

**Core Competencies (up to 20 hours)**

- First Year Writing: ENGW 103
- Oral Communication: COMM 101, COMM 252, or 4 semesters of COMM 393;  
(COMM 201 for COMM majors/minors only)
- Modern/Classical Languages: Requirement is through Intermediate Level (typically 201)
- Wellness: AHS 101

**Note:**

Competency exams are available for each of the Core Competencies. \*  
Variations may occur when requirements are met through testing and/or transfer credit.

**Shared Core (common courses) (18-24 hours)**

- First Year Seminar: Enduring Questions (CORE 101, 4 hours)
- Old Testament
  - o BITH 211, ARCH 211, BITH 221, or BITH 312
- New Testament
  - o BITH 213, ARCH 213, or BITH 317
- Christian Thought: BITH 315, BITH 374, or BITH 376
- Advanced Integrative Seminar (CORE 3XX, 4 hours); see Thematic Core requirements below also
- Capstone Experience: Disciplinary Questions and Vocational Challenges (2-4 hours)

**Note:**

Shared Core courses are expected to be completed at Wheaton College. (Transfer students who have taken in-person courses at a residential Christian College may meet 2 of the BITH requirements with transfer credit.)

**Thematic Core (common outcomes) (12-40 hours)**

1 course from each theme (*aka tag*) unless otherwise specified:

- Applied Abstract and Quantitative Reasoning - AAQR
- Diversity in the United States – DUS
- Global Perspectives – GP
- Historical Perspectives – HP
- Literary Explorations – LE
- Philosophical Investigations – PI
- Scientific Issues and Perspectives – SIP
- Scientific Practice – SP
- Social Inquiry – SI
- Visual and Performing Arts
  - o One 4-hr VPA course - OR-
  - o Two 2-hr courses listed as VPAV/VPAM/VPAT ( Art/Music/Theater - select 2 different tags)

**Note:**

No more than 4 themes may be met with transfer credit. Each transfer course may receive a maximum of one tag.  
Some Wheaton courses will have more than one tag.

A limit of up to 3 tags may be applied to meet both Thematic Core requirements and major requirements.

\* For more details:

<https://catalog.wheaton.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-information/academic-requirements-general-education/>

\*\* Conservatory, Liberal Arts Engineering and Liberal Arts Nursing students should refer to the catalog.