“In all people there lies, in accordance with human nature, a desire to search out the truth which leads us on to have a longing for knowledge and learning and infuses into us a wish to seek after it. To excel in this seems a noble thing.”
Saint Ambrose, patron saint of learning, De Officiis, book 1, chapter XXVI

**Fundamental Skills and Knowledge**

“Necessary for training of all people is good conversation, full of prudence. A mind, directed toward reason, excels in virtue and controls passion, for virtue is teachable. Furthermore, one seeks virtue by studying and learning, and loses it by neglect.”

Saint Ambrose, On Jacob and Happy Life 1.1.1-2

Develop fundamental skills and knowledge necessary to flourish in a rapidly changing world (12–18 credits)

☐ Oral Communication*: COMM 129, 132, 203, 228 or 329
☐ Written Communication*: ENGL 101
☐ Research: IL 101
☐ Quantitative Reasoning* and Information Technology: CSCI 140, 281, MATH 123 or higher, STAT 123, 213, STBE 137
☐ Health and Fitness: KIN 149 + one other KIN course
☐ Second language: competency through 102, French, German Studies, Latin, Spanish

**Liberal Arts Perspectives**

“The fool accepts whatever he reads, going no further than the surface of the words; the wise person comprehends the thought of the divine mind that is not readily conveyed by the words themselves.”

Saint Ambrose, Letter 74

Develop competencies that produce liberal arts perspectives in order to influence culture (14-16 credits)

☐ Humanities: two courses from two different departments
☐ Creative Arts: one course or one year music ensemble or same musical instrument
☐ Social Sciences: one course
☐ Natural Sciences: one course

**Catholic Intellectual Tradition**

“Unless I have been misled, reason is plentiful and just. Yet, I do not separate that reason from Christ.

If I am convinced solely by reason, I deny faith.”

Saint Ambrose, On the Death of His Brother Satyrus 2.89

Evaluate truth claims derived from philosophy and theology in order to scrutinize the relationship between faith and reason (12 credits)

☐ Philosophy: one course at 100–200 level
☐ Theology: one course at 100–200 level
☐ Philosophy, Theology, Catholic Studies or Justice and Peace Studies: two courses, one at 300 level

**Integrated Learning**

“I have put these words before you, my sons and daughters, that you keep them in your souls: what benefit they may have, you will prove.”

Saint Ambrose, On Responsibilities 3.22.139

Through participation in the General Education Curriculum, as well as major and co-curricular engagement, undergraduate students critically explore complex issues through integration of their knowledge and skills from the liberal arts and Catholic Intellectual Tradition.

Students interested in directing their attention to a common theme across several of their General Education courses to further integrate their studies are encouraged to enroll in one of our Interdisciplinary Minors (see back page for options).

**Additional Graduation Requirements**

> Complete two writing intensive courses, one in major area at the 300 level or above.*
> Complete a minimum of 120 semester credits, at least 30 semester credits at the 300 level or above.
> Students must meet the general degree requirements and the requirements of a major as stated in the catalog at the time of their admission or in the catalog for the year in which they graduate.

*must pass with a grade of C or better
GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

Courses aligned with St. Ambrose General Education Outcomes and Requirements advance our mission by measuring student achievement in skills and knowledge grounded in liberal arts and the Catholic intellectual tradition. Consult with an academic advisor and refer to the current university catalog for general education course offerings. Degree requirements may change with new course catalogs. If a switch is made to a more recent catalog, all the changes reflected in the catalog must be adhered to.

Fundamental Skills and Knowledge
Oral Communication*: COMM 129, 132, 203, 228, 329
Written Communication*: ENGL 101
Information Literacy: IL 101
Quantitative Reasoning*: CSCI 140, 281, MATH 123 or higher, STAT 123, 213, STBE 137
Health and Wellness: KIN 149 and KIN activity course; Good Samaritan course (KIN 200, 206) or varsity sport
Second Language: French, German, Latin or Spanish through 102 level
* Must pass with a grade of C or better.

Liberal Arts
Creative Arts
Art: ART 100, 135, 200, 201, 203, 207, 208, 220, 231, 232, 234, 235, 303, 304, 331
English: ENGL 199, 317, 319, 328, 415, 418
Kinesiology: KIN 211–214, 218, 301
Music: MUS 150
OR one year music ensemble MUS 111, 112, 117, 118, 119, 122–127, 311, 313
OR one year same musical instrument MUS 102–106, 203, 303
Theatre: THTR 105, 206, 209, 215, 307, 390

Natural Sciences
Astronomy: ASTR 201, 221
Biology: BIOL 101, 106, 109, 112, 115, 120, 123, 199
Chemistry: CHEM 103–105, 120
Geography: GEOG 210
Natural Science: NSCI 105, 106, 205
Physics: PHYS 203, 251

Social Sciences
Computer Science: CSCI 101
Criminal Justice: CRJU 101, 316
Economics: ECON 201, 202
Education: EDUC 284

Finance: FNCE 200
Geography: GEOG 205
International Business: INTL 221
Kinesiology: KIN 335
Political Science: PSCI 101, 104, 110, 120, 130, 199, 230, 299, 301, 304, 305, 306, 309, 313, 320, 330, 399
Psychology: PSYC 105, 203, 212, 375

Humanities
Art History: AH 120, 130, 250, 251, 320, 323, 324, 343, 345–347, 350–355, 451
Classical Studies: CSM 101
Communication: COMM 232
French: 202, 301, 310
German Studies: GS 202, 301, 302, 310
International Studies: IS 101, 201, 204, 210, 310
Kinesiology: KIN 273
Music: MUS 101, 110, 115–116, 120, 130, 309
Theatre: THTR 202, 210, 218, 304, 305, 315, 316, 321, 385
Women and Gender Studies: WGS 201, 210, 310, 315, 320, 330, 340

Catholic Intellectual Tradition
Catholic Studies: CATH 201, CATH/EDUC 355, 401
Justice and Peace: JPS 101, 105
Philosophy: PHIL 100–102, 200, 207, 210, 217, 302, 305, 310, 311, 338, 340, 343, 350, 360, 375, 385, 390, 400

Interdisciplinary Minor (IM)
Catholic Studies, Classical Studies, Environmental Studies, French Studies, German Studies, Global Business, Hispanic Studies, Individualized Interdisciplinary Minor (design your own, see Gen Ed portal page), International Studies, Justice and Peace Studies, Organizational Leadership, Pre-Law, Women and Gender Studies

The material presented here is for informational purposes and does not substitute for the catalog. Consult the official university catalog for complete general education requirements. www.sau.edu/catalog