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Mount Vernon Nazarene University organizes its curriculum into schools and departments. Each school is supervised by a dean and each department has a Department Chair. The Vice President for Academic Affairs oversees the entire curriculum and academic program. This structure is for organizational purposes rather than for compartmentalizing subject matter. As a liberal arts university, the Mount Vernon Nazarene University's objectives include cooperation and correlation across disciplinary lines to achieve a unity of knowledge.

Admission, enrollment, and financial services for programs designed for traditional college-age students are coordinated through the Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Accounts, and University Registrar's Offices in Founder's Hall. Admission, financial, and registration policies are presented in preceding sections of this *Catalog*. The academic programs operating under this delivery system are found in the school and department sections of the *Catalog* that follow.

The admission, financial aid, registration, and records services for the adult certificate, adult degree-completion, and graduate programs are provided by the Adult and Graduate Studies division. The academic requirements for those programs are listed with departments and in the AGS section of the *Catalog*.

The University offers the following programs of study:

- General Studies (traditional program)^{AA}
- General Studies (accelerated adult degree-completion program)^{AA}

School of Arts and Humanities

Art [ART]

- Majors:
- Art^{BA}
 - Visual Arts Education^{BA*}

- Minor:
- Art History
 - Visual Fine Arts

Communication [COM, JOU]

- Majors:
- Communication Studies^{BA}
 - Drama^{BA}
 - Journalism^{BA}
 - Public Relations^{BA}
 - Video and Radio Broadcasting^{BA}

- Minor:
- Communication Studies
 - Comprehensive Broadcasting
 - Drama
 - Journalism
 - Public Relations
 - Radio Broadcasting
 - Video Broadcasting

English [CRW, ENG, TSL]

- Majors:
- English^{BA}
 - Integrated Language Arts Education^{BA*}

- Minor:
- Creative Writing
 - English
 - TESOL

Graphic Design [GRD]

- Majors:
- Graphic Design (Communication Track)^{BA}
 - Graphic Design (Visual Arts Track)^{BA}

- Minor:
- Graphic Design

History [ARA, CHI, HIS, POL, and RUS]

- Majors:
- History (American Studies Track)^{BA}
 - History (British Studies Track)^{BA}
 - History (China Studies Track)^{BA}
 - History (General Track)^{BA}
 - History (Hungarian Studies Track)^{BA}
 - History (Middle East Studies Track)^{BA}
 - History (Russian Studies Track)^{BA}
 - Integrated Social Studies Education^{BA*}

- Minors:
- American Government
 - British Studies
 - China Studies
 - Eastern European Studies
 - History
 - Middle East Studies
 - Russian Studies

Modern Languages [FRE and SPA]

- Majors:
- Spanish (General Track)^{BA}
 - Spanish (Multi-age Education Track)^{BA*}

- Minor:
- Spanish
 - Spanish for Educators

Music [APM, ENS, MMA, MSS, and MTH]

- Majors:
- Church Music^{AAS}
 - Music (Church Music Track)^{BA}
 - Music (General Track)^{BA}

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Music Education^{BA*}
Music and Worship^{BA}
Music (Performance Track)^{BA}

Minor:

Music

School of Business

Business Administration [ABT, ACC, BSS, ECO, FIN, IBS, MAN, and MAR, MSS]

Majors:

Accounting (Certified Management Accountant Track)^{BS}
Accounting (Certified Public Accountant Track)^{BS}
Accounting (General Track)^{BS}
Applied Business Technology^{AAS}
Applied Business Technology^{BS}
Business Administration^{AAS}
Business Administration^{BA}
Financial Management^{BS}
Integrated Business Education^{BS*}
International Business^{BS}
Management^{BS}
Management Information Systems^{BS}
Marketing^{BS}

Minors:

Accounting
Applied Business Technology
Business Administration
Financial Management
General Business
International Business
Management
Management Information Systems
Marketing
Nonprofit Management

Bachelor of Business Administration [ABT, ACC, BSS, ECO, FIN, HRM, IBS, MAN, MAR]

Majors:

Business Administration^{BBA}
Organizational Leadership^{BBA}

Graduate Business [ACC, BSS, ECO, FIN, HCA, HRM, MAN, MAR]

Majors:

Health Care Administration^{MSM}
Management^{MBA}
Organizational Management^{MSM}

