

Templeton Honors College

THC CORE CURRICULUM (EFF. FALL 2009)

The core curriculum of the Templeton Honors College strives to advance the University's mission by challenging and preparing academically gifted undergraduate students for leadership and service as individuals of influence in culture, society and their professions. The THC provides a holistic program focused on the life of the mind, character formation and skill development, which involves intensive reading, writing, and discussion around both great texts of the Western canon and important contemporary works. Within the context of the liberal arts tradition, the THC core reflects our commitment to faith, reason, and justice in the service of God, humanity, and creation.

THE THC CORE CURRICULUM

The Templeton Honors College at Eastern University commits itself to graduating students who are...

BIBLICALLY LITERATE

Credit Hours

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| • BIB 101H | Nature and Meaning of the Old Testament | (3) |
| • BIB 102H | Nature and Meaning of the New Testament | (3) |

FORMED IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

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| • HON 101 | The Good Life | (3) |
| • HON 202 | Introduction to Christian Theology | (3) |

LITERATE IN THE WESTERN TRADITION

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| • INST 160H | Western Civilization I: The Great Books | (3) |
| • INST 161H | Western Civilization II: The Great Books | (3) |

SKILLED COMMUNICATORS

Writing skills are taught across the THC curriculum, particularly in first-year courses. In addition, students take:

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| • COM 120H | Public Speaking | (3) |
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FIT FOR LIFE

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| • BKIN 100 | Life Fitness | (3) |
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GLOBALLY LITERATE

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| • Foreign Language Competency | | (3-6) |
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Two semesters of foreign language study is required. Students who attained a score of 550 on a Foreign Language SATII need to complete one semester of the same language.

Students will be exempt from the foreign language requirement if they:

- Earn a score of 650+ on an SATII Foreign Language subject test
- Earn a score of 3, 4, or 5 on an AP Language Exam
- Earn a score of at least 50 on the French, German or Spanish CLEP exam
- Spend one semester in a study abroad program in a non-English speaking country and successfully complete at least one three-credit foreign language course in the language of that country while there.

- Beyond the West (3)
All THC students are required to study abroad one semester. In many cases, students will be able to fulfill this requirement by enrolling in a course during their study abroad semester (particularly if they attend a program in a non-Western country). Pre-approved courses are available for many programs. Approval for alternate courses taken during study abroad must be obtained from the THC Dean.

THC students may alternatively take one of the following (3) credit courses:

- DAN 365 Black Dance History
- DAN 375 World Dance
- ENG 225 Post-colonial Women’s Novels
- HIS 350 African-American History
- HIS 352 Russian History
- HIS 353 History of the Middle East
- HIS 354 History of Latin America
- HIS 371 The Byzantine Empire
- HIS 372 Eastern Orthodox History and Theology
- HIS 440 The Black Church in America
- INST 213 Heritage of India
- INST 214 Africa’s Triple Heritage and the Modern World
- INST 215 Heritage of Native North American Peoples
- INST 218 The Heritage of Islam
- MUS 250 Music in World Cultures
- SOC 350 Poverty, Oppression, and Development in Africa
- SPA 402 Latin American Culture and Civilization

KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE NATURAL SCIENCES

- Any (4) credit laboratory science course with a prefix of ASTR, BIO, CHE, or PHYS which does not have a prerequisite and is not specifically excluded in the course description. (4)
- Choice of one course from the following menu: (3)
 - HON201 Cosmology
 - HON203 Theories of the Origin of Life

KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

THC students take one course that utilizes a systemic approach to the study of issues of global significance using social science methodology beyond the introductory level.

- Choice of one course from the following menu: (3)
 - ANTH 201 People in Places
 - ANTH 301 Christians, Anthropology and Economic Systems
 - ANTH 310 Comparative Religions
 - ECON 325 Economic Reasoning Seminar
 - POS 212 International Relations
 - POS 321 War and Terrorism
 - POS 402 Political Ideologies
 - PSY 322 Psychology of Gender
 - PSY 415 History and Systems of Psychology
 - SOC 245 Socialization and Group Relations
 - SOC 315 Social Stratification
 - SOC 370 Immigration and Transnationalism
 - SOC 408 Social Institutions and Justice
 - SOC 410 Social Change and Globalization
 - SWK 205 Human Need and Social Response

KNOWLEDGEABLE IN DOING JUSTICE

- HON 102 Justice, the Common Good, and Contemporary Issues (3)

ABLE TO INTEGRATE KNOWLEDGE WITHIN A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

- HON 480 Honors Capstone (2)

Total Credit Hours 45-48