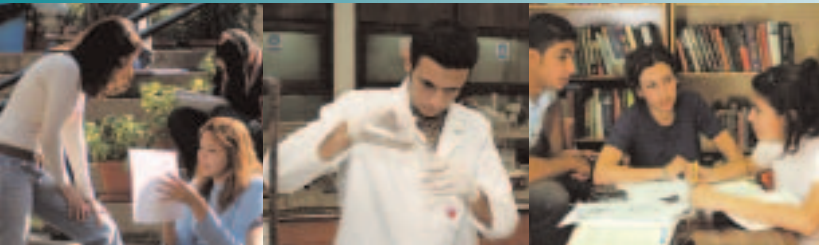


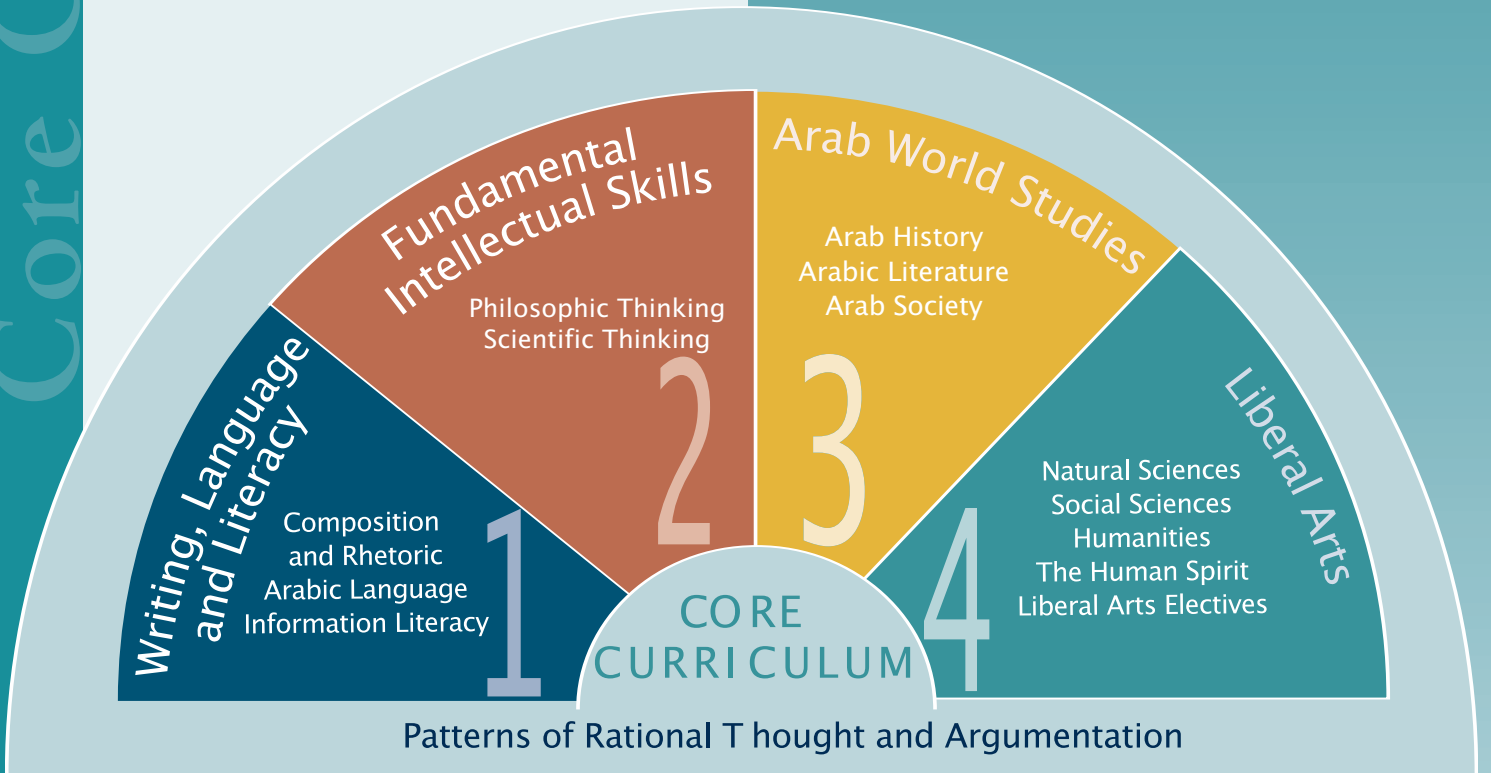
# The Core Curriculum



## General Description

The Core Curriculum is divided into three components that reflect the objectives described in this brochure. Students must complete between 30 and 46 credit hours in the Core Curriculum. Students who demonstrate the appropriate competence may be exempted from up to six credit hours of Arabic language and up to six credit hours of English writing courses. All students majoring in science and engineering fields (except actuarial science) are exempted from the general science elective requirement (four credit hours).

“Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.”  
— Lord Brougham



“Education is not the filling of the pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

— William Butler Yeats

Whatever your major, you need to explore and understand science, social science and the humanities in order to be a thoughtful human being and citizen. The Core Curriculum is a body of courses designed to provide a broad liberal arts base to your education at AUC. It aims to develop your basic academic and intellectual traits, familiarize you with certain bodies of knowledge and intellectual traditions, and show you how this diversity can be integrated. It covers a wide range of human experience and knowledge, with specific emphasis on the Arab world. It assists you in understanding your place in the world — socially, culturally, intellectually and historically.

The Core Curriculum also aims to enhance your writing skills — and thereby your ability to reason and construct an argument — in both English and Arabic. Instruction ranges from small seminars and regular classes to large lectures. All courses, with the exception of the Information Literacy Clinic, give letter grades and academic credit.

**AUC's Core Curriculum is designed to ensure that you:**

- Acquire basic language and literacy skills, such as reading, writing and speaking English fluently; possess a basic competence in Arabic; and are familiar with basic library and information technology skills.
- Encounter patterns of rational thought and argumentation that underpin the world's great intellectual traditions, as well as ways in which science addresses and seeks to comprehend the natural world.
- Acquire familiarity with the modern Arab world and its historical and literary heritage.
- Experience ways in which the liberal arts enrich your ability to understand and appreciate the world.



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## I. Rhetoric and Composition, Arabic Language and Information Literacy Requirement (3-15 credits)

### A. Rhetoric and Composition (3-9 credits)

*Students must fulfill this requirement in one of two ways:*

RHET 101	Approaches to Critical Writing
RHET 102	Integrated Writing
RHET 103	Research Writing

*or*

RHET 102	Integrated Writing
RHET 103	Research Writing

*and one of the following courses:*

RHET 320	Business Writing
RHET 321	Technical Writing
RHET 322	Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences
RHET 400	Writing and Editing for Publication
RHET 410	Grant Writing

*Students may be exempted from one or two courses (RHET 102, 103) by a series of placement exams administered by the Department of Rhetoric and Composition.*

### B. Arabic Language (0-6 credits)

*All entering students, except those who have passed the thanawiya amma exams or its equivalent, will take an Arabic placement exam. Based upon the exam results, students may be required to take up to two modern standard Arabic courses (ALING 101, 102 or 103; 201, 202 or 203).*

### C. Information Literacy

LALT 101	(non-credit)
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## 2. Fundamental Intellectual Skills Requirement (6 credits)

PHIL 220	Philosophic Thinking
SCI 120	Scientific Thinking

## 3. Arab World Studies Requirement (9 credits)

### A. Arab History (choose one course)

ARIC/HIST 246	Survey of Arab History
ARIC 299	Special Topics in Arab History
ARIC 321	Social and Cultural History of the Middle East, A.D. 600-1800
ARIC 322	Land, Trade and Power: Economic Relations in the Middle East, A.D. 600-800

ARIC 343	Birth of the Arab Community and Rise of the Arab Caliphates
ARIC/HIST 344	Caliphs and Sultans in the Age of Crusades and Mongols
ARIC/HIST 345	Gunpowder Empires: Ottomans, Safavids and Mughols
HIST 247	Making of the Modern Arab World
HIST 299	Special Topics in Arab History
HIST 330	Urban Landscapes in the Modern Middle East and North Africa
HIST/ARIC 355	State and Society in the Middle East, 1699-1914
HIST/ARIC 356	After Empire: Nationalism and Social Change in the Middle East, 1914-Present

### B. Arabic Literature (choose one course)

*Restriction: thanawiya amma students may not choose ARIC 203, ARIC 204 or ARIC 310.*

