

# Questions Q&A & Answers

# WHAT'S CORE?

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## 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.*

AU Physical Education Requirement: 3 courses		
WELL 1000 Wellness/Fitness 2 credit hours	WELL ____ Activity Course 1 credit hour	WELL ____ Activity Course 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.*

A R E A  A	ENGL 1101	Grade of C or better required in ENGL1101 & ENGL1102 . BOR/AU policy - must successfully complete Area A as freshman.		3 hours
	ENGL 1102			3 hours
	NON-SCIENCE TRACK		SCIENCE TRACK	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	

A R E A  B	COMM 1100	Credit should be earned in first terms for Communications/Speech and Introduction to Academic Inquiry.	3 hours
	INQR 1000		1 hours
B INST Total Semester Hours required for Area B = 4 hours			

A R E A  C	Choose two different Area C subject areas:		ENGL 2121/2122/2130	PHIL 2010/2020/2030	3 hours + 3 hours
	ART 2010	FILM 1100	HUMN 2010	MUSI 2320	
	THEA 1100	ARAB*	CHNS*	FREN*	
	GRMN*	SPAN*	*foreign language 1001/1002/2001/2002		
HUMN Total Semester Hours required for Area C = 6 hours					

A R E A  D	NON-SCIENCE TRACK^		SCIENCE TRACK^		8-11hrs
	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			
	GEOG 1121	PHYS 2211	PHYS 2211 & PHYS 2212		
	GEOG 1122	PHYS 2212			
PHSC 1011	SCIE	Choose one:		0-3 hrs	
Choose one or zero:					
MATH 2210	CHEM1100^	MATH 2011			
MATH 1113	PHYS 1010^	MATH 2210~			
MATH 2011	*selected topics - no lab		~option: Biology majors only		
^HEALTH SCIENCE TRACK has math & science sequence level options - discuss with advisor.					
Total Semester Hours required for Area D = 11 hours					

A R E A  E	HIST 2111 / 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:				3 hours
	ANTH 1102	HIST 1111	PSYC 1101		
	ANTH 2011	HIST 1112	PSYC 2150		
	ECON 1810	HIST 2111	SOCI 1101		
	ECON 2106	HIST 2112	SOCI 1160		
	ECON 2105	POLS 2401	SOCI 2241		
GEOG 1111					
Total Semester Hours required for Area E = 12 hours					