

# Bryn Athyn College Core Curriculum

Bryn Athyn College prepares willing students to become reflective individuals and useful citizens, conscious of spiritual reality, and responsive to local, national, and international contexts. Our Core Program encourages faculty to place each subject of study within a New Church spiritual context.

Note: Except where noted, each box represents a 3-credit course.

Note: No course may be used to satisfy more than one requirement except in the case of W and PP.

## Practice Communication Skills<sup>1</sup>

Develop written and oral communication skills, and learn to locate, evaluate, and use information effectively. *Complete the following:*

☐ Writ101<sup>2</sup>

☐ Any 3rd non-capstone Writing (W) course

☐ Writ202<sup>3</sup>

☐ Any Public Presentation (PP) course

## Explore the Liberal Arts

Humanities: Study and analyze human heritage and its perennial questions for living a moral, creative, and useful life. *Complete six credits in two of the following four disciplines:*

Philosophy, History, English (or Writ211), Art (Fine Arts, Theater, Dance, Music):<sup>4</sup>

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Social Sciences: Consider the relationships between and within human societies, civil engagement, and personal development. *Complete three credits in any of the following six disciplines:* Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology.

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Global & Cultural Awareness: Explore the diversity and commonality of human experience. *Complete three credits drawn from the GCA course list, or complete three credits of foreign language. (No language waivers accepted.)*

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Natural Sciences: Develop scientific reasoning and appreciation of the natural world. *Complete four credits (lecture + lab) in any of the following areas:* Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physics:

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (lecture) ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (lab)

Mathematics / Computer Science: Develop quantitative reasoning and problem-solving skills. *One 3-credit course in Mathematics or Computer Science:*<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> These foundational courses may overlap with any of the perspective courses below (i.e., Liberal Arts, Higher Purpose).

<sup>2</sup> Wr101 must be attempted in the first year.

<sup>3</sup> Writ202 must be attempted in by the end of the second year.

<sup>4</sup> Note that if the discipline is art, it may require multiple courses to add up to 3 credits.

<sup>5</sup> Unless a student tests out of Math 101, this course must be Math 101.

### Develop a Higher Purpose

Consider a variety of worldviews and perspectives on the moral and civil aspects of life.

*Complete six credits drawing from two of the following three areas: Moral; Civil; Phil102.*

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Explore a spiritual life informed by the Old Testament, New Testament, and the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg. *Complete eighteen credits in religion:*

☐ Rel101 or ☐ Rel110<sup>6</sup>

☐ Rel \_\_\_\_\_ (Any 200-level doctrinal course)

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☐ Rel \_\_\_\_\_ (Any 200- or 300-level course)

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### The Capstone Experience

Demonstrate proficiency in your chosen field by integrating content knowledge and method into a final research paper or project.

☐ Capstone (see major requirements)

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<sup>6</sup> Either Rel101 or Rel110 must be attempted within the first year.