

CORE CURRICULUM TRANSFER GUIDE

This sheet is intended as an overview of the types of courses that are generally approved for transfer into Calvin's core.

Transfer policy

Transfer credit will normally be awarded for work done at accredited institutions. The courses must be academic and similar in nature to courses offered at Calvin. A minimum of C is required in each course to receive credit.

While there is no limit to the amount of transfer credit accepted from four-year institutions, you may only transfer up to 70 semester hours from a community college or two-year institution; students may transfer community college credit any time during their academic career.

A minimum of four upper level major courses and thirty of the last sixty semester hours must be completed at Calvin. Transfer students need to complete one interim course for each year they attend Calvin.

Preapproved courses

Visit www.calvin.edu/go/equivs to see a list of pre-approved courses.

Special core requirements

Programs such as nursing, engineering, public accountancy, fine arts, and elementary education have special requirements. Visit www.calvin.edu/go/core for details.

Path to graduation

- 76 maximum hours for core with Calvin courses
- major hours + cognate* hours (noted in the catalog, average is 47 hours)
- 124 minimum credit hours to graduate

Review the courses in your major and see if any core courses may also meet a major requirement. Overlaps are permitted between core and a student's program.

*Some majors require **cognates** – cognates are courses that are required to accompany the major courses but that reside in a department outside the major department.

Education students have special requirements for pairing major(s) and minor(s). Use the *Teacher Education Program Guidebook* on the Education website for most updated information.

Pre-professional programs (such as pre-med) do not have listed hours in the course catalog, please refer to the academic programs pages in the catalog or the program website for details on course requirements.

Visit www.calvin.edu/academic/services/transfer and the transfer FAQ for more information.
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☐ Written Rhetoric Core – English/Writing

Two courses: English Composition I AND English Composition II
OR One composition course if your school offers one and it covers grammar and research writing

☐ Rhetoric in Culture Core – Communications

One course from Speech, Intro to Communication (with speech), etc.

☐ Information Technology – Computer courses

Intro Computing, web development (Calvin's is 1 hour and offers an exemption exam)

☐ Health & Fitness Core – Physical Education

Three courses: activity components.
At least one lifestyle/exercise class (i.e. running, weight training, etc.).

☐ Foreign Language

Complete though the second intermediate course, usually a 4 semester sequence
High school exemption is possible with 4 years (Cs or better)
Some programs have a reduced language requirement, see core pages

☐ History of the West and the World Core

Two courses: World Civilization I AND World Civilization II (at least 4 sem hours total)
OR One course of World Civilization if it is 4 semester hours (NOT US History)

☐ Philosophical Foundations Core

One course from: Introduction to Philosophy (NOT Logic, ethics, history of philosophy)

☐ Persons in Community Core – Individuals

One from: Introduction to Psychology, Diverse populations

☐ Societal Structures in North America Core

One from Sociology, Intro to Economics*, Microeconomics*, US Politics, Intro to Political Science
*Business, and a few other majors need to take microeconomics, Engineers take one econ

☐ Literature Core

One course from: Intro to Literature, or specific time period and/or location
*Description must demonstrate some in depth reading and literary analysis

☐ Global and Historical Studies Core

Specifically non-Western studies, History, Geography, Arts (frequently met with major courses)

☐ Arts Core

One course from: art history, art appreciation, music appr, film, theater appr, etc.
(NOT an applied (performance or studio) course where you make or practice art)

☐ Mathematics Core

One from: Statistics*, Calculus**, Finite Mathematics (NOT College Algebra)
*Business, living sciences, social sciences take statistics
** Math, engineering take calculus
Review major requirements, undecided students may wish to wait to take math

Natural World Core – Two science courses (one living world course and one physical world)

High school exemption is possible with 3 years of upper level sciences (Cs or better)

☐ Living World

One course from: Intro to Biology, Human Biology* (NOT Anatomy and Physiology)
*Social Sciences take Human Bio and living world science majors take special courses

☐ Physical World

One course from: Intro to Chem, Intro to Physics, Intro to Astr, Intro to Geology, Earth Systems**
**Physical Science majors take special courses

Core not transferred

Religion I, Religion II, Developing a Christian Mind, Cross Cultural Engagement
One religion core *may* be transferred, but can be difficult to find equivalent.