ARIC 201	Introduction to Classical Arabic Literature
ARIC 202	Introduction to Modern Arabic Literature
ARIC 203	Classical Arabic Literature in Translation
ARIC 204	Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
ARIC 299	Special Topics in Arabic Literature
ARIC 301	Classical Tradition I
ARIC 302	Classical Tradition II
ARIC 303	Constructions of Modernity I
ARIC 304	Constructions of Modernity II
ARIC 305	Arabic Literature and Gender
ARIC 306	Arabic Literature and Film
ARIC 307	The Writer and the State
ARIC 308	Colloquial and Folk Literature
ARIC 309	Selected Themes and Topics in Arabic Literature
ARIC 310	Selected Themes and Topics in Arabic Literature in Translation
ARIC 311	Classical Arabic Poetry
ARIC 312	Classical Arabic Prose
ARIC 313	Modern Arabic Poetry
ARIC 314	The Arabic Novel
ARIC 315	Arabic Drama
ARIC 316	The Arabic Short Story

### C. Arab Society

ANTH/SOC 210	Arab Society (Prerequisite: RHET 103 or concurrent)
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#### 4. Liberal Arts Requirement (12-16 credit hours)

**A. Natural Science Courses (choose one course with lab)** *Restriction: Students majoring in any of the fields of the School of Sciences and Engineering (except for actuarial science students) are exempted from the natural science requirement.*

BIOL 102 and 150L	Essentials of Environmental Biology
BIOL 103	Introductory Biology
BIOL 104	Unity of Life
BIOL 105	Diversity of Life
CHEM 103 and 150L	Chemistry and Society
CHEM 104 and 150L	Man and Environment
CHEM 105 and L	General Chemistry I
PHYS 100 and 150L	Physics for Poets ( <i>students with no physics background</i> )
SCI 105 and 150L	Science and Technology of Ancient Egypt
SCI 109 and 150L	Exploration of the Universe
SCI 140 and 150L	Chemistry, Art and Archaeology
SCI 250 and 251L	Introductory Geology

#### **B. Social Science Courses (choose one course)**

ANTH 202	Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 299	Special Topics in the Social Sciences
ECON 201	Introduction of Macro Economics
ECON 202	Introduction of Micro Economics
ECON 224	Economic History
ECON 299	Special Topics in the Social Sciences
EGPT 204	Archaeology and Pre-History
POLS 201	Introduction to Political Science
POLS/HIST 206	Global Politics in the Twentieth Century
POLS 299	Special Topics in the Social Sciences
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 299	Special Topics in the Social Sciences
SOC 201	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 299	Special Topics in the Social Sciences

#### **C. Humanities (choose one course)**

ARIC 206	Art and Architecture of the City of Cairo
ARIC 270	Introduction to Islamic Art and Architecture I
ARIC 299	Special Topics in the Humanities
ARTV 200	Foundations of Design and Color
ARTV 201	Drawing I
ARTV 202	Painting I
ARTV 203	Introduction to Sculpture
ARTV 211	World Art Survey I
ARTV 212	World Art Survey II
ARTV 230	The Art of Photography
ARTV 299	Special Topics in the Humanities
ARTV/CENG 222	Architecture: Art of Engineering
EGPT 202	Ancient Egypt

“The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn.”

— Alvin Toffler



EGPT 299	Special Topics in the Humanities
FILM/ECLT 220	Introduction to Film
HIST 200	Introduction to History Theory and Methodology
HIST 201	History of American Civilization to the 19th Century
HIST 202	History of Modern American Civilization
HIST 203	Western Civilization From Antiquity to the Middle Ages
HIST 204	Early Modern Europe
HIST 205	Europe in the Age of Revolution and Reform (1789-1914)
HIST 207	World History
HIST/ECLT 209	Introduction to American Studies
HIST 211	History in the Making
HIST 299	Special Topics in the Humanities
JRMC 200	Introduction to Mass Communication
JRMC 250	Global Media Systems
JRMC 299	Special Topics in the Humanities
MUSC 220	Introduction to Music
MUSC 299	Special Topics in the Humanities
THTR 203	The Art of Theater
THTR 299	Special Topics in the Humanities

