

Academic Programs and Requirements for Degrees

The Invitation to Inquiry Program

The College's General Education Program

Albertus Magnus College is committed to providing a Liberal Arts based education grounded in an approach that includes both the arts and sciences. This holistic form of education is dynamic and reflective of the contemporary world while empowering students to pursue a path relevant to their personal and professional aspirations. The College recognizes the world is ever changing and in response offers a forward-thinking General Education Program to prepare students to be adaptive.

The goal of the General Education curriculum is to support the development of students into community members who have the capacity to critically examine themselves and the broader society as they strive to make a positive impact as people, professionals, and global citizens.

The objectives of the Liberal Arts program are for all graduates of Albertus Magnus College to be persons who embody the values, principles, and characteristics of the four pillars - who practice

- **Critical inquiry** in habits of study,
- **Effective dialogue** within and across communities,
- **Ethical engagement** through lives of service, and
- **Purposeful reflection** through the awareness that comes from habits of contemplation.

Learning Outcomes

- Critical Reading & Information Literacy
- Written Communication
- Oral Communication
- Scientific Inquiry
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Aesthetic Inquiry
- Intercultural and Global Awareness
- Critical Thinking

Curriculum

Foundational Core: (12 credits)

- The Examined Life I and II (two terms, 6 credits)
- Written Expression I and II (two terms, 6 credits)

Liberal Arts Core: One course from each discipline listed below (24 credits)

All Liberal Arts Core courses at the 100- or 200-level; open to all students, including first-year

- Mathematics
- Natural science
- Social science
- Art/Communications
- Literature
- History
- Philosophy
- Religion

Themed Pathway: (18 credits [9 of which will be taken within the Liberal Arts Core])

All courses must be selected from approved Pathway courses.

Pathway Credit Requirements

For students to successfully complete a Pathway, the 6 courses they choose from among the 10+ Pathway-approved course options must consist of the following:

- Three Pathway-approved Liberal Arts Core courses at the 200-level
- Three Pathway-approved 300-level courses in three distinct departments, no more than one of which may be in the major.
- One 300-level Humanities Course required for completion of the Pathway
- Students who choose to complete a Natural Science or Mathematics designated option within the Pathway may do so with a 200-level course
- Complete at least one “W” (writing) course, at least two “EXL” Experiential Learning courses, and maintain a Pathway ePortfolio (for student assessment, program assessment, and for use in the 4-week Pathway Capstone Project to be completed in the Senior Humanities Seminar)

Senior Humanities Seminar: (3 credits)