

# Questions Q&A & Answers

# WHAT'S CORE?

A support tool from Academic Advisement – Where Undergraduates Begin

## WHAT IS CORE CURRICULUM?

The basic course of study required of all students seeking a bachelor's degree at Augusta University is referred to as the "core." The core curriculum is detailed in the university catalog but a brief overview is presented here. In addition to 18 credit hours from Area F (major specific) and the other courses required to satisfy the major, students **MUST take 42 credit hours from Areas A-E courses as outlined in the table on the right.** ("Science Track" majors include Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics.) You should become familiar with Area F and other courses you need for your degree by studying your catalog, consulting with your academic advisor, using JAGTRAX and reviewing your major's tracksheet. At minimum, you should have a two year plan with specific courses for each term.

## HOW MANY CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE?

In order to graduate in a timely manner, you should earn about 15-16 credit hours each semester (example: five 3 hour classes). While there may be times due to a particularly challenging class or personal demands that you may consider a lighter load, understand that this likely delays graduation and increases expenses. Keep in mind your academic strengths and weaknesses as you select course combinations and load. Select classes from a variety of core areas each term for balance. Usually, a pattern of regular start and end times for your academic work across the week creates the best schedule. Remember to leave time so that you can adequately prepare for and review after each class. You will also need to allow time for your research and special projects. Most classes are 3 credit hours, but some may be 1, 2, or 4 hours (check catalog). (The higher the credit hour, the more the grade will weigh in your GPA.) To be considered a "full time" undergraduate at Augusta, you would take at least 12 hours per term. You may register for up to 18 hours without special permission.

## WHAT IS THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT?\*

Students pursuing a baccalaureate degree must complete three courses in Physical Education. The requirement consists of the 2-hour "Wellness" course (WELL 1000) and two 1-hour activity courses selected from the physical education curriculum (WELL \_\_\_ X 2). *\*Waived for JR/SR Transfers.*

| ASU Physical Education Requirement: 3 courses   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| WELL 1000<br>Wellness/Fitness<br>2 credit hours | WELL ____<br>Activity Course<br>1 credit hour | WELL ____<br>Activity Course<br>1 credit hour |

## WHAT IS THE AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM?

Augusta offers special opportunities to qualified undergraduates to pursue a program of study that leads to recognition as an Honors Program Graduate. In most cases, Honors courses (section letter=XX) are smaller in size, involve more interaction and exploration, and may be substituted for required credits. Consult the Honors Program office, Quad Wall, 706-729-2083, web. [Secure permission before attempting to register.](#)

*NOTE: check out other educational opportunities like Undergraduate Research, Study Abroad, Certificate of Leadership.*

For core course descriptions, see Advisement's CORE NOTES.

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| A<br>R<br>E<br>A<br><br>A | ENGL 1101<br>or ENGL 1113 (Honors)   | Grade of C or better is required in each. After 18 hrs earned, you must register for ENGL 1101 until successfully completed. After 27 hrs earned, you must register for ENGL 1102 until successfully completed. | 3 hours              |         |
|                           | ENGL 1102<br>or ENGL 1114 (Honors)   |   | 3 hours              |         |
|                           | <b>NON-SCIENCE TRACK</b>             |   | <b>SCIENCE TRACK</b> | 3 hours |
|                           | Choose one: ^discuss math w/ advisor |   | Required course:     |         |
|                           | MATH 1111^                           | MATH 1001^  | MATH 1113^           |         |

**Total Semester Hours required for Area A = 9 hours**

BOR policy: address Area A requirements promptly as freshmen

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| A<br>R<br>E<br>A<br><br>B | COMM 1100 | Communications/Speech course required for all majors; recommended for first term. | 3 hours |
|                           | INQR 1000 | Intro Academic Inquiry - select one from departmental offerings.                  | 1 hours |

**Total Semester Hours required for Area B = 4 hours**

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| A<br>R<br>E<br>A<br><br>C | HUMN 2001 | Follows successful completion of ENGL 1101-1102 or 1113-1114. Humanities is a two semester, 6 hour sequence - team taught. | 3 hours |
|                           | HUMN 2002 |  | 3 hours |

**Total Semester Hours required for Area C = 6 hours**

Students enrolled prior to Fall 2014 - see advisor to discuss B&C options.

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| A<br>R<br>E<br>A<br><br>D | <b>NON-SCIENCE TRACK</b>  |                             | <b>SCIENCE TRACK</b>  | 8-11 hrs |
|                           | Choose any two or three:  |                             | Choose a sequence:    |          |
|                           | ASTR 1000                 | BIOL 1107                   | BIOL 1107 & BIOL 1108 |          |
|                           | BIOL 1101                 | BIOL 1108                   |                       |          |
|                           | BIOL 1102                 | CHEM 1211                   | CHEM 1211 & CHEM 1212 |          |
|                           | CHEM 1151                 | CHEM 1212                   |                       |          |
|                           | CHEM 1152                 | PHYS 1111                   | PHYS 1111 & PHYS 1112 |          |
|                           | GEOG 1112                 | PHYS 1112                   |                       |          |
|                           | GEOL 1121                 | PHYS 2211                   | PHYS 2211 & PHYS 2212 |          |
|                           | GEOL 1122                 | PHYS 2212                   |                       |          |
| PHSC 1011                 | SCIE                      | Choose one:                 | 0-3 hrs               |          |
| Choose one or zero:       |                           |                             |                       |          |
| MATH 2210                 | CHEM 1100*                | MATH 2011                   |                       |          |
| MATH 1113                 | PHYS 1010*                | MATH 2210~                  |                       |          |
| MATH 2011                 | *selected topics - no lab | ~Biology majors only option |                       |          |

**Total Semester Hours required for Area D = 11 hours**

AREA D HEALTH SCIENCE TRACK has math and science sequence level options - discuss with advisor.

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| A<br>R<br>E<br>A<br><br>E | HIST 2111 or HIST 2112       | EITHER CLASS satisfies GA&US History legislative requirements. |           | 3 hours |
|                           | POLS 1101                    | Satisfies GA & US Constitution legislative requirements.       |           | 3 hours |
|                           | Choose one:                  | ANTH 2011  | PSYC 1101 | 3 hours |
|                           |                              | ECON 1810  | SOCI 1101 |         |
|                           | Choose one not chosen above: |  |           |         |
|                           | ANTH 1102                    | HIST 1111  | PSYC 1101 | 3 hours |
|                           | ANTH 2011                    | HIST 1112  | PSYC 1103 |         |
|                           | ECON 1810                    | HIST 2111  | PSYC 2150 |         |
|                           | ECON 2106                    | HIST 2112  | SOCI 1101 |         |
|                           | ECON 2105                    | PHIL 2010  | SOCI 1103 |         |
| GEOG 1111                 | POLS 2401                    | SOCI 1160  |           |         |
|                           |                              | SOCI 2241  |           |         |

**Total Semester Hours required for Area E = 12 hours**