School of Education and Professional Studies

Education [ECE, EDU, IPS, MCE]

Majors:

Early Childhood Education^{BA*}
Educational Paraprofessional^{AAS}
Intervention Specialist (Early Childhood Education)^{BA*}

Intervention Specialist (Middle Childhood Education)^{BA*}
Middle Childhood Education^{BA*}

Family and Consumer Sciences [FCS]

Majors:

Child Development Center Administration^{AAS}
Family and Consumer Sciences (Fashion Track)^{BA}
Family and Consumer Sciences (General Track)^{BA}
Family and Consumer Sciences (Interior Decorating Track)^{BA}
Family and Consumer Sciences (Career Technical Education)^{BA*}
Family Environments^{AAS}

Minor:

Family Life

Graduate Education [EDU, EDT, ISP, and PEL]

Majors:

Curriculum and Instruction (Primary Level Master Teacher)^{MAEd}
Curriculum and Instruction (Middle Level Master Teacher)^{MAEd}
Curriculum and Instruction (Technology Track)^{MAEd}
Intervention Specialist^{MAEd*}
Professional Educator's License^{MAEd*}

Physical Education [PED]

Majors:

Exercise Studies^{BA}
Fitness Management^{AAS}
Physical Education/Health Education^{BA*}
Sports Management^{BA}

Minors:

Exercise Studies
Sports Management

Social Work [SWK]

Major:

Social Work (traditional)^{BSW}
Social Work (degree-completion)^{BSW}

Minor:

Social Work

School of Natural and Social Sciences

Biology [BIO]

Majors:

Biology (Environmental Track)^{BS}
Biology (General Track)^{BS}
Biology (Graduate School/Industry Track)^{BS}
Biology (Pre-Dentistry Track)^{BS}
Biology (Pre-Medical Track)^{BS}
Biology (Pre-Occupational Therapy)^{BS}
Biology (Pre-Pharmacy Track)^{BS}
Biology (Pre-Physical Therapy Track)^{BS}
Biology (Pre-Physician Assistant Track)^{BS}

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Biology (Pre-Veterinary Medicine Track)^{BS}
Life Science Education^{BS*}

Minors:

Biology
Environmental Biology

Chemistry-Physical Science [CHE, ESS, and PHY]

Majors:

Chemistry (Biochemistry/Molecular Biology/Pre-Medical Track)^{BS}
Chemistry (Forensic Science Track)^{BS}
Chemistry (Graduate School/Industry Track)^{BS}
Physical Science Education^{BS*}

Minors:

Chemistry
Physical Science

Computer Science [CSC]

Majors:

Business Data Processing^{AAS}
Computer Science^{BA}
Computer Science^{BS}

Minor:

Computer Science

Criminal Justice [CJU]

Majors:

Criminal Justice^{BA}

Minor:

Criminal Justice

Mathematics [MAT]

Majors:

Integrated Mathematics Education^{BS*}
Mathematics^{BS}

Minor:

Mathematics

Psychology [PSY]

Major:

Psychology^{BA}

Minor:

Psychology

Sociology [SOC]

Majors:

Human Services^{AAS}
Sociology^{BA}

Minor:

Sociology

School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Nursing [PRN, NUR]

Major:

Medical Technology^{BS}

Nursing (traditional)^{BS}
Nursing (degree-completion)^{BS}

School of Theology and Philosophy

Christian Education [CED]

Majors:

Children's Ministries^{AAS}
Children's Ministries^{BA}
Educational Ministries^{BA}
Youth Ministries^{BA}

Minors:

Adult Ministries
Children's Ministries
Educational Ministries
Youth Ministries

Philosophy [PHI]

Major:

Philosophy^{BA}
Philosophy-Humanities^{BA}
Philosophy Pre-Law^{BA}

Minor:

Christian Apologetics
Philosophy

Religion [ABI, ACE, ACH, ACC, ACO, AMI, APH, APM, ATH, BIB, BLA, CHH, ICS, LED, MIN, PGR, PMI, PRW, RSS, and THE]

Certificate Programs:

Certificate of Ministry Preparation
Certificate of Ministry Development

Majors:

Biblical Studies^{BA}
Intercultural Studies^{BA}
Music and Worship^{BA}
Pastoral Ministry^{BA}
Religion Humanities^{BA}
Practical Theology^{MMin}
Theological Studies^{BA}
Urban Ministry^{BA}

