**XAVIER UNIVERSITY TRANSITION STUDENTS AND TRANSITION CORE**

Since 1599, Jesuit education has promoted a distinctive plan of studies (*Ratio Studiorum* in Latin) that adjusts to each generation, always maintaining a strong commitment to the Liberal Arts Catholic Jesuit tradition. At Xavier University this plan of studies begins with the Undergraduate Core Curriculum. In Fall 2015 Xavier launches a new Core that revolves around the Jesuit values of magis, reflection, discernment, cura personalis, solidarity and kinship, and service rooted in justice and love. The new Core significantly reduces the total credit hours required for most students, and thus allows for numerous possibilities for double majors, additional minors, immersion experiences, study abroad, and a wide range of electives that students can use to satisfy the overall number of 120 credit hours required for graduation.

Students who entered Xavier prior to Fall 2015 and who will graduate from Xavier in Fall 2015 or later qualify as “Transition Students” who must satisfy the Transition Core requirements.

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| **TRANSITION CORE**  (Requirements for students enrolled before Fall 2015 and graduating after Spring 2015)  (Each line represents a three-credit hour course) | | |
| *Ethics/Religion and Society Focus*[[1]](#footnote-1) | | |
| THEO 111 Theological Foundations | | |
| PHIL 100 Ethics as Intro to Philosophy | | |
| Literature & the Moral Imagination[[2]](#footnote-2) | | |
| *Perspectives Courses* | | |
| Creative Perspectives | OR | Old Core Fine Arts |
| Historical Perspectives | OR | Old Core History 1 & 2 (Survey Courses) |
| Mathematical Perspectives | OR | Two Old Core Math Courses above 105 |
| Philosophical Perspectives (PHIL 200) | OR | Old Core PHIL 290 Theory of Knowledge |
| Scientific Perspectives | OR | Any Old Core Science course with lab[[3]](#footnote-3) |
| Theological Perspectives (THEO 200+) | OR | Any Old Core THEO 200 or THEO 300s |
| *Skills* | | |
| ENGL 101 Composition or ENGL 115 Rhetoric | | |
| Language (two courses or 201) | | |
| *Electives* | | |
| Humanities Elective[[4]](#footnote-4) | OR | Any Old Core Literature Elective, THEO 300+, or PHIL 300+ |
| Natural Science Elective | OR | Any Old Core Natural Science course[[5]](#footnote-5) |
| Social Science Elective | OR | Any Old Core Social Science Course |

Students also must satisfy two flags in addition to the credit hours listed in the chart above. A flag constitutes a significant portion of a course in any discipline that is devoted to one of the two topics. Flagged courses are approved by the committee or subcommittee devoted to each flag topic. A single course can fulfill two flags. Flagged courses often double count for other courses in the core, for major requirements, and/or for minor requirements, and thus do not add to the total number of credit hours required in the Core Curriculum.

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| *Two Flags* |
| Diversity (DCR), Ethics/Religion and Society (E/RS) |

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1. The Ethics/Religion and Society Focus also includes an E/RS flagged course, one of the two flags at the bottom of the chart. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Can be fulifilled with CLAS 205, ENGL 205, FREN 205, GERM 205, or SPAN 205. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Must be in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Psychology for a total of 3 credits. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Humanities Elective can be satisfied by one course from any of the following categories: All Classics except 205, ENGL 121+ except 205, FREN 300+, GERM 300+, HIST 200+, PHIL 300+, SPAN 300+, or THEO 300+. The Humanities Elective may not double count as an E/RS flag (though may be an E/RS flagged course). While all Theology courses 200 and above count as Theological Perspectives, and all Theology courses 300 and above also count for Humanities Electives, no Theology course can double-count for both Theological Perspectives and Humanities Elective. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. For a minimum of 3 credits in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. This requirement includes a lab. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)