

Integrative Core Curriculum (ICC)

The Integrative Core Curriculum (ICC) is a set of shared academic experiences for our undergraduate learners grounded in the values of Ithaca College: academic excellence, respect, accountability, innovation, sustainability, and equity. The program helps students develop integrative thinking, critical and analytical problem solving, and reflective learning.

Program Summary

Ithaca Seminar: A 4 credit interdisciplinary liberal arts course that supports the academic and social transition to Ithaca College ([ICSM](#)).

Perspective Courses: The ways humans view and interact with the world around them. Students complete at least one 3 to 4 credit course outside their major in each of the four following ICC-designated perspectives ([HM/CA/SC/SO](#)):

- **Humanities:** Understand the human experience by analyzing expressions of language, image, text, and culture.
- **Creative Arts:** Explore and analyze the methods and materials used in various kinds of art.
- **Natural Sciences:** Examine through scientific methods how humans interact with the natural and physical world.
- **Social Sciences:** Understand and analyze how social forces shape, predict, and determine human action.

Core Competencies: Foundational skills for responsible citizenship and professional success. Students complete at least one 3 to 4 credit course in each of the following ICC-designated competencies ([AW/DV/QL/WI](#)). These courses may be completed anywhere in a student's degree progress (major/minor/elective):

- **Academic Writing:** Provides the foundation for developing a recursive writing process.
- **Diversity:** Learn how diversity enriches society, explore why groups may hold different views on issues, and open your mind to views beyond your own.
- **Quantitative Literacy:** Develop the ability to investigate and interpret quantitative information.
- **Writing Intensive:** Develop and articulate content knowledge and critical thinking through frequent practice of informal and formal writing.

Capstone: Each student's opportunity to make connections across the entirety of their learning, explore how they achieved the stated [values](#) of Ithaca College, and synthesize their college experience. [An individual reflective artifact is required of all students prior to graduation and should be submitted during their ICC-designated Capstone course.](#) Students may satisfy the ICC Capstone expectation as either a stand-alone course or through an ICC-designated Capstone for their major program ([CP](#)).

Questions: If you have any questions about the ICC, please reach out to icc@ithaca.edu.

ICC Advising Reminders:

1. All students must complete the ICC program. It is a requirement of NY State and our Middle States accreditation.
2. Students should confirm using HOMER that the classes for which they are registering fulfill ICC requirements.
3. Students may not use their ICSM (Ithaca Seminar) to fulfill major or minor degree requirements.
4. Perspective courses (Creative Arts/Humanities/Natural Sciences/Social Sciences) may not be used to fulfill major requirements.
5. Competency requirements (Diversity/Quantitative Literacy/Writing Intensive) may be used to fulfill major or minor requirements.
6. Students pursuing a double major or dual degree only need to complete the ICC requirements for one of their major programs.
7. Students need to complete petition forms in order for their Study Abroad/Study Away courses to fulfill ICC requirements. They may find forms and instructions here:
<https://www.ithaca.edu/academics/integrative-core-curriculum/resources-students>
8. If you have questions about the ICC, please contact icc@ithaca.edu.

We are here to help!