

# Work Skills and the Uncommon Core: Nazareth College

Linking liberal arts preparation and  
professional development

# Founding Philosophies of Core

- Courses should be linked to world experiences
- Courses should be integrated, not stand alone
- A Nazareth education will prepare you for your life's work, not just a job
- Students should be able to build to deeper and more meaningful learning and doing

# Critical components of the Core

- Perspective-Enduring Questions courses
- Integrative Studies Courses
- Core Milestone Experience
- Capstone

## First Year--PEQs

- Interdisciplinary, focus on broad issues
- Professional goal--get students in the habit of forming questions, crafting paths to answering them, and articulating why the question is important
- Career Coaches

## Second Year

- Add Integrative Studies courses
- Designed to get students to think across disciplinary lines, think through how issues relate, develop problem-solving skills
- Also adds Experiential Learning pathway
- Again, Career Coach

## Third Year

- Core Milestone Experience
- Pulls IS sequence together into a broader understanding or even another question
- Goal--think creatively, make connections, communicate effectively, present a clear and convincing argument

## Fourth Year--application

- Seen in Capstone
- Participation in student research event
- Work with Career Coach

## Key intersecting components

- Career Coaches, Center for Life's Work
- SPARK--enables EL pathway
- Enhanced Student Employment



# Integrative Core Curriculum: John Carroll University

## Both..And Liberal Arts & 21st Century Skills in the Jesuit Tradition

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# First Principles of the Core

Commitment to Liberal Education

21st Century Skills for Employment and Beyond

Integrative Curriculum with Six Themes:

- Foundational Competencies
- Language Study
- Distribution Courses
- Integrated Courses
- Jesuit Heritage
- The Major

# Foundational Competencies & Language Study

## Foundational Competencies

- Written Expression
- Oral Expression
- Quantitative Analysis
- Technological/Information Literacy

## Language Study

- Continue language study
- New language

# Liberal Arts & Sciences

## Integrated Courses

### Liberal Arts & Sciences

- Humanities
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences

### Integrated Courses

- Engaging the Global Community
- Linked Courses

# Jesuit Heritage

## Philosophy

- Knowledge and Reality
- Values and Society

## Theology & Religious Studies

- Two Courses

## Issues of Social Justice

- Offerings in multiple disciplines

## Creative and Performing Arts

# Extending the Core to the Major

Additional Writing

Oral Presentation

Capstone Experience

- Synthesize and apply disciplinary knowledge and skills.
- Foster reflection on undergraduate learning and experience.
- Demonstrate emerging professional competencies.
- Apply, analyze, and/or interpret research, data, or artistic expression.
- A course, created work or product, or some form of experiential learning.

# Our Core...Takeaways

- University Learning Goals
  - Intellect, Character, Leadership, & Service
- Integrated across disciplines and the undergraduate experience
- Blends liberal education, Jesuit tradition, and career readiness

[JCU's Integrated Core Curriculum](#)

# In Life...

Act with Compassion

Lead with Integrity

Live for Justice



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