CORE CURRICULUM

Fordham’s Core Curriculum is a central part of its larger mission and identity as a university in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition preparing its students for responsible leadership in a global society. The “core” plays a key role in the undergraduate curriculum as a whole. As students’ majors and electives allow specialization and individualization in their studies, the Core Curriculum assures that every student’s undergraduate education is anchored, as a whole, in the liberal arts. The Core Curriculum provides an ongoing developmental context for students’ studies and a framework for the entire undergraduate education.

NOTE: Gabelli, PCS, FCRH Honors, FCLC Honors, and BFA students should refer to their respective sections of this bulletin to guide their selection of liberal arts core courses.

At the heart of Fordham College’s academic program is the core curriculum. These courses are designed to nurture curiosity, inspire a love of learning and provide you with the foundation needed to engage in lifelong learning. In every core course, you think, speak, write, and act in fundamentally new ways, with a broadened appreciation for human values and a deepened commitment to the world. At its heart, is the practice of Eloquentia Perfecta, where students learn right use of reason joined to cultivated expression.

The Core Courses:

• Expose you to new intellectual vistas
• Enhance your understanding of ways of knowing within academic disciplines
• Allow you to make connections among various disciplines
• Develop writing, research, and quantitative and analytical skills

As a Jesuit university, Fordham helps you shape habits of heart and mind that are the hallmarks of liberally educated men and women. Our core curriculum blends reverence for tradition with openness to new challenges, and new ways of knowing and engaging the world.

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