Choose 1

- __ CHEM 1400 Chemistry in Society [CHEM1004]
- __ PHYS 1400 Physical Science for General Education [PHSC1004]
- __ PHYS 1401 Descriptive Astronomy [PHSC1204]

OR, if required by the student’s program of study or with the consent of the advisor and the course instructor

- __ CHEM 1450 College Chemistry I* [CHEM1414]
- __ CHEM 1402 General Chemistry for Health Sciences* [CHEM1214]
- __ PHYS 1405 Applied Physics*
- __ PHYS 1410 College Physics 1* [PHYS2014]
- __ PHYS 1441 University Physics 1* [PHYS2034]

Life Science – Choose 1

- __ BIOL 1400 Biology for General Education [BIOL1004]

OR, if required by the student’s program of study or with the consent of the advisor and the course instructor

- __ BIOL 1440 Principles of Biology I* [BIOL1014]

* These courses have prerequisites. Consult the [Biology Courses page](#), [Chemistry Courses page](#), or [Physics Courses page](#) for details.

[1.3] Inquiry and Analysis (9 hours)

American History and Government – Choose 1

- HIST 2301 American Nation I [HIST2113]
- HIST 2302 American Nation II [HIST2123]
- PSCI 1330 US Government & Politics [PLSC2003]

Social Science – Choose 1

- ECON 2320 Principles of Macroeconomics (SS) [ECON2103]
- ECON 2321 Principles of Microeconomics (SS) [ECON2203]
- GEOG 1305 Principles of Geography (SS) [GEOG1103]
- MGMT 2341 Principles of Management (SS)
- PSCI 1300 Introduction to Political Science (SS)
- PSCI 1330 US Government & Politics (SS) [PLSC2003]
- PSCI 2300 International Relations (SS)
- PSYC 1300 General Psychology (SS) [PSYC1103]
- SOC 1300 Principles of Sociology (SS) [SOCH1013]

Fine Arts/Humanities – Choose 1

- ART 2300 Art Appreciation (FA) [ARTA1003]
- AFAM 1330 African & African-American Studies (HUM)
- ENGL 1350 Introduction to Literature (HUM)
- ENGL 1355 Film & Literature (HUM)
- FILM 2300 Film Appreciation (FA)
- FREN 2320 Intermediate II [FREN2023] or GERM 2320 Intermediate II [GERM2023] or SPAN 2320 Intermediate III or CHIN 2320 Intermediate Chinese II* (HUM)
- PHIL 1301 Philosophy for Living (HUM) [PHIL1103]
- PHIL 2305 Critical Thinking (HUM) [PHIL1003]
- RELG 1330 Exploring Religion (HUM)
- THEA 2300 Theatre Appreciation (FA) [DRAM1003]
- WLAN/LING 2350 World Languages (HUM)
- HONC 1310 Honors Core I** (HUM)

* These courses have prerequisites. Consult the appropriate course page for details: [Chinese](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Spanish](#).

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[2] Communication (9 hours)

[2.1] Writing Foundation (3 hours)

Writing Foundation must be taken upon initial enrollment unless the student has already met the requirement or remediation is required.

- WRTG 1310 Introduction to College Writing [ENGL1013] or
- HONC 1310 Honors Core I**

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[2.2] Research and Writing (3 hours)

- WRTG 1320 Academic Writing and Research [ENGL1023] or
- ENGL 1320 Interdisciplinary Writing and Research [ENGL1023] or
- HONC 1320 Honors Core II**

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[2.3] Oral Communication (3 hours)

- SPCH 1300 Basic Oral Communication [SPCH1003]
- MGMT 2301 Business Communication [BUSI2013]

OR, if required by the student's program of study or with the consent of the advisor and the course instructor

- MKTG 2376 Business Innovation & Creativity

[3] Diversity (6 hours)

[3.1] Diversity in Creative Works (3 hours)

- ENGL 2370 Introduction to Fiction (HUM)
- ENGL 2380 Introduction to Poetry (HUM)
- ENGL 2390 Introduction to Drama (HUM)
- MUS 2300 Music Appreciation (FA) [MUSC1003]
- SPCH 1305 Communication, Culture, and the Arts (FA)
- WLAN 2315 Cultural Studies (HUM)
- HONC 2320 Honors Core IV** (FA)

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[3.2] Diversity in World Cultures (3 hours)

- ANTH 1302 Introduction to Anthropology (SS) [ANTH1013]
- ECON 2310 Global Environment of Business (SS)
- ENGL 2305 World Literature I (HUM) [ENGL2113]
- ENGL 2306 World Literature II (HUM) [ENGL2123]
- ENGL 2320 Asian Literature (HUM)
- GEOG 1300 Geography of World Regions (SS) [GEOG2103]
- HIST 1310 World History I (SS) [HIST1113]
- HIST 1320 World History II (SS) [HIST1123]
- LING 1310 Language, Culture, & Society (SS)
- PHIL 1330 World Philosophies (HUM)
- RELG 1320 World Religions (HUM)
- WLAN 2325 Issues of Cultural Identity in the African Diaspora (HUM)
- HONC 2310 Honors Core III** (HUM)

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[4] Responsible Living (3 hours) [R, 1-3]

- ECON 1310 Modern Political Economy (SS)
- FACS 2341 Lifespan Development
- FACS 2351 Family Relations
- FINA 2330 Personal Finance (SS)
- H ED 1320 Concepts of Lifetime Health & Fitness
- H ED 2320 Mental Health (SS)
- KPED 1320 Concepts of Lifetime Health and Fitness
- MCOM 1300 Media & Society
- NUTR 1300 Nutrition in the Lifecycle
- PHIL 2325 Contemporary Moral Problems (HUM)
- PHIL 2360 Gender, Race, & Class (HUM)
- PSCI 2315 Introduction to Political Theory (SS)
- SOC 2325 Social Problems (SS) [SOC12013]
- SPCH 1306 Communication and Civic Engagement
- HONC 1320 Honors Core II (SS)**
- HONC 2310 Honors Core III (HUM)**

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