

TCU Core Curriculum

HMVV	Area	Competency	Student Learning Outcomes
	Religious Traditions	TCU graduates will demonstrate a critical understanding of the role of religion in society, culture and individual life.	Students will demonstrate familiarity with one or more disciplinary approaches to the study of religion.
			Students will demonstrate knowledge of one or more major religious traditions through the study of some foundational texts, figures, individuals, ideas or practices.
	Historical Traditions	TCU graduates will demonstrate a critical understanding of the processes that create change over time in the human experience.	Students will demonstrate an ability to critically evaluate historical discourse, and to develop evidence-based conclusions about the past.
	Literary Traditions	TCU graduates will demonstrate an understanding of, and sensitivity to, our shared literary heritage.	Students will demonstrate an understanding of literature as it impacts and/or reflects society and/or the individual.
			Students will demonstrate an understanding of literature as it influences society and/or the individual.
			Students will demonstrate familiarity with one or more disciplinary approaches to the study of literature.
	Cultural Awareness	TCU graduates will demonstrate a critical understanding of cultural phenomena.	Students will demonstrate knowledge of one or more disciplinary approaches to issues of cultural differences.
			Students will demonstrate an ability to analyze diversity within (or) across cultures.
			Students will demonstrate an understanding of the

			interconnectedness of society, culture and individual identity.
	Global Awareness	TCU graduates will demonstrate knowledge of trends, issues, and opportunities that impact the global community.	Students will demonstrate critical awareness that problem-solving in the global community requires the integration of a variety of perspectives.
			Students will demonstrate the ability to develop informed judgments about global issues.
	Citizenship and Social Values	TCU graduates will demonstrate an understanding of individual rights and responsibilities and an ability to assess critically the intentions and consequences of personal, professional or societal actions.	Students will demonstrate a capacity for informed participation in civic discourse and decision-making.
			Students will demonstrate an understanding of theories and practices of leadership
			Students will demonstrate an understanding of one or more traditions of normative inquiry and an ability to assess the ethical dimensions of individual, professional or civic life.
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	Humanities	TCU graduates will apply methods of humanistic inquiry and construct relevant arguments.	Students will be able to analyze representative texts of significance and to practice critical analysis of work at the center of the humanities.
			Students will demonstrate a critical ability to analyze questions about the nature and value of human life as embodied in the traditions of the humanities.
	Social Sciences	TCU graduates will understand social environments that arise from and influence human interaction.	Students will demonstrate knowledge of and an ability to analyze and evaluate the fundamental social processes that characterize human experiences, using social science methodology*.

	Natural Sciences	TCU graduates will be literate in the natural sciences.	Students will demonstrate a basic understanding of some of the methods of investigation in the natural sciences.
			Students will demonstrate a basic understanding of some of the great ideas in the natural sciences.
			Students will demonstrate a basic understanding of some of the relationships among the natural sciences, technology, and society.
	Fine Arts	TCU graduates will understand the significance of the fine arts and the importance of creativity through standard coursework or applied study.	Students will demonstrate an understanding of the nature of inquiry in the arts
			Students will demonstrate an understanding of some of the great movements and individuals in the arts.
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	Mathematics	TCU graduates will be able to reason mathematically.	Students will demonstrate the ability to apply mathematical reasoning to solve problems in a variety of contexts.
			Students will evaluate processes and results of mathematical reasoning.
	Oral Communication	TCU graduates will articulate thoughts clearly using appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication skills.	Students will demonstrate the ability to construct and deliver effective messages, adapted to the audience, purpose, and context of the situation.
			Students will demonstrate the ability to facilitate interpersonal and group communication.
	Written Communication 1	TCU graduates will write effectively.	Students will demonstrate the ability to write in a range of genres, using appropriate rhetorical conventions.

			Students will demonstrate competency in reading, quoting and citing sources, as well as competency in balancing their own voices with secondary sources.
			Students will demonstrate the ability to employ flexible strategies for generating and revising their writing.
	Written Communication 2	TCU graduates will write effectively.	Students will demonstrate facility with the language and analysis of argument.
			Students will demonstrate the ability to write an argument for a specific rhetorical situation.
			Students will demonstrate competency in using sources (primary, secondary, electronic) in argument construction.
			Students will demonstrate the ability to critically engage with digital environments.
	Writing Emphasis	TCU Graduates will demonstrate the ability to use writing as a means for learning and communicating in a specific discipline.	Students will demonstrate a working knowledge of the rhetorical conventions of the target discipline.
			Students will show the ability to employ writing strategies and rhetorical practices learned in lower division writing courses (i.e. Written Communication 1 and 2).
			Students will produce writing that demonstrates clarity and precision of thought.