LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES
CORE CURRICULUM-
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
PROGRAMS

Baccalaureate Liberal Arts and Sciences
Core Requirements

St. Catherine University’s students come to our institution with varied
backgrounds. In recognition of this, the University developed four
pathways to fulfill the liberal arts and science core requirements based
on the student’s prior education. Each set of requirements has been
carefully designed to ensure that the student meets St. Catherine
University’s goals for a liberal arts education.

The liberal arts and science core requirements fall into four main
categories. Refer to the tabs on this page for specific requirements.

• Standard Core - Core requirements for students with no previous
degree who have not completed the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum
• Previous A.A. Degree - Core requirements for students who completed
an associate of arts degree with a minimum cumulative grade point
average of 2.5 prior to enrollment at St. Catherine University
• Previous MnTC - Core requirements for students who completed
the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum at a MnSCU institution with a
minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 prior to enrollment at
St. Catherine University.
• Previous Bachelor’s Degree - Core requirements for students who
completed a bachelor’s degree prior to seeking a second degree at St.
Catherine University

Please note:

• A grade of C- or better is required to fulfill a liberal arts and science
core requirement for all baccalaureate programs.

Standard Core

The following requirements apply to students seeking a B.A., B.S. or
B.S.N. degree who have not completed a previous baccalaureate or A.A.
degree or the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum.

Please note:

• A grade of C- or better is required to fulfill a liberal arts and science
core requirement for all baccalaureate programs.

• Core Integrated Seminar: One Core integrated seminar course (CORE
2800) can be used to count for two core requirements in foundations
of humanities, arts and sciences.

The College for Women:

• CORE courses - CORE 1000W or CORE 2000W The Reflective Woman
and CORE 3990W Global Search for Justice
• Health and Fitness - EXSS 1100
• Philosophy - one course, excluding PHIL 2150
• Theology - one course (This course must be a course that offers
students an intellectual account of some of the key elements of
Christian theological tradition. See the Theology section (http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/theology/) of this catalog for more information.)

• Behavioral and Social Sciences - one course from among the
following: anthropology, economics, geography, political science,
psychology or sociology, except ECON 1080 or 1090, or PSYC 1090
• Fine and Performing Arts - one course from among the following:
studio art, art history, creative writing, music, theater or classical
musicology. Special rules apply for music lessons and ensembles:
see Music and Theater (http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/music-theater/) section of this catalog.
• Mathematics or Logical Reasoning - one course, selected from ECON
1080, ECON 1090, HLTH 1090, PSYC 1090, PHIL 2150, STAT 1089,
STAT 1090, or any four-credit MATH course numbered 1000 or higher,
except MATH 2500 and 2510
• Natural Sciences - one course with a laboratory and/or field
component chosen from biology, chemistry, geology or physics
• Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity (CRST) or Women’s Studies (WOST) - one CRST or WOST course or one CRST or WOST cross-
listed course. See the CRST and WOST sections of this catalog for
the complete listing of available courses.
• Writing Requirement – four writing intensive courses: CORE
1000W/2000W, CORE 3990W, one course in the major and another
selected from the list of approved writing intensive courses

Additional requirements for the B.A. degree:

• Humanities –
  • one additional theology or philosophy course (except PHIL 2150)
  • one course in literature
  • one course in history
• Foreign Language - demonstration of equivalency through
intermediate level I by completion of the first semester intermediate
course at St. Catherine University. American Sign Language (ASL)
satisfies this requirement. (May be completed by proficiency exam or
waiver, with approval.)

Additional requirements for the B.S. degree:

• Humanities - two courses among literature, history and foreign
language* (can be two in one language, otherwise must be in different
disciplines)

*Foreign language for the B.S. degree cannot be completed by exam or
waiver. Course(s) must be elementary I-level or higher.

1 Re-enrolling students who met the previous health and fitness core
requirement by taking either two 1-credit activity courses from the
group EXSS 1001-1019 or EXSS 1030, either option to have been taken
at St. Kate’s, will be given credit for having met the current form of the
requirement (EXSS 1100).

The College for Adults:

• CORE courses - CORE 1000W or CORE 2000W The Reflective Woman
and CORE 3990W Global Search for Justice
• Health and Fitness - EXSS 1100
• Philosophy - one course, excluding PHIL 2150
• Theology - one course (This course must be a course that offers
students an intellectual account of some of the key elements of
Christian theological tradition. See the Theology section (http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/theology/) of this catalog for more information.)
• Behavioral and Social Sciences - one course from among the following: anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology or sociology, except ECON 1080 or 1090, or PSYC 1090
• Mathematics or Logical Reasoning - one course, selected from ECON 1080, ECON 1090, HLTH 1090, PSYC 1090, PHIL 2150, STAT 1089, STAT 1090, or any four-credit MATH course numbered 1000 or higher, except MATH 2500 and 2510
• Natural Sciences - one course with a laboratory and/or field component chosen from biology, chemistry, geology or physics
• Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity (CRST) or Women's Studies (WOST) - one CRST or WOST course or one CRST or WOST cross-listed course. See the CRST and WOST sections of this catalog for the complete listing of available courses.
• Writing Requirement – four writing intensive courses: CORE 1000W/2000W, CORE 3990W, one course in the major and another selected from the list of approved writing intensive courses

