

AXLE
The new College of Arts and Science Curriculum
Achieving eXcellence in Liberal Education

Outline Summary

The AXLE curriculum consists of four parts: the First Year Common Experience, the Writing Requirement, the Liberal Arts Requirement, and the Major.

The First Year Common Experience includes a First Year Writing Seminar.

*The Writing Requirement has three segments: demonstration of basic skills in English Composition, completion of a 100-level W course no later than the fourth semester in residence, and completion of either a second 100-level W course **or** a 200-level W (discipline-specific) course **or** an approved course in Oral Communications at Vanderbilt University as a graduation requirement.*

The Liberal Arts Requirement is composed of a total of thirteen courses taken at Vanderbilt, and distributed across six areas of inquiry. The First Year Writing Seminar and all 100-level and 200-level W courses and all Oral Communications courses are also counted in the thirteen-course Liberal Arts Requirement.

1. The First Year Common Experience

- a. First Year Writing Seminar (*one course*)

2. The Writing Requirement (2-3 courses)

- a. English Composition (*appropriate test score or one course*)
- b. 100-level W Requirement (*one course*)
- c. One 100-level or 200-level W or Oral Communications Course (*one course*)

3. The Liberal Arts Requirement (13 courses)

- a. Humanities and the Creative Arts (*three courses*)
- b. International Cultures (*three courses*)
- c. History and Culture of the United States (*one course*)
- d. Mathematics and Natural Sciences (*three courses*)
- e. Social and Behavioral Sciences (*two courses*)
- f. Perspectives (*one course*)

4. The Major (27- 48 credit hours)

Total Credit Hours: 120