# **CORE CURRICULUM MAP**

## **FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE**

FIRST-YEAR FOUNDATIONS (CORE 101)	 Fall Semester
CONFLICT & COLLABORATION (CORE 102)	 January Short-Term
INQUIRY & COMMUNICATION (INQ)	 Fall or Spring, or Third Semester

\*First-Year Foundations and Conflict & Collaboration are for first-year students only (not transfers).

COURSES	NOTES	COMPLETED
CREATIVITY & INNOVATION (C&I)	CAN BE TAKEN AT ANY TIME	
STORYTELLING, MYTHS, & NARRATIVES (SMN)	CAN BE TAKEN AT ANY TIME	
DIVERSITY, JUSTICE, & POWER (DJP)	CAN BE TAKEN AT ANY TIME	
THINKING LIKE A SCIENTIST (TLAS)	CAN BE TAKEN AT ANY TIME	
WORLD LANGUAGE (WL)	CAN BE TAKEN AT ANY TIME 4 OR 8 CREDITS REQUIRED, COURSES DETERMINED BY PLACEMENT SCORE	
QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (QL)	CAN BE TAKEN AT ANY TIME 4 CREDITS REQUIRED, COURSES DETERMINED BY PLACEMENT SCORE	•
CLIMATE, COMMUNITIES & CARE (CORE 201)	CAN BE TAKEN AT ANY TIME 2 CREDIT COURSE	
PURPOSE (CORE 301)	MUST BE TAKEN IN 3 <sup>rd</sup> OR 4 <sup>th</sup> YEAR 2 CREDIT COURSE	
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE (ELR)	2 ELR REQUIRED (UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH, STUDY-AWAY/ABROAD, INTERNSHIPS, AND/OR SELECT COURSES)	

COURSES	NOTES	COMPLETED
CAREER TOOLKIT (CORE 110)	HYBRID (IN PERSON/ONLINE) 1 CREDIT COURSE CAN BE TAKEN ANYTIME	
TECHNOLOGY TOOLKIT (CORE 111)	FULLY ONLINE 1 CREDIT COURSE  CAN BE TAKEN ANYTIME	
FINANCIAL LITERACY (CORE 112)	FULLY ONLINE 1 CREDIT COURSE  CAN BE TAKEN ANYTIME	

### **Narrative Guide to Core**

### **CORE-designated courses:**

Core 101: First Year Foundations: What's Your Story (4 credits)

 Builds a bridge between high school and college, fostering essential skills and habits of mind for college success.

Core 102: Conflict and Collaboration (4 credits)

• Develops skills for navigating difficult conversations, negotiating conflict, working collaboratively and in a team, and accepting feedback with a growth mindset.

Core 110: The Career Toolkit (1 credit)

Develops skills for reflecting on career goals and establishing professional networks.

Core 111: The Technology Toolkit (1 credit)

Cultivates essential digital skills crucial for academic success at Hollins and beyond.

Core 112: The Financial Literacy Toolkit (1 credit)

Introduces basic financial literacy skills needed for adulting.

Core 201: Climate, Community, and Care (2 credits)

 Explores climate science and climate justice while developing resiliency skills and care for the environment.

Core 301: Purpose (1 credit)

Reflects on one's Hollins education as the foundation for envisioning a life of purpose and meaning.

#### **Core Courses Embedded Across the Curriculum:**

Inquiry and Communication (INQ, 4 credits)

• Develops skills of close reading and oral and written communication for college academic success. Quantitative Literacy (QL, 4 credits)

• Strengthens ability to understand the world quantitatively, and to approach problems through a quantitative lens.

World Languages (WL, 4-8 credits)

• Teaches speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in a new language, and cultivates global awareness, engaged citizenry, and cultural humility.

Stories, Myths, and Narratives (SMN, 4 credits)

 Explores the role of stories, myths, and narratives in human experience, and how they aid in making sense of the world.

Diversity, Justice, and Power (DJP, 4 credits)

 Fosters an understanding of social categories of difference and how they shape human experience, equity, and access.

Thinking Like a Scientist (TLAS, 4-6 credits)

 Introduces the scientific method as applied to the quantifiable aspects and foundational knowledge of the natural world.

Creativity and Innovation (C&I, 4 credits)

• Examines the creative process in the context of a particular genre and provides opportunity for experimenting with creativity and self-expression skills.

Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR, 2 experiences, 0-4 credits each)

• Engages hands-on, real-world learning in the context of study-away/abroad, internships, undergraduate research, applied leadership, and select courses.