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3. Liberal Arts Explorations

The general education experience at Centenary College includes an integrative introduction to the challenges that confront humankind in the early 21st century; the development of foundational critical thinking and expression skills, with an emphasis on human artistic and cultural accomplishments; an appreciation for symbolic reasoning; the nature of the material universe; and an exploration of human behavior. An overarching theme for annual convocations programming is chosen on a rotating basis from among three global challenges chosen by the faculty: How to Live a Meaningful Life, Expanding our Circles of Engagement, and Sustainability.

The traditions of a liberal arts education help people develop the habits of well-ordered thought. A grounding in the foundations of the liberal arts will allow students to pivot to face the 21st century challenges as they evolve and to derive approaches to new challenges as yet unidentified. Therefore, students are required to take 8 courses (32 hours) distributed across the following disciplines chosen from the list of approved courses.

Humanities

(courses in which students critically analyze and evaluate human artistic and cultural accomplishments. Students may – and are encouraged to – take up to four hours in fulfillment of this requirements in courses that teach aesthetic appreciation through performance or production) 3 courses (12 hours)

Natural Sciences

(courses through which students explore the nature of the material universe) 2 courses (8 hours) At least one laboratory course.

Social Sciences

(courses through which students examine human behavior through systematic analysis of data) 2 courses (8 hours)

Symbolic Reasoning

(a course in which students develop a facility in and appreciation for symbolic reasoning) 4 course (4 hours)