THE CALVIN CORE
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Foundations, Competencies, and Skills
Explore how our Reformed intellectual heritage uniquely informs our community’s commitments to justice, reconciliation, and renewal. Develop core competencies and skills. These courses are typically taken in your first couple years at Calvin.

- Core 100: Community and Commitments
- Foundations of Christianity 1  
  •  Rel 121 or 131
- Foundational Writing  
  •  Engl 101 or Engl 100 + 102
- World Languages 1  
  •  2 introductory courses in a non-English language (native speakers are exempt)
- Health and Movement: Personal Fitness  
  •  1 course
- Health and Movement: Leisure, Sport, Skill  
  •  1 course
- Foundations of Christianity 2 (1 course)  
  •  This course needs to be in a different discipline than your Knowledge and Understanding Humanities courses.

Knowledge and Understanding
Gain disciplinary breadth by completing at least eight liberal arts & sciences courses. These courses can be taken in any order, any year. Each category has many options; you get to choose!

- World Languages 2  
  •  1 intermediate/advanced course in your World Languages 1 language or 2 introductory courses in a new language; native speakers are exempt
- Humanities 1 & 2  
  •  2 courses in different disciplines; neither is in same discipline as Foundations of Christianity 2 course
- Arts, Oral Rhetoric, and Visual Rhetoric  
  •  2-3 courses in different disciplines adding up to at least 5 credit hours
- Mathematics  
  •  1 course
- Natural Sciences 1  
  •  1 course with a lab
- Natural Sciences 2  
  •  1 course in a different discipline than Natural Sciences 1 course; BA students are exempt
- Social and Behavioral Sciences 1 & 2  
  •  2 courses in different disciplines

Cross-Disciplinary Integration
Deepen your understanding of our commitments. Engage in interdisciplinary exploration of contemporary challenges and enduring questions as a culminating liberal arts experience.

Engaged Citizenship Commitments
Take 3 or more tagged courses, at least 1 in each category. Look for tags on core, major, and off-campus courses, a few of which are double-tagged!

- Global Regions and Cultures
- Diversity and Difference
- Environmental Sustainability

Contemporary Challenges and Enduring Questions (CCEQ)
Bring your liberal arts and sciences knowledge to bear on the world’s big questions and then work creatively to craft a significant scholarly response of your own. The many different interdisciplinary course options here, some of which are connected to major programs, help you to demonstrate your preparedness for life after Calvin.

- Contemporary Challenges and Enduring Questions  
  •  1 course, typically taken in your last year at Calvin