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Freshmen Community
Upon arrival at the University, freshmen enroll in special sections of introductory courses that encourage interdisciplinary study and reflection and, in most cases, satisfy university Core requirements. Since enrollment is limited, classes are small, allowing participants to work closely with their instructors and their fellow students.

In the fall, we explore ideals of justice and social order in the Classical and Christian traditions. Students take the following two courses:

- THEO 100 Theological Foundations 3
- PHIL 105 Intro to Phil: Self and Reality 3

These courses sections are co-taught and consist of only students participating in the MICAH program.

In the spring, we turn to social problems that hinder the realization of the ideals that we studied in the fall. Students take at least one of the following:

- ASTD 322 The Urban Crisis 3
- THEO 260 Christian Morality 3

And Micah freshmen who have not fulfilled their English writing core requirements take

- ENGL 190 Adv Strategies Rhetoric & Research 3

Companions Project
Students not affiliated with the Freshman Community may enter the program by attending Micah co-curricular activities, taking at least one course approved for the Certificate in Urban Social Analysis, and performing at least 30 hours of community service with us.

Certificate in Urban Social Analysis
The certificate, which is administered by the Micah Program, is open to all undergraduates at the University, regardless of their school or major. The requirements are:

- At least four terms (or their equivalent) of community service, averaging at least 30 hours per term.
- At least 18 hours of approved courses, of which no more than 6 hours may be at the 100 level
- MH 490, Senior Capstone*. The course must concentrate on the student’s area of specialization.

Coursework must include:

At least 3 hours in the following theoretical courses on the nature of justice:

- PHIL 105† Intro to Phil: Self and Reality 3
- PHIL 486 Catholic Social Thought 3
- THEO 100† Theological Foundations 3
- THEO 260† Christian Morality 3
- THEO 361 Social Justice 3

At least 3 hours in the following applied courses on American Cities:

- ASTD 320 Making the American City 3
- ASTD 322 The Urban Crisis 3
- ASTD 324 Workshop in the City 3
- ECON 410 Urban and Regional Economics 3
- ENGL 190 Adv Strategies Rhetoric & Research 3
- ENGL 195† Adv Writing Urban & Social Prob 3
- HIST 361 Civil Rights in America, 1865-1965 3
- POLS 309 Aldermanic Internship 3
- POLS 397 Metropolitan Environment 3
- POLS 425 Urban Classics 3
- PPS 200 Govt and Politics of City & Suburb 3
- PPS 408 Urban Issues: Poverty and Unemployment 3
- PPS 420 Urban Ecology: Communities and Neighborhoods 3
- PPS 426 Census and Neighborhood Analysis 3
- PPS 465 Urban Criminal Justice Policy 3
- PSY 433 Psychology of Oppression 3
- SOC 324 Urban Sociology 3
- SWRK 100 Fields of Action in Social Work 3

At least 6 hours in either Cycles of Exclusion area or Immigration and Globalization area:

Cycles of Exclusion
- AAM 200 Intro to African American Studies 3
- AAM 201 Contemporary Black America 3

Immigration and Globalization area:
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Courses taken to satisfy the requirements of the core or of a major or minor may also be counted toward the certificate. Courses, however, counted toward another certificate (such as African American Studies or Women's Studies) may not be included.

Students pursuing the track in Immigration and Globalization have the option to study for a semester in Latin America. Courses taken there on the history and culture of the region may be counted toward the 9 hours required in that track. As soon as possible (and no later than the term before taking MH 490), students concentrating on Immigration and Globalization must fulfill a prerequisite of 3 hours of college Spanish or its equivalent. Those opting to study abroad must satisfy that prerequisite before departing for Latin America. Language study does not count toward the 18 hours required for the certificate.

In unusual circumstances, students may (at the discretion of the Director) count relevant courses not listed above by contracting with the instructor to write a substantive paper related to urban problems or community service. Contracts must be approved no later than the fourth week of classes.

† Micah Sections Only

* The course must concentrate on the student's area of specialization.