

FIRST YEAR PLAN

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
SRH 101: Search Sem-Enduring Questions or HNR 160: Honor Search-Enduring Questions	3	THE 105: Foundations of Theology WORLD LANGUAGE II	3 3
PHI 105: Intro to Philosophy	3	Gen Ed SEARCH (100 – 200 LEVEL)	3
COM 101: Composition and Research WORLD LANGUAGE I	3 3	Gen Ed SEARCH (100 – 200 LEVEL)	3
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TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Complete 5 hours of Community Service		Complete 5 hours of Community Service	

1. Students should declare their intention to pursue the liberal studies major and submit a rationale for their program of studies and the courses that will constitute it before they earn 75 credits.
2. This proposal must be approved by the two department chairs* who have agreed to sponsor the major. An advisor will be appointed from one of the departments.
3. A minimum of 15 credits must be taken in each of the two departments or programs. A minimum of 18 credits must be taken at the 300/400 level.
4. Students must complete a one credit capstone course, COL 400, supervised by their advisor.
5. All major requirements are in addition to those required by the university core. Paths of Knowledge may not be fulfilled by courses from either of the two selected disciplines.

**If the two areas of study are within the same department, then the department chair and a faculty member who teaches in one of the specific areas are asked to approve the proposal.*

The 8-semester plan may not be accurate for declared second majors, depending upon the semester you declare. Completion of such additional major(s) could increase time to degree completion. If you declare a minor, you must work with your advisor to determine when the necessary classes are offered since you may not add additional time to degree completion beyond the completion of your major courses to complete the minor.

Alvernia Policy [15.4460 Graduation Policy](#) and the current [Alvernia Course Catalog](#) detail graduation requirements, honors at graduation, and eligibility to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. *Those policies include information such as the following:*

- *Alvernia's Bachelor's Degree Requirements in the Course Catalog specify that 12 credits in the major and 9 credits in the minor must be completed at Alvernia University*
- *When pursuing a double major, you must have 12 distinct credits between the two majors*
- *A student who has 6 or less credits remaining to complete the degree may participate in the May Commencement Ceremony.*
- *The Graduation Application is available online in myAlvernia on the 'Academics' tab. Seniors must submit the Graduation Application to the Registrar's Office as follows: October 1 for May Graduation; December 1 for August graduation; and March 1 for December graduation.*

If you have any questions regarding graduation requirements, please call the Registrar's Office (610.796.820)

Degree/Major: BA LIBERAL STUDIES

Name: _____ Id: _____

2nd Major: _____ 3rd Major: _____ Minor: _____ 2nd Minor: _____

Matriculation Year 2024-2025 - Term: _____

GENERAL EDUCATION

Grade Notes:

Enduring Questions (12 cr)

- /SEARCH Sem. Enduring Questions (3) _____
- /THE 105 Foundations of Theology (3) _____
- /PHI 105 Introduction to Philosophy (3) _____
- /COM 101 Composition & Research (3) _____
(C grade or better)

Exploring the Natural World (6-8)

- /MAT _____ (3-4) _____
(not MAT 100)
- / _____ (3-4) _____
(Science with Lab)

Culture & Language (9 cr)

- /COM _____ (3) _____
(not COM 100 or 101)
- World Language – 2 courses in sequence
- / _____ (3) _____
- / _____ (3) _____

Individuals & Communities (6 cr)

- /HIS or POS _____ (3) _____
- / _____ (3) _____
(PSY, HIS, POS, SOC, SSC, or ECON)

Creative Expressions (6 cr)

- /LIT _____ (3) _____
- / _____ (3) _____
(Art, Music, or Theatre)

Ethical Leaders & Followers (6 cr)

- /THE/PHI _____ (3) _____
(200-400 level)
- /THE/PHI _____ (3) _____
(ethics/morality @ 200 level)

Paths of Knowledge (9 cr @ 200-400 level in ONE path)

- Path 1: Interdisciplinary Study; at least two from Liberal Arts
- Path 2: Multidisciplinary Study; at least two from Liberal Arts
- Path 3: In-depth Disciplinary Study; from same Liberal Arts discipline

- / _____ () _____
- / _____ () _____
- / _____ () _____

- Human Diversity: _____
- Senior Capstone: _____
- Writing Enhanced Course: _____
- Community Service Hours: Required: _____ Met: _____
- Overall GPA >= 2.00
- GPA in Major >= 2.00

Residency Requirements:

- 45 of last 60 credits
- Min 12 Alvernia credits in major
- Min 9 Alvernia credits in minor (if applicable)
- Min 123 non-remedial credits earned

LIBERAL STUDIES (37cr)

GradeNotes:

(Must select two areas of study, minimum 15 cr. in each)

Area of Study 1:

- / _____ () _____
- / _____ () _____
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Area of Study 2:

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- COL 400 Liberal Studies Capstone (1) _____

- Completed 18 credits in selected areas of study
at 300-400 level _____

ELECTIVES (as needed)

- / _____ () _____
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MINOR (optional) (17-21 cr)

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Proposal & Rationale

- Submitted to Registrar
- Approved by Chair of First Area of Study Approved**
- by Chair of Second Area of Study** Approved by
- Dean of Arts & Sciences (proposal to be kept in
- Dean's Office)

Notes:
