

# LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES CORE CURRICULUM- ASSOCIATE PROGRAMS

## Associate Degree LIFE Core Requirements

Students seeking an associate degree who have not completed a previous baccalaureate or associate degree or the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum are required to complete 20-30 credits in the LIFE core curriculum, depending on their program of choice. A minimum grade of D is required in these courses.

This curriculum includes one signature course:

- CORE 1000W The Reflective Woman

The additional 16 credits are fulfilled by taking courses from each of the following categories\*:

- **Behavioral and Social Sciences** – choose one: communication studies, economics, political science, psychology, or sociology, except ECON 1080 or ECON 1090, or PSYC 1090
- **Natural Sciences** – choose one: any course with a laboratory and/or field component in biology, chemistry, or physics.
- **Arts and Humanities** – choose one: philosophy (except PHIL 2150), literature, linguistics, history, foreign language, studio art, art history, or creative writing.
- **Theology** – choose one: any theology course

\*Credits for courses in similar disciplines may be transferred at the discretion of the University.

Students seeking an associate degree in the Early Childhood Education program will satisfy the LIFE Core curriculum requirement by taking CORE 1000W The Reflective Woman as well as 26 additional credits in the above categories.

Students seeking an associate degree who earned a prior degree (A.A.S., A.A., A.S. or higher) from a regionally accredited institution or the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum prior to enrollment at St. Catherine University are exempt from the associate degree LIFE core curriculum requirement.

Students seeking an associate degree who have not completed a previous baccalaureate or associate degree (A.A.S., A.A., or A.S.) or the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum are required to complete 20 credits in the LIFE core curriculum. A minimum grade of D is required in these courses.

Students seeking an associate degree in Early Childhood Education who have not completed a previous baccalaureate or associate degree (A.A.S., A.A., or A.S.) or the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum are required to complete 30 credits in the LIFE core curriculum. A minimum grade of D is required in these courses.

This curriculum includes one (4-credit) signature course:

- CORE 1000W The Reflective Woman

The remaining credits are fulfilled by taking courses from each of the following categories\*:

- **Behavioral and Social Sciences** – choose one from, communication studies, economics, political science, psychology, or sociology, except ECON 1080 or ECON 1090, or PSYC 1090
- **Natural Sciences** – choose one from any course with a laboratory and/or field component in biology, chemistry, or physics
- **Arts and Humanities** – choose one course in this category from philosophy (except PHIL 2150), literature, linguistics, history, foreign language, studio art, art history, or creative writing.
- **Theology** – choose one: any theology course

\*Credits for courses in similar disciplines may be transferred at the discretion of the University.

Students seeking an associate degree who have completed a previous bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution prior to enrollment at St. Catherine University are exempt from the LIFE core curriculum requirement.

Students seeking an associate degree who have completed an associate degree (A.A.S., A.A., or A.S) from a regionally accredited institution or Minnesota Transfer Curriculum are exempt from the associate LIFE core curriculum.