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The Core Curriculum in Jesuit Institution

All Jesuit institutions are aware of necessary general education requirements. This curriculum is designed to set out the foundational truths, information, skills, and values of the institution.

While there is a common understanding of how Jesuit institutions speak about this "core," there are different approaches to its structure. The most common method is the distribution approach, in which students choose courses within a discipline or area. Most institutions also require certain discipline-based or core-specific courses to fulfill the core requirements.

In some institutions, core requirements are set up in themes, including *Global Perspectives* or *Intercultural Understanding*, and students choose from either discipline-based courses or courses framed specifically to teach core values and skills. In general, schools have a mix of these ordering mechanisms. In some institutions, core requirements differ according to the school in which the student is enrolled. Because schools have different, and often unique, ways of defining their core curricula, and because there can be various ways of fulfilling core requirements, the chart here may not reflect fully what happens at every school.

—Margaret Davis

	Hours Required for Graduation	Common Hours (For all students)	Range of Core Hours (For students within different colleges)
Boston College	120	45	45
Canisius	120	36	36-42
College of the Holy Cross	128	48	48
Creighton	128	24	57-69
Detroit-Mercy	126	45	45-66
Fairfield	120-123	62	62-65
Fordham	124	39*	39-53
Georgetown	120	42	42
Gonzaga	128	31	31-81
John Carroll	128	45	45-57
LeMoyne	120	42	42
Loyola New Orleans	120	39	39-54
Loyola Maryland	120	51	51-60
Loyola Marymount	120	48	48
Loyola Chicago	128	48	48
Marquette	126	36	36
Regis	128	45	45-59
Rockhurst	128	52	52
Saint Joseph's	120	47	47
Saint Louis	120	40	40-63
Saint Peter's	120	60	60
San Francisco	128	44	44
Santa Clara	175 qtr hrs	72 qtr hrs	72-76
Scranton	130	77	77-85
Seattle University	180 qtr hrs	71 qtr hrs	71-75
Spring Hill	128	51	51-60
Wheeling Jesuit	120	52-55	52-55
Xavier	120	64	64

* 53 for Fordham College at Rose Hill