Additional requirements for the B.A. degree:

• Humanities - three courses among literature, history, theology or philosophy, and foreign language* (can be two in one language, otherwise must be in different disciplines)
• Fine and Performing Arts - one course from among the following: studio art, art history, creative writing, music, theater or classical mythology. Special rules apply for music lessons and ensembles: see Music and Theater (http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/music-theater/) section of this catalog.

Additional requirements for the B.S. and B.S.N. degrees:

• Humanities - three courses among literature, history, fine arts and foreign language* (can be two in one language, otherwise must be in different disciplines)

*Foreign language cannot be completed by exam or waiver. Course(s) must be elementary I-level or higher.

1 Re-enrolling students who met the previous health and fitness core requirement by taking either two 1-credit activity courses from the group EXSS 1001-1019 or EXSS 1030, either option to have been taken at St. Kate’s, will be given credit for having met the current form of the requirement (EXSS 1100).

RN-BSN Degree Completion

The following requirements apply to students who are pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in the RN - BSN Degree Completion section. Students must earn a grade of C- or better in these courses.

• CORE courses - CORE 1000W or CORE 2000W The Reflective Woman and CORE 3990W Global Search for Justice
• Biomedical Ethics - PHIL 2000, PHIL 2030W or PHIL 3400
• Statistics - ECON 1080 or equivalent
• Theology - one course (This course must be a course that offers students an intellectual account of some of the key elements of Christian theological tradition. See the Theology section (http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/theology/) of this catalog for more information.)
• Additional course - History/Fine Arts/Literature/Second Language/Global Cultures

Previous A.A. Degree

The following requirements apply to students who completed an Associate of Arts degree with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) from a regionally accredited, degree-granting institution prior to enrollment at St. Catherine University. Students will be granted a maximum of 64 credits in transfer from two-year institutions.

Please note: A grade of C- or better is required in these courses

• CORE courses - CORE 1000W or CORE 2000W The Reflective Woman and CORE 3990W Global Search for Justice
• Theology - one course (This course must be a course that offers students an intellectual account of some of the key elements of Christian theological tradition. See the Theology section (http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/theology/) of this catalog for more information.)

Previous Completion of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum

The following requirements apply to students who completed the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum at a MnSCU institution with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) prior to enrollment at St. Catherine University. Students will be granted a maximum of 64 credits in transfer from two-year institutions.

Please note: A grade of C- or better is required in these courses

• CORE courses - CORE 1000W or CORE 2000W The Reflective Woman and CORE 3990W Global Search for Justice
• Health and Fitness - EXSS 1100
• Theology - one course (This course must be a course that offers students an intellectual account of some of the key elements of Christian theological tradition. See the Theology section (http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/theology/) of this catalog for more information.)

Additional requirement for the B.A. degree:

• Foreign Language - proficiency in a second language as required by the degree and program

Previous B.A. or B.S. Degree from St. Catherine University

Students who already hold a baccalaureate degree from St. Catherine University and are pursuing a second B.A. or B.S. degree must complete the liberal arts and science core requirements for the second degree as well as those required for the major. A grade of C- or better must be earned in the liberal arts and science core courses and major courses unless a higher grade is required by the program.

NOTE: Students who met the previous health and fitness core requirement by taking either two 1-credit activity courses from the group EXSS 1001-1019 or EXSS 1030, either option to have been taken at St. Kate’s, will be given credit for having met the current form of the requirement (EXSS 1100).

Previous B.A. or B.S. Degree

The following core requirements apply to students who already hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited, degree-granting
institution and are pursuing a second B.A. or B.S. degree at St. Catherine University. Students must earn a grade of C- or better in these courses.

- **CORE course**: CORE 3990W Global Search for Justice
- **Theology**: one course (This course must be a course that offers students an intellectual account of some of the key elements of Christian theological tradition. See the Theology section ([http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/theology/](http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/theology/)) of this catalog for more information.)

**Previous B.A. or B.S. Degree: RN-BSN Degree Completion**

The following requirements apply to students who already hold a baccalaureate degree and are pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in the RN - BSN Degree Completion section. Students must earn a grade of C- or better in these courses.

- **CORE Course** – CORE 3990W Global Search for Justice
- **Biomedical Ethics** – PHIL 2000, PHIL 2030W or PHIL 3400
- **Statistics** – ECON 1080 or equivalent
- **Theology** – one course (This course must be a course that offers students an intellectual account of some of the key elements of Christian theological tradition. See the Theology section ([http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/theology/](http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/theology/)) of this catalog for more information.)