Minors:

Biblical Languages
Biblical Literature
Intercultural Studies
Intercultural Studies (semester abroad)
Religion
Worship Studies

^{AA} Associate in Arts program
^{AAS} Associate in Applied Sciences program
^{BA} Bachelor of Arts Program
^{BBA} Bachelor of Business Administration program
^{BS} Bachelor of Science program
^{BSW} Bachelor of Social Work program
^{MAEd} Master of Arts in Education program
^{MBA} Master of Business Administration program
^{MMin} Master of Ministry program

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- ^{MSM} Master of Science in Management program
 * Program leading to a teaching license

NOTE: The letters in brackets following each department name indicate the letter prefixes for courses found within the department (e.g., all accounting courses begin with ACC).

Degree and Academic Program Options

Mount Vernon Nazarene University offers five degrees for students admitted to the traditional undergraduate program. The Associate in Arts (AA) degree in general studies is available for individuals who plan to transfer to a four year program in the future. The AA credits count toward the baccalaureate degree. The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree is offered in ten [10] disciplines; AAS programs normally can be completed in two years. Credits earned in AAS programs can be applied toward baccalaureate degree requirements. The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree is offered in forty-two [42] majors with fifty-seven [57] different tracks. The Bachelor of Science (BS) degree is offered in eighteen [18] majors with thirty-two [32] different tracks. Minors for the bachelor degree programs are offered in fifty-eight [58] areas. The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree applies to students enrolled in the social work program.

Adult degree-completion programs include an Associate in Arts (AA) degree in general studies. The Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree offers two [2] majors. The graduate program includes the MAEd (Master of Arts in Education) degree with three [3] majors, the Master of Ministry (MMin) degree with one [1] major, the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree with one major, and the Master of Science in Management (MSM) degree with two [2] majors.

Degree Requirements for Traditional Undergraduate Programs

Associate in Arts in General Studies (AA)

1. Complete the appropriate intervention course sequence as designated below if conditionally accepted:
2. Complete 64 semester hours of approved course work numbered 1000 and above, including all of the courses in the Associates in Arts general education core.
3. Complete at least 30 semester hours in residence, of which at least half must be numbered 2000 or above.

4. No more than 12 semester hours in courses numbered 3000 or above may be counted toward the 64 semester hours required for graduation.
5. Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 in all accepted transfer work and work taken at Mount Vernon Nazarene University.
6. Pay all expenses in the Student Accounts Office.

Associate in Arts

Preparatory Courses

Note: These are required for some students, dependent upon incoming ACT subscores, (or equivalent SAT subscores) and high school GPA.

ENG0083 Preparatory English	0-3
(Students who score 19 or better on the ACT English sub-test are not required to complete Preparatory English.)	
MAT0083 Basic Algebra	0-3
(Students who score 17 or better on the ACT Mathematics sub-test are not required to complete Basic Algebra.)	
MAT0093 Algebra	0-3
(Students who score 19 or better on the ACT Mathematics sub-test are not required to complete Algebra.)	
ITD1001 Reading Success Strategies	0-1
(Students who score 19 or better on the ACT reading subscore do not need to take ITD1001.)	
ITD1002G University Success Strategies	0-2
(Students who's high school GPA is 2.50 or above do not need to take ITD1002G.)	
ITD1011G Critical Thinking	0-1
(Students who's high school GPA is 2.50 or above do not need to take ITD1011G.)	

General Education Core

Note: All courses taken for general education purposes must have the G suffix designation.

Required Courses

ENG1043G Freshman Expository Writing	3
(The composition sequence (ENG1043 and ENG1053) is to begin the first semester of attendance and continue uninterrupted until the sequence is completed. Exception: students who begin with ENG0083 then continue the sequence.)	
ENG1053G Research Writing	3
ITD1101G Introduction to the Christian Liberal Arts Experience	0-1
(Students who complete ITD1002 and ITD1011 are not required to take ITD1101.)	
Literature	3
History	3
Biblical literature	4-6
Philosophy	3
THE3003G Christian Beliefs	3

