GENERAL EDUCATION IN THE LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

I. Communication in Writing
   This category is designed to develop the ability to communicate clearly and effectively in writing. 3 hours.

II. Communication in Speech
   This category is designed to develop the ability to communicate clearly and effectively in speech. 3 hours.

III. Religious Understanding
   This category is designed to develop an understanding of religious ways of understanding life and the ability to articulate one’s own belief system. 3 hours.

IV. Moral Inquiry
   This category is designed to develop an understanding of the means by which individuals and communities evaluate and respond to ethical problems, both personal and social. 3 hours.

V. Quantitative Reasoning
   This category is designed to develop competency in reading and using quantitative data, in understanding quantitative evidence, and in applying basic quantitative skills to the solution of real-life problems. 3 hours.

VI. Scientific Understanding
   This category is designed to develop an understanding of the physical world, the scientific method, and the forces and elements inherent in the natural order, all of which affect the quality of our lives and the environment. 6 hours (must include one lab science course and courses from two disciplines)

VII. Health
   This category is designed to develop an understanding of important health issues and to foster choices for students’ health throughout life. 2 hours.
VIII. **Artistic Understanding and Expression**

This category is designed to develop an understanding of the role of the arts in the human endeavor. 3 hours.

IX. **Cultural Diversity**

This category is designed to develop an understanding of the cultural diversity we experience in the contemporary world. 3 hours.

X. **International Perspectives**

This category is designed to develop an understanding of non-western societies, develop familiarity with patterns of social and political behavior in a comparative context, and to lay the basis for responsible world citizenship. 3 hours.

XI. **Western Traditions**

This category is designed to develop an understanding of the social, political, and behavioral dimensions of human existence in the Western European traditions. 3 hours.

XII. **The U.S. Experience**

This category is designed to develop an understanding of the United States, its institutions, customs, diversity of people and resources, and challenges facing the nation in the contemporary setting. 3 hours.