#### D. The Human Spirit (choose one course)

ARIC 299	Special Topics in the Human Spirit
ARIC 320	Introduction to Sufism
ARIC 335	Introduction to Islam
ARIC/PHIL 354	Islamic Philosophy
CREL 210	Religions of the World
CREL 220	Hinduism and Buddhism in India
CREL 299	Special Topics in the Human Spirit
CREL 320	Masters, Saints and Saviors: Sacred Biography in the World's Religions
CREL 349	Prayer and Contemplation in the World's Religions
ECLT 200	Introduction to Literature
ECLT 201	Approaches to Literature
ECLT 202	Close Reading to Literary Texts
ECLT 299	Special Topics in the Human Spirit
ECLT/PHIL 344	Literature and Philosophy
ECLT 409	Greek Classics in Translation
ECLT 410	Classics in the Ancient World
EGPT 250	Ancient Egyptian Literature in Translation
HIST/CREL 333	Zionism and Modern Judaism
LING 200	Languages of the World
LING 299	Special Topics in the Human Spirit
PHIL 221	Informal Logic
PHIL 224	Self and Society
PHIL 226	Philosophy of Religion

PHIL 230	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 258	Political Philosophy
PHIL 299	Special Topics in the Human Spirit
PHIL 310	Philosophy and Art
PHIL 312	Ancient Philosophy
PHIL 318	Theory of Knowledge
PHIL 319	Development and Responsibility
PHIL 344	Literature and Philosophy
PHIL 354	Islamic Philosophy
PHIL 382	Philosophy of Science and Technology
SEMR 200	Core Seminar
SEMR 299	Special Topics for the Human Spirit
SEMR 300	Core Honors Seminar
SEMR 310	Cross-Cultural Perceptions and Representations

#### E. Liberal Arts Elective

(choose one additional course from any of the liberal art categories listed above or from the following list of courses)

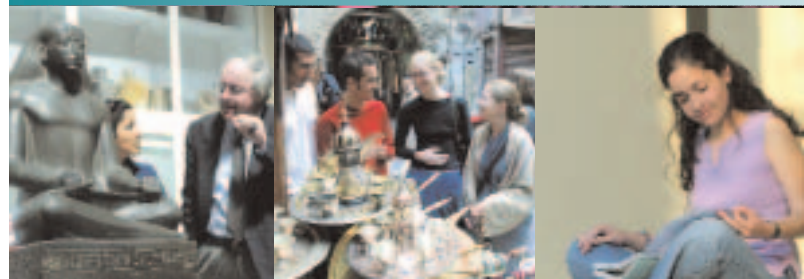
*Note: Many of the following courses carry prerequisites.*

ALWT 321	From Reading to Writing: High Intermediate Level
ALWT 420	From Reading to Writing: Advanced Level
ALWT 421	Professional Media Writing
ALWT 422	Professional Business Writing
ALWT 423	Professional Diplomatic Writing
ANTH 302	Marriage, Family and Kinship
ANTH 312	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East and North Africa
ANTH 320	Peasants, Nomads and Rural Change
ANTH 360	Gender, Society and Social Change
ANTH/SOC 370	Environmental Issues in Development
ANTH 382	Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa
ANTH 384	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America
ANTH 386	Peoples and Cultures of Asia
ANTH 390	Selected People and Cultures Areas
ARIC 271	Introduction of Islamic Art and Architecture II
ARIC 317	Special Studies in Arabic Texts
ARIC 319	Islamic Spain and North Africa (A.D. 711-1492)
ARIC 323	Marriage and the Family in the Medieval and Early Modern Middle East
ARIC 324	Non-Muslim Communication in the Muslim World
ARIC 325	Marginals in History and Society
ARIC/POLS 353	Muslim Political Thought
ARIC 369	Islamic Pottery
ARTV 310	Modern and Contemporary Art
ARTV 314	Modern and Contemporary Architecture
BIOL 102	Essentials of Environmental Biology
BIOL 130	Current Health Issues

“Education is a progressive  
discovery of our own ignorance.”