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Select one of the following:	2
ART1002G Art in the Western World	
MTH1002G Music in the Western World	
Select one of the following:	3
Communication	
Foreign language	
(Students who did not successfully complete two years of one foreign language in high school must complete one semester of foreign language. American Sign Language does <u>not</u> fulfill this requirement.)	
Select one of the following:	3
Psychology	
Sociology	
Select one of the following:	4
Biology with laboratory	
Physical science with laboratory	
(i.e. CHE, ESS, PHY)	
Elective Courses	
General electives	23-30
Total	64 Hours

Associate in Applied Science (AAS)

1. Complete the appropriate intervention course sequence as designated below if conditionally accepted:
2. Complete 64 semester hours of approved course work numbered 1000 and above, including the Associate in Applied Science general education core.
3. Complete an approved major program.
4. Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 in all accepted transfer work and work taken at Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Within the major, earn no grade below "C-" in all required courses, and in the minimum number of elective hours required. Within the major, earn a minimum grade point average of 2.00. Minimum grade requirements may vary by major; students should consult the department section for the major in the *Catalog* for specific information.

5. Complete at least 30 semester hours in residence, of which at least half must be numbered 2000 or above.
6. Pay all expenses in the Student Accounts Office.

Associate in Applied Science

Preparatory Courses

Note: These are required for some students, dependent upon incoming ACT subscores, (or equivalent SAT subscores) and high school GPA.

ENG0083 Preparatory English	0-3
(Students who score 19 or better on the ACT English sub-test are not required to complete Preparatory English.)	
MAT0083 Basic Algebra	0-3
(Students who score 17 or better on the ACT Mathematics sub-test are not required to complete Basic Algebra.)	
MAT0093 Algebra	0-3
(Students who score 19 or better on the ACT Mathematics sub-test are not required to complete Algebra.)	
ITD1001 Reading Success Strategies	0-1
(Students who score 19 or better on the ACT reading subscore do not need to take ITD1001.)	
ITD1002G University Success Strategies	0-2
(Students who's high school GPA is 2.50 or above do not need to take ITD1002G.)	
ITD1011G Critical Thinking	0-1
(Students who's high school GPA is 2.50 or above do not need to take ITD1011G.)	

General Education Core

Note: All courses below are designated as core. However, some majors require specific courses to meet core requirements. Be sure to secure a major checklist from the assigned academic advisor or department in order to know which specific general education courses to take for your major at MVNU. All courses taken for general education purposes must have the G suffix designation.

Required Courses

ENG1043G Freshman Expository Writing	3
(The composition sequence (ENG1043 and ENG1053) is to begin the first semester of attendance and continue uninterrupted until the sequence is completed. Exception: students who begin with ENG0083 then continue the sequence.)	
ENG1053G Research Writing	3
ITD1101G Introduction to the Christian Liberal Arts Experience	0-1
(Students who complete ITD1002 and ITD1011 are not required to take ITD1101)	
Biblical Literature	4-6
Select courses from six of the following areas:	17-19
Select one from Fine Arts:	
ART1002G Art in the Western World or	
MTH1002G Music in the Western World	
Biology with lab or Physical Science with lab	
THE3003G Christian Beliefs	
Communication or foreign language	
Economics	
History	
Literature	
Philosophy	
Psychology or sociology	

Elective Courses

General electives	29-37
Total	64 Hours

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Baccalaureate Degrees (BA, BS, BSW)

1. Complete the appropriate intervention course sequence as designated below if conditionally accepted:
2. Complete 124 semester hours of approved course work numbered 1000 and above.
3. Complete the baccalaureate degree general education core for the chosen major(s).
4. Complete one semester of foreign language at Mount Vernon Nazarene University or complete two years of one foreign language in high school. American Sign Language does not fulfill the foreign language requirement.
5. Complete 40 semester hours of courses numbered 3000 or above.
6. Complete an approved major program and minor (or approved supporting courses.)
7. Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 in all accepted transfer work and work taken at Mount Vernon Nazarene University.
8. Within the major, earn no grade below "C-" in all required courses, and in the minimum number of elective hours required. Within the major, earn a minimum grade point average of 2.00. Minimum grade requirements may vary by major; students should consult the department section for the major in the *Catalog* for specific information.
9. Complete the general education and major assessment programs. Students who desire to complete two or more majors are required to complete the assessment in each major.
10. Pay all expenses in the Student Accounts Office.

Limitations

These limitations apply to the minimum 124 hours required for graduation.

