THE CORE CURRICULUM AT ODU

Provides a liberal arts education that nurtures the growth of individual gifts & passions in the service of the common good.
UNIVERSITY-WIDE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Communicate effectively both orally & writing
Engage in analytical inquiry and critical thinking for solving complex problems
Utilize moral & ethical reasoning to make judgments
Appreciate imaginative & creative inquiry
Employ quantitative analysis & reasoning to solve problems
Use scientific inquiry from multiple information resources both individually & collaboratively
Engage in civil and global learning
Articulate Catholic & Dominican Traditions for seeking truth & serving others
4 CORE SEMINAR COURSES BASED ON 4 DOMINICAN PILLARS: PRAYER, COMMUNITY, MINISTRY, STUDY

179 What does it mean to be human?
279 What is the common good?
379 What is justice?
479 What truths have we learned?
STUDENTS TAKE COURSES ACROSS THE CURRICULUM: GENERAL DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

English 6 credits
Math 3 cr
Philosophy & Theology 12 cr
Foreign Language 3 cr
Art/Music/Theater 3 cr

History 3 cr
Literature 3 cr
Natural Science 3 cr
Social & Behavioral Science 6 cr
Diversity/Global/Multicultural 3 cr.
179 FRESHMAN CORE SEMINAR COURSES:
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN?

Common Texts
Plato’s Cave
The New Testament Book of Matthew
The Idea of the University by Cardinal Newman
Discourse 7 Section 10
Becoming Who You Are
courses
Windows and Mirrors
Know Thyself
Virtues & Vices
The Tragic Vision
The Great Debate
Applied Storytelling
279 SOPHOMORE CORE SEMINAR COURSES: WHAT IS THE COMMON GOOD?

Common texts

Gaudium et Spes or Joys and Hopes by Pope Paul VI

New Testament Book of Matthew

courses

Global Community in Art

Nonviolent Social Change

American Political Thought & Common Good

Biological Evolution

Leadership & the Common Good

Our Bridges & Borders

Interpersonal Negotiation & Mediation

Environmental Values & Policymaking
379 JUNIOR CORE SEMINAR COURSES: WHAT IS JUSTICE?

**Common texts**

Antigone by Sophocles
The New Testament Book of Matthew

**courses**

Justice, Art & Politics
Clean Water
Causes Collective Violence: Genocide, Terrorism & War
Race, Ethnicity & Crime
Global Ethnic Relations
Rebels in Literature & Music
Slavery & Freedom
479 SENIOR CORE SEMINAR COURSES: WHAT TRUTHS HAVE WE LEARNED?

Common texts

The New Testament book of Matthew
The Idea of the University by Cardinal Newman

Courses

Strategic Management
Criminal Justice Seminar
Literature Theory, Practice
History Matters
Current Issues in Psychology
Social Work Seminar
CORE CONVERSATION EVENTS

Annual Campus Theme rotates among the four Dominican Pillars:
Prayer: what is it to be human?
Community: what is the common good?
Ministry: what is justice?
Study: what is truth?
Series of Speakers focus on current theme
Professors must be fulltime faculty
CORE course teaching open to all fulltime faculty
Core Course Proposals meet specific objectives & use common core texts