— Will Durant

BIOL 199	Special Topics in the Liberal Arts Elective
BIOL 210	Evolution
BIOL 306	Environmental Biology of the Red Sea
CHEM 199	Special Topics in the Liberal Arts Elective
CREL/HIST 398	Between Hindu and Muslim in India and Pakistan
CSCE 102	Introduction to Computers and their Applications
CSCE 201	Information Technology
ECON 239	Economic History of the Modern Middle East
ECLT 301	Medieval Literature
ECLT 302	Literature of the Renaissance
ECLT 303	Seventeenth-Century Literature
ECLT 304	Eighteenth-Century Literature
ECLT 305	Romanticism
ECLT 306	Nineteenth-Century Novel
ECLT 307	Nineteenth-Century Poetry
ECLT 308	Modern European and American Literature
ECLT 309	Early American Literature
ECLT 310	Nineteenth-Century American Literature
ECLT 311	Modern American Literature
ECLT 333	African Literature
ECLT 345	Literature and Gender
ECLT 346	Third World Literature
ECLT 348	Contemporary Literature
ECLT 352	Recurrent Themes of Drama
ECLT 353	Modern Drama
ECLT 360	Shakespeare
EGPT 243	History I: Dynastic Through Middle Kingdom Egypt
EGPT 244	History II: Middle Kingdom Through New Kingdom Egypt
EGPT 261	Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt I
EGPT 262	Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt II
EGPT 304	Culture and Society of Ancient Egypt
EGPT 342	History of Egypt in the Graeco-Roman Era
EGPT 346	Societies and Culture of the Ancient Near East
EGPT 348	Societies and Culture of the Ancient Nubia
EGPT 445	Selected Topics in Coptic Studies
FILM 310	History of Motion Pictures
FILM/ECLT 330	Film Theory and Criticism
FILM/ANTH 341	Anthropology and Film
HIST 307	The Middle Ages, the Renaissance and the Reformation
HIST 308	Europe in the Age of Reason
HIST 309	History of American Political Thought
JRMC 300	Arab Media: History, Law and Contemporary Issues
LING 252	Introduction to Linguistics
MATH 100	Algebra and Trigonometry
MATH 101	Basic Mathematics for Social Sciences
MATH 131	Calculus I

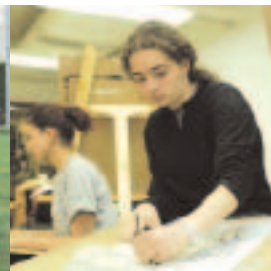
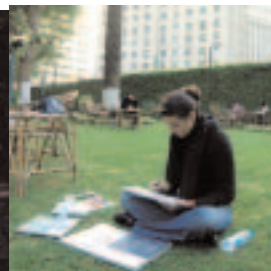


“A master can tell you what he expects of you. A teacher, though, awakens your own expectations.”

— Patricia Neal

MATH 199	Special Topics in the Liberal Arts Elective
MATH 200	Discrete Mathematics
MGMT 307	Management Fundamentals
MUSC 180	Rudiments of Music
MUSC 225	World Music
MUSC 230	Introduction to Music Technology
MUSC 240	Music Theory I
MUSC 255	The Songs of America
MUSC 370	Selected Topics in Music
PHIL 221	Informal Logic
PHIL 314	Modern Philosophy
PHIL 316	Contemporary Philosophy
PHIL 356	American Philosophy
PHIL 360	Philosophy of Language and Communications
PHIL/MATH 362	Formal and Mathematical Logic
PHIL 382	Philosophy of Science and Technology
PHIL 402	Metaphysics
PHYS 111	Classical Mechanics, Sound and Heat
PHYS 199	Special Topics in the Liberal Arts Elective
POLS 301/302	History of Political Theory
POLS 308	Comparative Politics of the Middle East
POLS 310	Introduction to Development
POLS 322	Comparative Government and Politics: Developed Systems
POLS 323	Comparative Government and Politics: Developing Systems
POLS 324	Comparative Government and Politics in Contemporary Eastern Europe and Russia
POLS 325	Government and Politics of Egypt
POLS 354	Political and Social Thought in the Modern Arab World
SCI 105	Science and Technology of Ancient Egypt
SCI 199	Special Topics in the Liberal Arts Elective
SOC 203	Social Problems of the Middle East
SOC 206	Arab Family Structure and Dynamics
SOC/ANTH 303	Social Movements
SOC 306	Sociology of Literature
SOC 307	Social Class and Inequality
SOC/ANTH 321	Urban Society in Transition
SOC/ANTH 332	Race, Ethnic and Minority Relations
SOC 400	Philanthropy, Corporate Social Responsibility and Development
THTR 350	History of Dramatic Literature
THTR 351	History of Theater

*Note: Additions and subtractions to the courses listed in each of the categories above are approved by the AUC faculty on an occasional basis. Please consult the most recent AUC catalog or the Core Curriculum Web page for the most up-to-date information.*





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powerful weapon which you  
can use to change the world.”  
— *Nelson Mandela*



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