1. A total of 45 semester hours must be completed in residence at Mount Vernon Nazarene University to earn a baccalaureate degree unless the student has earned a baccalaureate degree at another institution. In such cases, the student must complete at least 30 semester hours in residence at Mount Vernon Nazarene University and complete all requirements for the degree (i.e., general education core and major). A minor is not required in these cases.

2. One half the major must be taken in residence or else written approval secured from the department chairperson and the University Registrar. A minimum of 15 of the last 30 semester hours must be completed in residence to earn any degree from Mount Vernon Nazarene University.
3. No more than 8 semester hours each in physical education activity, music ensembles, or practica, and no more than 12 semester hours total from these areas may be counted.
4. No more than 30 hours by examination, no more than 15 hours by correspondence or online, and no more than 15 hours by independent study may be counted.

Baccalaureate Degree

Preparatory Courses

Note: These are required for some students, dependent upon incoming ACT subscores, (or equivalent SAT subscores) and/or high school GPA.

ENG0083 Preparatory English	0-3
(Students who score 19 or better on the ACT English sub-test are not required to complete Preparatory English.)	
MAT0083 Basic Algebra	0-3
(Students who score 17 or better on the ACT Mathematics sub-test are not required to complete Basic Algebra.)	
MAT0093 Algebra	0-3
(Students who score 19 or better on the ACT Mathematics sub-test are not required to complete Algebra.)	
ITD1001 Reading Success Strategies	0-1
(Students who score 19 or better on the ACT reading subscore do not need to take ITD1001.)	
ITD1002G University Success Strategies	0-2
(Students who's high school GPA is 2.50 or above do not need to take ITD1002G.)	
ITD1011G Critical Thinking	0-1
(Students who's high school GPA is 2.50 or above do not need to take ITD1011G.)	

General Education Core Required Courses

Note: All courses below are designated as core. However, some majors require specific courses to meet core requirements. Be sure to secure a major checklist from the assigned academic advisor or department in order to know which specific general education courses to take for your major at MVNU. All courses taken for general education purposes must have the G suffix designation.

ENG1043G Freshman Expository Writing	3
(The composition sequence (ENG1043 and ENG1053) is to begin the first semester of attendance and continue uninterrupted until the sequence is completed. Exception: students who begin with ENG0083 then continue the sequence.)	

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ENG1053G Research Writing	3	PSY1013G General Psychology	
ITD1101G Introduction to the Christian Liberal Arts Experience	0-1	SOC1013G Introduction to Sociology	
(Students who complete ITD1002 and ITD1011 are not required to take ITD1101.)		Select one of the following:	3
THE3003G Christian Beliefs	3	COM1013G Interpersonal Communication	
ITD5033G Senior Colloquium	3	COM1023G Public Speaking	
Select from the following Biblical literature options:	4-6	COM2003G Small Group Communication	
BIB1003G Old Testament History and Literature and BIB1013G New Testament History and Literature		COM2053G Media and Society	
Or		COM3013G Organizational Communication	
BIB1004G History and Faith of Biblical Communities		COM3043G Persuasion	
Or		SPA1014 Elementary Spanish I	
aBIB2084G History and Geography of Biblical Lands (travel course)		BLA2004G Beginning New Testament Greek I	
Select one of the following:	3	BLA2024G Beginning Biblical Hebrew	
PHI2003G Introduction to Philosophy		(Students who did not successfully complete two years of one foreign language in high school must complete one semester of foreign language. American Sign Language does <u>not</u> fulfill this requirement.)	
PHI2023G Classical and Christian Philosophy		Select one of the following:	2
Select one of the following:	2	PED1002G Principles of Health and Fitness	
ART1002G Art in the Western World		PRN1002G Introduction to Health Promotion and Health Maintenance	
MTH1002G Music in the Western World		Select one of the following:	4
Select one of the following:	3	BIO1014G Principles of Biology with Lab	
ENG2013G Introduction to Literature		BIO1054G General Zoology with Lab	
ENG2053G The American Novel		BIO1074G General Botany with Lab	
ENG2063G The British Novel		BIO1094G Conservation of Natural Resources with Lab	
ENG3003G English Literature I		CHE1014G Introduction to Chemistry with Lab	
ENG3013G English Literature II		CHE1024G Introduction to Organic and Biological Chemistry with Lab	
aENG3043G Literary Landscapes (travel course)		CHE1033G/CHE1031G General Chemistry I and Lab	
ENG3073G American Literature I		ESS1034G Earth Science with Lab	
ENG3083G American Literature II		ESS1044G Astronomy with Lab	
ENG3103G World Literature I		ESS1054G Meteorology with Lab	
ENG3113G World Literature II		PHY2014G General Physics I with Lab	
SPA3013G Spanish and Spanish American Literature of Protest		Select one of the following:	3-4
Select one of the following:	3	CSC1013G Introduction to Computing	
HIS1003G Western Civilization I: Antiquity to the Reformation		CSC1024G Computer Science I	
HIS1013G Western Civilization II: Reform to the Present Age		MAT1013G Trigonometry	
HIS2013G United States History to 1865		MAT1023G Precalculus Mathematics	
HIS2023G United States History since 1865		MAT1033G Introduction to Mathematical Systems	
HIS3013G Colonial America		MAT1034G Calculus I	
HIS3023G Early National America: 1783-1850		MAT2063G Introduction to Statistics	
HIS3033G The American Civil War		A second science	
HIS3043G United States History since 1945		(The second science must be selected from an area not completed above.)	
HIS3053G History of Modern Britain		Total Required Core	43-46 Hours
HIS3063G History of Modern Russia		Total Required Core plus possible Preparatory	43-58 Hours
HIS3083G History of World Politics			
HIS3103G History and Culture of East Asia			
Select one of the following:	3		
ECO1033G Principles of Macroeconomics			

