

Curriculum Map

Foundations

These courses provide a valuable foundation for further academic exploration and for your major.

First-Year Seminar

Writing (English 101)

Foreign Language (2 semesters)

Quantitative Analysis

Beyond the West

Connections

*Students must complete either two sets of two-course connections or one three-course connections at Wheaton.
The three-course Divisional requirement may be satisfied simultaneously.*

Two two-course connections:

Connection title: _____

Course number/title

Area

AND

Connection title: _____

Course number/title

Area

-OR-

One three-course connection:

Course number/title

Area

Divisions

Students must take at least one course in each of three divisions. These courses can be satisfied through Foundations, major, Connections, optional minor or elective courses, and must be completed at Wheaton.

Natural Science

Social Science

Arts & Humanities

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- NOTE:** - Minimum of 16 credits completed in residence at Wheaton College
- The last 8 credits must be completed at Wheaton College
- Minimum of 16 credits must be completed outside your major department

The Wheaton Curriculum: An Overview

You earn your Wheaton baccalaureate degree when you successfully complete a minimum of **32 course credits**, fulfill the curricular requirements outlined below, and attain a minimum grade-point average of 2.00 across all credits earned at Wheaton and in your major.

At Wheaton, the unit of credit is the semester course. One course credit is awarded upon a passing grade of a semester course. The normal semester load is **four course credits**. Students seeking to enroll in fewer than four credits or more than 5.5 credits must have the permission of the Committee on Academic Standing (CAS).

Your 32 credits can be placed in six categories:

- **Foundations** (6 courses) These courses provide a foundation for further exploration and advanced academic work. They are typically taken in the first two years, and include the First-Year Seminar (FYS), Writing, Foreign Language, Quantitative Analysis and Beyond the West.
- **Major** (9 to 16 courses) A major is a sequence of courses in a single discipline or academic area. Each major has specific requirements.
- **Connections** (3 or 4 courses) Wheaton's unique Connections program provides an exciting way to explore different areas of knowledge by linking courses across the academic disciplines. Students must complete either two sets of two-course Connections or one three-course Connection. Connection courses must be completed at Wheaton.
- **Divisional Requirement** (3 courses) Students must take at least one course in each of three divisions—arts and humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. These courses can be satisfied through Foundations, major, optional minor or elective courses, and must be completed at Wheaton.
- **Minor** (5 courses) A minor is a small grouping of courses recognized formally by the college; minors are optional and are not required for graduation.
- **Electives** (variable) Electives are courses that you choose free of any prescription by Foundations, Connections, major, or minor requirements. The Wheaton curriculum invites you to explore a broad range of topics, and you will be able to select several courses based entirely on your interests.