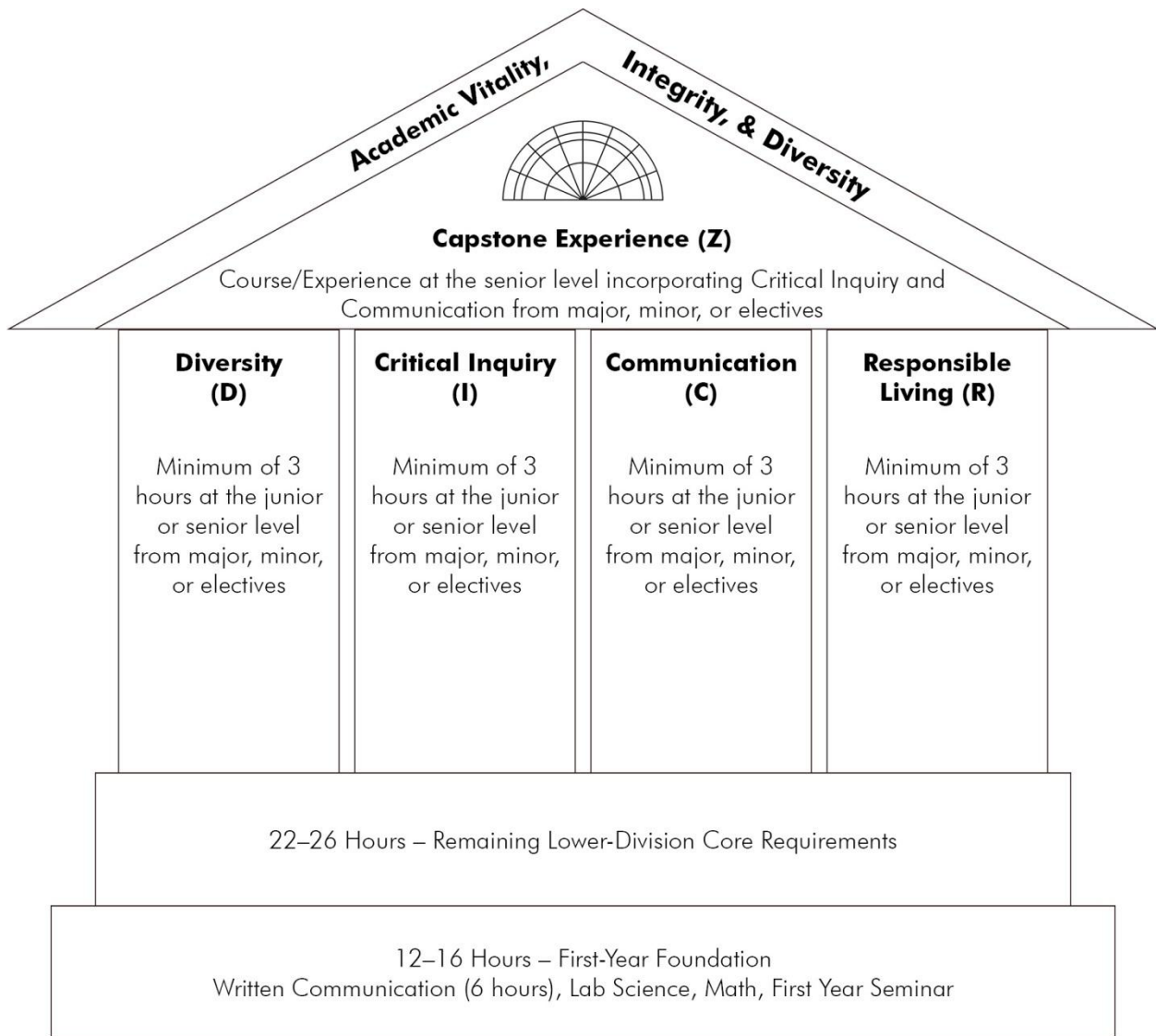


The UCA Core



UCA BRIEF MISSION STATEMENT: The University of Central Arkansas dedicates itself to academic vitality, integrity, and diversity.

UCA CORE MISSION: The UCA Core is designed to help students develop the knowledge and skills necessary for critical inquiry, effective communication, and responsible living in a diverse and changing world.

CORE VALUES: The overarching goal of the program is to develop curious, knowledgeable, articulate, and ethical people who are prepared for greater success in future learning and who are willing and able to make effective contributions to their communities.

GOALS AND OUTCOMES

Students completing the UCA Core Program will

Diversity

Goal #1: Analyze their own cultural assumptions in the context of the world's diverse values, traditions, and belief systems

- a. Articulate one's own cultural values and assumptions
- b. Compare cultural values across a range of cultures
- c. Respond to complex questions with answers that reflect multiple cultural perspectives

Goal #2: Analyze the major ideas, techniques, and processes that inform creative works within different cultural and historical contexts

- a. Identify creative techniques and processes and their relationship to ideas and themes in creative works
- b. Evaluate the relationship between creative works and the cultural and historical context in which they are created

Critical Inquiry

Goal #1: Demonstrate a knowledge base that helps them ask more informed questions and learn more complex concepts

- a. Demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts and principles in the discipline
- b. Find and evaluate appropriate information based on knowledge of subject and technology
- c. Apply appropriate modes of academic inquiry and analysis to develop and evaluate a position on significant questions in the discipline

Goal #2: Use scientific, quantitative, and computational processes in order to solve real-world problems

- a. Apply scientific processes to solve problems
- b. Apply quantitative and computational processes to solve problems

Effective Communication

Goal #1: Develop and present ideas logically and effectively in order to enhance communication and collaboration with diverse individuals and groups

- a. Use appropriate conventions and strategies in oral communication for various audiences and purposes
- b. Use appropriate conventions and strategies in written communication for various audiences and purposes
- c. Individually apply appropriate verbal and nonverbal strategies to promote collaboration

Responsible Living

Goal #1: Describe ways in which ethical principles affect human choices.

- a. Explain ethical dimensions of human choices.

Goal #2: Analyze the effect that decisions have on self, others, and the environment.

- a. Recognize the consequences of decision making.

Goal #3: Evaluate and practice strategies leading to individual and social well-being.

- a. Evaluate practices that lead to personal and social well-being.