

Philosophy of the core: The core curriculum of CU Denver undergraduate students a high-quality general education based on a liberal arts foundation, while allowing students flexibility based on their individual backgrounds and specific career goals. A goal of the CU Denver Core Curriculum is to engage students in developing sensitivity to diversity and developing their place in an urban environment as well as in the rapidly changing global environment.

CU Denver Core Curriculum		CLAS Graduation Requirements		Total
		(Take in addition to the University Core)		
Intellectual Competencies	9-10 hours total	Communicative Skills	3 hours	12-13 hours
Three lower-division courses to develop reading, writing and quantitative proficiency. Specific core mathematics courses may be identified by a program to satisfy requirements in the major. Competency is satisfied by a letter grade of C- or higher in each course. Pass/fail grading is not an option for core.		One course in communicative skills from the following list, with a minimum grade of C-:		
ENGL 1020. Core Composition I	3 hours	COMM 2050. Business and Professional Speaking		3
ENGL 2030. Core Composition II	3 hours	COMM 2101. Presentational Speaking		3
		COMM 3120. Technical Communication		3
One mathematics course, chosen from the following:	3-4 hours	ENGL 2154. Introduction to Creative Writing		3
MATH 1010. Mathematics for the Liberal Arts	3	ENGL 3001. Critical Writing		3
MATH 1070. Algebra for Social Sciences and Business	3	ENGL 3084. Advanced Composition		3
MATH 1080. Polynominal Calculus	3	ENGL 3154. Technical Writing		3
MATH 1110. College Algebra	3	ENGL 3170. Business Writing		3
MATH 1120. College Trigonometry	3	ENGL 4190. Topics in Rhetoric and Writing		3
MATH 1130. Precalculus Mathematics	4	PHIL 2441. Logic and Language		3
MATH 1401. Calculus I	4			
MATH 2411. Calculus II	4			
MATH 2421. Calculus III	4			
MATH 2830. Introductory Statistics	3			
Knowledge Areas	19-22 hours total			
Specific knowledge area core courses may be identified by a program to satisfy requirements in the student's major. Restricted disciplines have courses that cross knowledge area boundaries and each core course is restricted to one specific area.				

Behavioral Sciences	3 hours	Behavioral Sciences	3 hours	6 hours
ANTH 1302. Introduction to Archaeology	4	One additional course in psychology, communication or anthropology, EXCEPT: ANTH 1303, 3301 or 3512; PSYC 2220.		
ANTH 2102. Culture and the Human Experience	3			
COMM 1011. Fundamentals of Communication	3	ANTH, COMM and PSYC majors may use a course in their major to satisfy this requirement.		
COMM 1021. Fundamentals of Mass Communication	3			
PSYC 1000. Introduction to Psychology I	3			
PSYC 1005. Introduction to Psychology II	3			
Social Sciences	3 hours	Social Sciences	3 hours	6 hours
ECON 2012. Principles of Economics:Macroeconomics	3	One additional course in economics, ethnic studies, geography, health/behavioral sciences, political science or sociology, EXCEPT: ENVS 1042; ETST 2155; GEOG 1202, 3232 or 3240.		
ECON 2022. Principles of Economics:Microeconomics	3			
ENVS 1342. Introduction to Environment and Society	3	ECON, GEOG, PSCI and SOCY majors may use a course in their major to satisfy this requirement.		
ETST 2000. Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3			
GEOG 1102. World Regional Geography	3			
GEOG 1602. Introduction to Urban Studies	3			
GEOG 2202. Natural Hazards	3			
HBSC 2001. Intro. to Community and Population Health Science	3			
PSCI 1001. Introduction to Political Science: The Quest for Freedom and Justice	3			
PSCI 1101. American Political System	3			
SJUS 2000. Democratic Participation and Social Justice	3			
SOCY 1001. Introduction to Sociology	3			
SOCY 2462. Introduction to Social Psychology	3			
Biological and Physical Sciences, Mathematics	7-10 hours	Biological and Physical Sciences, Mathematics	3-4 hours	10-14 hours
One lower division biological or physical science course with a laboratory. The second lower division course may be a science course with or without a laboratory, or may be a MATH course, excluding the course used for Intellectual Competencies mathematics proficiency. Math majors must take two lab sciences.		One additional course in biology, chemistry, geology, physics, math (except MATH 3040 and course taken for math Intellectual Competency requirement). If you have only taken one science course with a lab, this course MUST have a lab.		
Biology & Physical Science courses		Also allowed are ANTH 3301 and 3512;		

