

Purpose of the CORE

The General Education program at Leighton University is referred to as the CORE.

- CORE Program makes up approximately one-third of undergraduate program courses.
- CORE helps the student choose or change from the major and shape his/her life by creating new ways of viewing yourself and the world around you.

The CORE is responsible for the university's core curriculum and offers opportunities to acquire a deep understanding of a specialized field and broad exposure to other fields of study necessary to have a life and a career. By focusing on such essential skills as communication and critical thinking and understanding ethics, culture and society, and the global economy, we prepare students in all majors for their roles as leaders of their professions and communities. Meaningful participation in a democratic society calls for more than the central instruction provided by one major field of study. A broadly-based and robust education is essential in an environment with rapid economic, social, and technological changes. Courses in the CORE contain the shared knowledge and skills you need to be useful as a person, an employee, a consumer, and a citizen. Students strive to achieve the intellectual integration and awareness needed to meet numerous challenges in their personal, social, and professional lives through the CORE.

CORE courses introduce great concepts and controversies in human thought and experience. These courses provide the breadth, depth, perspective, and rigor that allow Leighton University graduates to claim to be “educated people.” Most Americans change their careers at least three times during their lifetime. A reliable general education program provides a strong foundation for life-long learning that makes career-change goals attainable.

A student who matriculates as a first-year student (but not transfer students or returning) is expected to complete all or most of his/her graduation requirements by taking Leighton courses. Transfer students are expected to work closely with their Academic Navigator, housed at the University [Academic Success Center](#), at the earliest opportunity immediately following admission to decide which courses may be accepted to meet the CORE requirements. Only transfer courses that meet the CORE goals specified will be approved as meeting Leighton's CORE requirements.