



**DOMINICAN
UNIVERSITY**

Liberal Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum

Preparing you for success no matter your path

At Dominican, we believe you should **be ready for anything**. Our **Liberal Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum** prepares you to think critically and question everything. No matter what you do next, you'll be ready to collaborate in **addressing society's most complex challenges**. Here, we don't just train you to succeed in a single field or job; **we educate for a lifetime**. The core is organized into four types of courses:

Foundations

To develop the skills that will serve you throughout your college career, you'll complete courses in critical reading, writing, and speaking; languages; mathematics; and technology. You are encouraged to complete these courses during your first two semesters. Students may also meet some of their foundation requirements through placement exams.

Area Studies

This is where you'll explore what it means to be human and learn to think more openly and ambitiously about today's great societal challenges, ranging from income inequality to climate change. Choose from courses in philosophy, theology, history, social sciences, natural sciences, literature, and fine arts. These classes, along with the Multicultural Studies course, can be taken throughout your four years at Dominican, allowing you to explore a variety of academic interests throughout your college experience.

Multicultural Studies

You'll take at least one course that will ask you to examine specific forms of institutional oppression and injustice, systems of privilege, and efforts to promote equity and justice. These courses are offered through multiple departments and disciplines as well as through the Enduring Questions Seminars.

Enduring Questions Seminars

In these seminar courses, you will consider multiple perspectives on life's biggest, most enduring questions through reading, discussion, and writing. You'll choose from a wide variety of courses on such themes as identity, sustainability, and the nature of good and evil. These courses are at the heart of Dominican's LAS Core Curriculum and are arranged thematically:

- + **The Examined Life First-Year Seminar**
(generally taken in the first semester)
- + **Life in the Natural World Seminar**
(taken in your sophomore or junior year)
- + **The Good Life Senior Integrative Seminar**
(taken in your senior year)