

MARQUETTE CORE CURRICULUM

At the center of every student's educational experience

The MCC is integrated into a student's entire undergraduate career: from the initial **Foundations Tier** courses; to a unique **Methods of Inquiry** course that includes faculty from multiple disciplines; followed by a deep dive into upper-division courses in the **Discovery Tier**; and finishing with a **Culminating Experience** that ties it all together.

ROOTED IN JESUIT VALUES

In keeping with Marquette's mission, the core will help students become:

- ◆ Responsible and ethical communicators
- ◆ Moral and ethical actors
- ◆ Citizens with purpose
- ◆ Collaborators engaging social systems and values
- ◆ Leaders in discovery
- ◆ Global problem solvers

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
FOUNDATION TIER (15 credits) Foundations in Theology Foundations in Philosophy Foundations in Rhetoric Methods of Inquiry Engaging Social Systems and Values 1 – Requirement			
	DISCOVERY TIER (12 credits from same theme)* Humanities Course Natural Sciences and Mathematics Course Social Sciences Course Discovery Elective Course		
		CULMINATING EXPERIENCE (3 credits) Service of Faith and Promotion of Justice	

*Second-level Engaging Social Systems and Values (ESSV2) requirement and Writing Intensive (WRIT) requirement may be fulfilled through a Core class or through other degree requirements.

*Maximum two courses in the Discovery Tier can count toward a primary major.

A TRUE TIERED CURRICULUM

The MCC is not a “general education” requirement. Tiers and courses have been designed to create a true curriculum in which one tier builds on the previous tier. Not every student is the same, but the starting place for thinking about the core is “4-3-2-1.” Using that simple map, a common path through the core would be:

1st Year	Four MCC courses	ENGL 1001, PHIL 1001, THEO 1001 ESSV1 (Engaging Social Systems and Values 1) or CORE 1929 Methods of Inquiry (MOI) – 2nd semester
2nd Year	Three MCC courses	CORE 1929 (MOI) or ESSV1 – whichever was not taken first year Two Discovery Tier Courses
3rd Year	Two MCC courses	Two Discovery Tier Courses
4th Year	One MCC course	CORE 4929 Service of Faith and Promotion of Justice (Culminating Experience)

CREATED TO CHALLENGE OUR STUDENTS

In addition, an **Engaging Social Systems and Values 2** requirement challenges students to explore their own values and to contribute to solving inequality and misunderstanding. A **Writing Intensive** requirement builds on skills learned in the Foundations of Rhetoric. These requirements can be completed through courses in the Discovery Tier or within a student’s major or minor.

The **Discovery Tier** builds on the MOIs by providing students with an opportunity to explore major themes in contemporary life from three different perspectives — the humanities, the natural sciences and math, and the social sciences. Up to two courses in the Discovery Tier can count toward a student’s primary major. Themes of this tier include:

- ◆ Basic Needs and Justice
- ◆ Cognition, Memory and Intelligence
 - ◆ Crossing Boundaries
- ◆ Individuals and Communities
 - ◆ Expanding Our Horizon

In the MCC, students have an opportunity to explore second majors or minors, or to take individual courses on topics of interest. Students can begin this process of exploration as early as their second or even first year. Although not all classes taken by students in the MCC will count toward a major or minor, there are no “wasted” classes. All MCC courses contribute to the creation of young men and women who, as graduates of Marquette, will “go and set the world on fire.”



BE THE DIFFERENCE.

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