General Education at Hollins: The Core Curriculum

Students should complete the following requirements:

<u>First-Year Courses:</u>
- **CORE 101: First-Year Foundations** (4 credits, Fall)
- **CORE 102: Conflict & Collaboration** (Short Term) – *if you do a First-Year Internship or a study away trip in your first year, you will need to take Conflict & Collaboration in your second year.*
- **Inquiry & Communication** (4 credits, Fall or Spring) – *these courses can be found in a variety of disciplines and may also count towards a major; code is INQ.*

<u>Quantitative Literacy</u>
- One **Quantitative Literacy** course – *specific courses will be suggested based on assessment of your quantitative skills via the QL placement test. This requirement should be completed by the end of your sophomore year. Code is QL.*

<u>World Languages</u>
- **1-2 courses in a world language**; *you will receive suggested placement for any language previously studied; you can also begin a new language. Code is WL.*

<u>Critical Thinking and Communication across the Liberal Arts (year 2-4)</u>
- **Storytelling, Myths, and Narratives** (4 credits) – *these courses can be found in a variety of disciplines and may also count towards a major; code is SMN*
- **Diversity, Justice, and Power** (4 credits) – *these courses can be found in a variety of disciplines and may also count towards a major; code is DJP*
- **Thinking Like a Scientist** (4 credits) - *these courses can be found in a variety of disciplines and may also count towards a major; code is TLAS*
- **Creativity & Innovation** (4 credits) – *these courses can be found in a variety of disciplines and may also count towards a major; code is C&I*

<u>Other courses and requirements (year 2-4)</u>
- **CORE 2XX: No Planet B** (2 credits) – available beginning Fall 2025
- **CORE 3XX: Purpose** (2 credits) – *to be taken junior or senior year* – available beginning Fall 2025
- **Experiential Learning Requirement** – *you should complete 3 activities from the following: internship, study away, or select research opportunities.*
- **Life Skills Toolkit**
  - CORE 111: Technology Toolkit (1 credit) – available beginning Fall 2024
  - CORE 110: Career Toolkit (1 credit) – available beginning Spring 2025
  - CORE 1XX: Wellness Toolkit (1 credit) – available beginning Fall 2025
  - CORE 1XX: Financial Literacy Toolkit (1 credit) – available beginning Fall 2025

Total = 40-44 credits + 2 Short terms

CORE Rules and Regulations

- Most students will take Conflict & Collaboration in their first year. However, students have the option of doing an internship or participating in a study away trip instead. In that case, Conflict & Collaboration should be taken in a student's second year.
- Ideally students will take an INQ course in their first year. Students must take an INQ course within their first three semesters.
- Students should complete their Quantitative Literacy requirement by the end of their second year.
- Students should complete at least two Life Skills Toolkits by the end of their second year.
- Students should complete at least two breadth courses (Storytelling, Myths, and Narratives; Diversity, Justice, and Power; Thinking Like a Scientist; and Creativity & Innovation) by the end of their third year.