

**Proposed Ouachita Online Core Curriculum**  
**[For students enrolled in online degree programs only]**  
**2014-15 Online Catalog**

<b>COMMON CORE</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>
CORE 1002	OBU Connections	2
CORE 1023	The Contemporary World	3
CORE 1043	Composition I	3
CORE 1113	Survey of the Bible	3
CORE 1123	Interpreting the Bible	3
CORE 2213	Western Civilization in Global Context	3
CORE 2233	World Literature	3
CORE 2334	Scientific Inquiry	4
CORE 3023	Scientific Connections	3
<b>FLEXIBLE CORE</b>		
Choose as indicated from each of the six categories.		
<b>Analytic and Quantitative Reasoning</b> (one course*) MATH 1003   College Algebra MATH 1033   Mathematics for the Liberal Arts * Students who submit a valid ACT math score of 23 or higher (SAT 531 or above) may substitute PHIL 1003 Introduction to Philosophy for one of the mathematics courses.		3
<b>Applied Skills</b> (one course) COMM 1003   Fundamentals of Public Speaking FINN 2003   Personal Finance		3
<b>Artistic Engagement</b> (two courses) FINA 3113   Fine Arts: Art FINA 3123   Fine Arts: Music FINA 3133   Fine Arts: Theatre		6
<b>Civic Engagement in America</b> (one course) PSCI 2013   American National Government SSCI 2113   American Civilization		3
<b>Intercultural Appreciation and Communication</b> GREK, SPAN   Two courses of instruction in the same foreign language. NOTE: May also be satisfied by approved language-intensive study-abroad experience in a non-English speaking country.		6
<b>Physical Well-being</b> (one course) KIN 1002   Concepts of Wellness KIN 2073   Health and Safety		2-3
<b>TOTAL Credit Hours in Online CORE Curriculum</b>		<b>50-51</b>

Observations and Rationale:

1. This proposal eliminates the Experiential Core category of requirements from the Ouachita Core Curriculum, but some of the same objectives will be accomplished through other means. For example, mandatory chapel will be replaced by activities designed to foster spiritual growth, such as posting videos of chapel or other religious services, posting weekly devotionals, and creating a prayer needs board. In lieu of the Arts Series, online students will take a second Fine Arts class. While this does add

two hours to the Online Core, it will slightly reduce the number of elective hours needed and increase junior-senior hours, which may help with degree plans and scheduling. The OBU Passport will not be required for graduation, though we may explore the possibility of making it available to online students on a voluntary basis.

2. The Analytic and Quantitative Reasoning Menu will not list the philosophy courses as general options because ACT scores will not be required for admission if the faculty adopts the proposed admission requirements. However, students who do submit acceptable ACT math scores may substitute *Introduction to Philosophy* for the math course. At this point there are no plans to offer *Logic* as an online course.

3. *Outdoor Leisure Pursuits* has been removed from the Physical Well-being Menu because of the difficulty of engaging online students in meaningful outdoor pursuits.

4. At this point we anticipate offering only Greek and Spanish to fulfill the Intercultural Appreciation and Communication menu. However, other languages may be considered if there is a demand for them.

5. For students pursuing the online B.A. in Christian Studies, the *Biblical Hermeneutics* course approved by the faculty in March will substitute for *Interpreting the Bible* in the Online Core Curriculum.