

# Houston Baptist University

## SMITH COLLEGE CORE REQUIREMENTS

The Smith College Core Requirements are courses that build a foundation for your academic life, as well as personal growth and development at college.

Each major at HBU may have its own Smith College core requirements. If you are exploring majors and careers, concentrate on taking courses from the following areas: Christianity, communications, computer information systems, fine arts, humanities, behavioral sciences, or kinesiology. These courses will apply toward any degree plan at HBU.

Spend some time during your first two years of college investigating fields of interest, majors and careers. Career counseling and assessment services are available through the Counseling Center. Your advisors or Counseling Center staff members are available to assist you in discovering your strengths, skills, abilities, talents and gifts in selecting majors and pursuing a career.

### CHRISTIANITY

**9 hours (3 courses)**

- CHRI 1313 Old Testament \*
- CHRI 1323 New Testament \*

Choose 3 hours from:

- CHRI 2333 Christian Doctrine
- CHRI 2343 Christian Ethics
- CHRI 2353 Christianity & the World Religions
- CHRI 2363 Christianity & the Western Philosophical Tradition

### COMMUNICATIONS

**9 hours (3 courses)**

- ENGL 1313 Composition & Literature I \*
- ENGL 1323 Composition & Literature II \*
- COMM 1313 The Communication Process \*

### FINE ARTS

**3 hours (1 course)**

Choose one from any of the following:

- ART 2343 Art Appreciation \*\*
- ART 3353 History of Art: Prehistoric through Gothic
- ART 3363 History of Art: Renaissance through Modern
- ART 3373 History of Modern Art
- MUHL 2312 Music Appreciation \*\*
- MUHL 2313 Music Literature (permission of instructor)
- MUHL 2323 Music Literature (permission of instructor)
- MUHL 3342 American Popular Music
- MUHL/CHRI 3371 Christian Worship & Music
- MUSC 3322 A Survey of Early 20th Century Music

### SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

**9 hours from three areas for BA (3 courses)**  
**6 hours from two areas for BS (2 courses)**

Choose from any of the following:

- Economics (any lower division course)
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- World Geography
- BUSA 3302 Creating Personal Wealth
- BUSA 3320 Business Ethics
- INDC 3325 Interaction of Science & Religion

### MATHEMATICS, LABORATORY SCIENCE & COMPUTER LITERACY

**10-14 hours total from all three areas (3-4 courses)**

- Mathematics/Statistics: Choose one from the following:
  - MATH 1305 Math for Critical Thinking
  - MATH 1313 College Algebra
  - Or a higher level Math
- Lab Science:
  - 4 hours for BA
  - 8 hours for BS
- Computer Information Systems:
  - CISM 1321 Introduction to Computer Applications

### KINESIOLOGY

**2 Hours**

- KINE 2202 Creating a Wellness Lifestyle

## HUMANITIES

12 hours from at least three areas (4 courses)

Choose from any of the following:

- Foreign Language – 6 hours in same language
- History
- INDC 3322 The Hispanic Intellectual Heritage
- Literature
- MCOM 1313 Introduction to Mass Communication
- Philosophy:
  - PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy
  - PHIL 3313 Logic
  - PHIL 3323 Ancient & Medieval Philosophy
  - PHIL 3344 Modern Contemporary Philosophy
- Writing

## OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### SKILL PROFICIENCY

The Skill Proficiency in oral communication, computer use, reading, written English, and mathematical competencies to be demonstrated as follows:

- Oral Communication:
  - COMM 1313 \*\*\*
- Reading: One of the following:
  - SAT – a score of 550 or higher on verbal; if taken before 1995 470 is acceptable
  - ACT – a minimum of 22 or higher on the Reading portion
  - THEA – 230 or higher
  - Pre-THEA sources – a score of 17 or better
  - EDRE 1333 Reading for Effective Learners – Required if Pre-THEA is not passed
- Written English: One of the following:
  - Completed English Proficiency Exam
  - Completed ENGL 1313 & 1323 completed at HBU \*\*\*
  - Placement out of ENGL 1313 and/or ENGL 1323 by Advanced Placement (AP) exam or CLEP (CLEP must have been taken at HBU)
  - Earned AP or CLEP credit for only one freshmen English course must take second English course at HBU \*\*\*
- Mathematics: One of the following:
  - MATH 1305 \*\*\*
  - MATH 1313 \*\*\*
  - a higher level math course \*\*\*
- Computer Use:
  - CISM 1321 completed at HBU \*\*\*
  - Receipt of transfer credit for a course equivalent to CISM 1321 AND successful completion of the computer literacy proficiency exam with a score equivalent to a “C” for CISM 1321.

\*\*\* Course must be completed with a “C” or higher

### FRESHMAN YEAR EXPERIENCE

2 hours (1 course)

- FYSE 1200 Freshman Year Experience

*Freshman Only*

This course is required of all students who enter with fewer than 15 semester hours credit.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE

80 community Life and Worship (CLW) credits by graduation

Spiritual Life seeks to foster Christian community life and worship by creating experiences for students, faculty, and staff in spiritual formation that will support the integration of faith and learning.

- All students seeking their undergraduate degree from HBU must earn 80 total credits during their college career to qualify for graduation.
- Transfer students receive a 3/4 credit for every transfer hour.
- The Associate Degree Nursing students are required to have 54 credits total.
- Students may earn up to a maximum of 20 credits per semester to be accrued toward the total CLW credit requirement for graduation.
- CLW credits are obtained by attending CLW events.
- Students are required to sign-in or have their I.D. cards scanned to record their attendance. The *Community Life and Worship* magazine is available each semester in the Spiritual Life Department to give detailed information about the CLW events offered during that semester.
- See *Community Life and Worship* magazine, *Student Handbook* or contact the Office of Spiritual Life for further clarification regarding this graduation requirement.  
Contact Pam Netter-Morris at 281.649.3117.