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Courses of Instruction

All courses are given a unique identifying number of seven characters. The first three letters indicate the curriculum area. The last four digits number the course within the department. The first digit indicates the course level. The last digit indicates the credit hour value. Courses which are less than one semester credit end in 0. Courses that end in 9 carry variable credit; the amount of credit must be declared at registration.

The letter suffix G indicates the course may be used to satisfy a general Education Core requirement. For example, consider the course ENG1043G, Freshman Expository Writing. It is offered by the English Department. It is freshman level, carries three hours credit, and meets a general education requirement.

The letter prefix "a" indicates the course is offered on an "as needed" basis, or alternate years. For example, consider aHIS3023 Early National America: 1783-1850. It is offered by the History Department, is a junior level course worth 3 credit hours, and is taught on an "as needed" basis, which may be in alternate years or sometimes less. In other words, the course will be offered again 2 years after it was previously offered. If it does not meet the required enrollment (6) it will likely be cancelled and may be considered again the next year.

Courses numbered 0000-0099 are not for degree credit. Courses numbered 1000-2999 are *lower division* courses; 1000 level courses are primarily for freshmen, while 2000 level courses are primarily for sophomores. Courses numbered 3000-5999 are *upper division* courses; 3000 level courses are primarily for juniors, and are not open to freshmen without approval from the instructor of the course and the academic advisor. Courses numbered 4000-5999 are primarily for seniors, and are not open to freshmen or sophomores without approval from the instructor of the course and the academic advisor. Courses numbered 6000 are open only to students admitted to the graduate program.

Special Notes

- Students must complete the exact courses listed in general education, major, and minor programs. Program lists also include the recommended sequence for courses to aid in advising and scheduling.
- Some majors require specific courses to satisfy the general education core. Students should consult the program listings in their department to check specific requirements.
- The University reserves the right to cancel any course in which fewer than six students are enrolled. The University will assist students in registering for other courses.

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Honors Program

Program Director, B. Barnett Cochran

Honors (HON)

HON1021 Honors Seminar for Freshmen [1]. An interdisciplinary course treating liberal arts, contemporary, or controversial issues. Topics vary by semester. The seminar must be completed for at least two semesters. Students receive satisfactory/unsatisfactory grades. Prerequisite: admission to the Honors Program.

HON2021 Honors Seminar [1]. An interdisciplinary course treating liberal arts, contemporary, or controversial issues. Topics vary by semester. The seminar must be completed for at least four semesters, but may be taken a maximum of six semesters. Prerequisite: HON1021.

HON2031 Honors Service Learning [1]. Student designed individual or group service learning projects involving the University or the Mount Vernon community. Special emphasis is given to setting learning and service objects, arranging details, and completing a project.

