

COURSES FOR BLOUNT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

BUI100 Convocation

FYC

Hours 1

Experiences to extend and complement the Blount Scholars Program foundation courses. May be repeated once for credit.

First-Year Compass

BUI101 Foundation I

HU

Hours 3

This course uses a survey of influential texts in philosophy, science, religion, political theory, and literature produced in the West over three millennia to provide students with an introductory practicum in the interpretation of texts, critical thinking, and integration of knowledge. Within this framework, students will explore the questions: What is truth? What are the various methods we use to determine truth? What does it mean to be human? What makes a person who they are? How can we create a society that works for all people? The goal of the course is to gain a fundamental knowledge of important ideas, values, and systems in place in the Western world and learn how to analyze them.

Prerequisite(s): Must be admitted to the Blount Scholars Program

Humanities

BUI102 Foundation II

SB

Hours 3

This course takes the ideas that were explored in BUI 101, such as the nature of truth and knowledge and the means by which humans search for them, the nature of the individual, the nature of society, and adds the concepts of justice, liberty, and equality in order to examine America as a social experiment in which these concepts are continually interpreted and reinterpreted. The concept of America is explored through many different voices and from insider and outsider perspectives. The texts include philosophy, poetry, novels, essays, short stories, songs, ethnohistory, and some that are difficult to categorize. The goal of this course is to learn about America's past so that we can determine how to move into the future.

Prerequisite(s): Must be admitted to the Blount Scholars Program

Social and Behavioral Sciences

BUI301 Thematic Seminar

SP

Hours 3

A text-centered examination of a more specific problem connected with core concepts of the first-year Foundations sequence and viewed through the methodological lens of one of the disciplines in the liberal arts. May be taken 3 times for credit.

Special Topics Course

BUI398 Blount Scholars Program Research Experience

EXP, SP

Hours 3

The student will work 10 hours per week with a research mentor. The student will either complete their own research project or contribute to an existing research project.

Prerequisite(s): BUI 101 and BUI 102

Experiential Learning, Special Topics Course

BUI399 Blount Scholars Program Internship

EXP, SP

Hours 3

The student will work 10 hours per week with an approved mentor/organization and complete several academic projects based on their work.

Prerequisite(s): Students must be in The Blount Scholars Program.

Experiential Learning, Special Topics Course

BUI401 Blount Capstone Worldviews

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Hours 3

Through the trope of sight-as-knowledge, the term worldview identifies any system of ideas, beliefs, and practices used by a particular group of people at a particular time in order to inhabit and understand the space they occupy and their lives within it. The concept of a worldview is intrinsically connected to the issues that structure the Blount first-year Foundations sequence, to wit, the nature of society, the nature of the individual, the nature of the regulatory mechanisms between the two, the nature of power in its various forms, and the concept of nature itself. The Capstone Worldviews course asks senior Blount students to explore some aspect of the concept of a worldview by undertaking a series of theoretical readings and developing a critical or creative project over the course of the semester.

Writing