NYU Online

Core Curriculum

At the very heart of all NYU Online programs is a common core curriculum that is required of our undergraduate degree students. It provides a solid liberal arts foundation from which students gain conceptual insights into disciplines other than their chosen field of study. Developing students’ abilities in areas such as writing, critical thinking, and analyzing mathematical, scientific, and symbolic concepts are just some of the benefits gained from taking core curriculum courses in the liberal arts. **It is recommended that students complete their core requirements before following other degree requirements.**

**Writing (8–10 Credits)**

Students are required to take Writing Workshop I and Writing Workshop II in their first year of study.

- Writing Workshop I/Y20.7502 4
- Writing Workshop II/Y20.7503 4

The following course may be required based on writing placement assessment:

- Intensive Writing/Y20.7501 2

**Critical Thinking (4 Credits)**

- Critical Thinking/Y20.6401 4

**Quantitative Reasoning (4 Credits)**

Students take one of the following courses based on math placement assessment in close consultation with their adviser.

- Math I/Y10.1101 2
- Math II/Y10.1141 2
- or Mathematical Reasoning/Y10.1105 4
- or Precalculus/Y10.1171 4
- or Algebra and Calculus with Applications to Business and Economics/Y10.1174 4

**Scientific Issues (4 Credits)**

Students choose one of the following courses in consultation with their adviser.

- Stars, Planets, and Life/Y20.3207 4
- or Fundamentals of Biology/Y13.2001 4
- or Global Ecology/Y20.3203 4
- or Biology of Hunger and Population/Y20.3215 4

**History, Culture, and Art (12 Credits)**
Students choose one course from each subgroup in consultation with their adviser.

**Historical Perspectives (4 Credits)**

- The American Experience/Y20.5820
- or Classical and Medieval World/Y20.5821
- or Contemporary World/Y20.5822
- or Renaissance to Revolution/Y20.5804

**Global Perspectives (4 Credits)**

- World Cultures: Asia/Y20.5013
- or World Cultures: Africa/Y20.5011
- or World Cultures: Middle East/Y20.5012
- or World Cultures: Latin America and the Caribbean/Y20.5014

**Literary and Artistic Expressions (4 Credits)**

- Oral Traditions in Literature/Y20.6209
- or Major Twentieth-Century Writers/Y20.6201
- or History of Music/Y20.5438
- or Visual Expressions in Society/Y20.5441

**Total Credits 32–34**