

# THE COMMON CURRICULUM

The Common Curriculum requirements provide each student with a broad liberal arts education and serve as the foundation upon which students build their individualized academic programs.

Specific courses are designated in each of the areas/departments listed below. Courses with specific designations are identified on the Common Curriculum page in the Class Schedule each semester. For a complete listing of designated Common Curriculum classes refer to: [www.csbsju.edu/registrar/corerecords/CommonCurriculumByDept.aspx](http://www.csbsju.edu/registrar/corerecords/CommonCurriculumByDept.aspx)

## CROSS-DISCIPLINARY REQUIREMENTS

- **First-Year Seminar (FYS):** 2 sequential courses  
Designed to help students further develop skills in critical thinking, speaking and writing.
- **Ethics Common Seminar (ES):** 1 junior/senior level course  
Designed to help students develop the ability to recognize ethical issues, examine them from multiple perspectives and articulate reasoned arguments that support and facilitate responsible decision-making.
- **Experiential Learning (EL):** 1 course  
Students will demonstrate the ability to integrate and apply academic knowledge and skills gained from activities that extend beyond the traditional classroom.
- **Gender (GE):** 1 course  
Designed to help student understand the importance of gender in shaping individual experience and broader human interaction.
- **Intercultural (IC):** 1 course  
Designed to encourage students to develop a greater understanding of diverse peoples and how identities are shaped by surrounding cultural factors.

## DISCIPLINARY REQUIREMENTS

- **Fine Arts (FA):** 4 credits  
Art, Music, Theater
- **Fine Arts Experience (FAE):** no credit  
Attendance at a total of 8 designated fine arts events.
- **Humanities (HM):** 2 courses from different departments  
Typically fulfilled by Communication, History, Philosophy or Literature in any language.
- **Mathematics (MT):** 1 course
- **Natural Sciences (NS):** 1 course  
Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Courses of the College, Environmental Studies, Geology, Nutrition, Physics
- **Social Sciences (SS):** 1 course  
Communication, Economics, Peace Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology  
NOTE: Social Science (SS) requirement must be completed through coursework outside the major department.
- **Theology:** 2 courses  
THEO 111 (TH) and THEO 300 level (TU)

## GLOBAL LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- Successful completion of intermediate one level (211) language course or higher or proficiency examination.

## OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 124 Total Credits
- 40 Upper-Division Credits
- Minimum 2.0 Cumulative GPA\*
- Minimum 2.0 Major and Supporting Courses GPA\*  
\*Unless major requires higher GPA

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