HON3021 Honors Special Topics [1]. A small group discussion of readings with experimental formats to engage students in a variety of teaching and learning modes. The course may be repeated for a total of two credits.

HON3091 Honors Project Preparation [1]. Planning and designing an honors research project in the student's major. Special emphasis is given to the basic elements of research: literature review, methodology, presentation of findings, and conclusions. Prerequisite: junior standing, permission of the Director of the Honors Program, and department chair in the student's major.

HON4099 Honors Project [1-5]. Supervised completion of a major research, application, development, or creative project. The project must include a substantial written report of (1) project description, (2) review of literature or related works, (3) methodology, (4) results, and (5) conclusion (or equivalent format used in the student's major and approved by the project mentor and Director of the Honors Program). **The course may be repeated for a maximum of 5 credits.** Prerequisite: HON3091, and permission of the department chair in the student's major.

Honors Program

Required Courses

HON1021 Honors Seminar for Freshmen*	2
HON2021 Honors Seminar**	6
HON2031 Honors Service Learning	1
Honors contract or honors section of a general education course	3
HON3091 Honors Project Preparation	1
HON3099 Honors Project	1-5
Total	16 Hours

*(Freshmen must enroll in fall and spring semesters.)

** (Sophomores, juniors, or seniors may substitute Honors Special Topics for two Honors Seminars.)

Interdisciplinary Courses

Interdisciplinary Courses

Note: ITD1001, ITD1002G and ITD1011G are intervention courses designed for students who are conditionally accepted. Please note the conditions noted at the end of each course description.

ITD1001 Reading Success Strategies [1]. A course designed to provide the student with strategies in reading comprehension, reading speed, and vocabulary development relevant to university level textbooks and scholarly works. Students who score 19 or better on the ACT English sub-test are not required to take ITD1001.

ITD1002G University Success Strategies [2]. A course designed to equip first-time freshman students with the strategies necessary for achieving academic excellence in a Christian liberal arts context and for achieving effectiveness in the context of future leadership positions. A student who's high school GPA is below 2.50 will need to take ITD1002G and ITD1011G but will not need to take ITD1101G.

ITD1011G Critical Thinking [1]. A course designed to teach students to reason in a multifaceted manner, with an emphasis on the development of cognitive processes necessary for complexity of academics in higher education. A student who's high school GPA is below 2.50 will need to take ITD1011G and ITD1002G but will not need to take ITD1101G.

Note: Enrollment in ITD1002G University Success Strategies and ITD1011G Critical Thinking will meet the general education core requirement of ITD1101G Introduction to the Christian Liberal Arts Experience for those students admitted to the University through the academic intervention program.

ITD1101G Introduction to the Christian Liberal Arts Experience [1]. An introduction to the Christian liberal arts experience focusing on developing a Christian worldview and understanding the foundational principles of a Christian university. Special emphasis is given to the Mount Vernon Nazarene University culture, and refining the skills and habits essential to the educated Christian. Enrollment is required in the first semester of attendance unless the student's high school GPA falls below 2.50 and the student takes ITD1002G and ITD1011G instead.

aITD2029 Mission and Ministries [1-4]. A supervised work study experience in mission and ministry. The course can be repeated for a maximum of four (4) credits.

ITD2072 Leadership Skills [2]. A study of leadership and group process theory, including the practice of group and self development. Special emphasis is given to applying theory and concepts to college student development.

ITD2082 Career Planning and Development [2]. A course designed to explore values, decision making behavior, life planning and job seeking strategies. Special emphasis is given to choosing a college major and a career.

ITD3003 Science and the Judeo-Christian Faith [3]. A study of great scientific discoveries, of biblical references to the natural world, and of conflicts that arise from interpretations of science and Scripture.

ITD3043 World Geography [3]. A course designed to study systematically world regions. Special emphasis is given to physical, cultural, economic, and social factors in geography.

aITD3084 Seminar in International Development [4]. An interdisciplinary study experience in which students apply their major discipline toward the development of a third world country.

ITD5033G Senior Colloquium [3]. An interdisciplinary capstone study of current global issues and concerns of society within applied Christian ethics. Special emphasis is given to analyses of issues and implications of alternative decisions. The course includes scholarly presentations in oral and written forms. Prerequisites: PHI2003G or PHI2023G, and THE3003G, and senior classification or permission of the General Education Committee.