Below is a summary of the course requirements of the New Core that goes into effect with the Class of 2015 (entering in Fall 2011). For more information, see http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/artsci/undergrad/new_core.html.

Note: under the New Core, AP credit cannot be used to fulfill a Core requirement (with the exception of Language and science), but can be used to fulfill requirements for the major.

2 Augustine and Culture Seminars: ACS 1000: Ancients and ACS 1001: Moderns
These seminars focus on the question: Who am I? The first seminar contains readings from Hebrew and Christian scriptures, Greek and Roman antiquity, Augustine, and the High Middle Ages and is dedicated to understanding the foundations of our shared intellectual tradition. The second seminar will address the question of identity with texts from the Renaissance to the modern era.

2 Theology courses: THL 1000: Christian Faith and Life and a second THL course (or courses offered by other departments when designated by the appropriate attribute)
The first course introduces students to theology as a discipline by examining the Bible and Christian literature of the post-biblical centuries. The second course (most in Theology) allows students to pick from a spectrum of courses; current courses are predominantly from the Christian tradition. Ideally, the second course is taken after the following “Foundational courses”: ACS 1000, ACS 1001, THL 1000, and PHI 1000

1 Philosophy Course: PHI 1000: Knowledge, Reality, Self
The core course will explore the philosophical responses to the questions of how we can know, what is real, and what is the nature of the human person.

1 Ethics course: ETH 2050: The Good Life: Ethics and Contemporary Moral Questions
Course will provide critical reflection on distinctive and viable visions of the moral life, with particular focus on Christian (especially Roman Catholic, Augustinian) accounts, and explore the significance of different visions though examination of various contemporary moral questions. Ideally taken after other “Foundational courses”, and by end of Junior year.

2 Language courses: Can be fulfilled in one of three ways: (1) Complete at Villanova two courses above the elementary level in French, German, Italian, Latin, Portuguese, or Spanish, or two courses at the elementary/introductory level in Arabic, Chinese, ancient Greek, Hindi-Urdu, Japanese, or Russian; (2) Pass a proficiency test or Credit-by-Examination offered by the Department of Romance Languages & Literatures (French, German, Italian, Portuguese, or Spanish), Classical Studies (Latin and Ancient Greek), and/or the Institute for Global & Interdisciplinary Studies (GIS; Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Japanese, Russian) at the levels above; or (3) attain a 4-5 score on the appropriate AP test.

1 Mathematics or Statistics course. for BIO majors, typically MAT 1310: Calculus for Life Sciences I (BIO majors also take MAT 1315: Calculus for Life Sciences II)

Special note for BIO students: An AP score of 4 or 5 on one of the Calculus exams will not exempt you from this requirement. Such students may take any course offered by the Department of Mathematical Science, although consider MAT 4310: Statistics and MAT 2705: Differential Equations, some MAT 5920: TOPIC courses (such as Medical Imaging), and/or courses in mathematical modeling, especially if you plan to go into Cognitive Science, Computational Biology, or Bioinformatics.

1 Literature and Writing Sophomore Seminar: Literature - Sophomore Writing Seminar
Most sections of the Sophomore Writing Seminar will be offered through the English Department. The course is scheduled to begin in the 2012-2013 academic year.

1 History course: Any course designed for the Core, as indicated in the attribute field.
Any history course specifically designated for the Core Curriculum fulfills the core requirement. These specifically designed courses, along with courses offered from other Departments designated by the appropriate attribute, fulfill the core history requirement.
2 Social Science courses: Any courses designed for Core, as indicated in the attribute field.
Courses designated by the appropriate attribute; includes Criminal Justice, Economics, Education, Gender and Women’s Studies, Geography and the Environment (some), Institute of Global Interdisciplinary Studies, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

1 Fine Arts course: Any course designed for the Core, as indicated in the attribute field.
Courses designated by the appropriate attribute; includes Criminal Justice, Economics, Education, Gender and Women’s Studies, Geography and the Environment (some), Institute of Global Interdisciplinary Studies, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

2 Core Science courses each with a lab: Fulfilled many times over in BIO curriculum!

Other requirements fulfilled in conjunction with other courses in major or Core

- **Writing**: 2 BIO courses in addition to other courses taken in the Core Curriculum
  Six Core courses will especially emphasize writing with drafts and opportunity for revision - ACS 1000 and 1001, PHI 1000, THL 1000, and ETH 2050, Literature and Writing Sophomore Seminar. In addition, all Biology majors will complete one BIO “Research” course (numbered 3000 or higher and designated as such) and the BIO “Capstone” course, each of which will have a writing component.

- **Diversity**: 2 courses with “Diversity” attribute, one in each of two of three areas:
  Diversity 1: Courses that focus on dominant groups, minority groups, or impoverished groups in the United States and/or minorities/“marginalized” people in Western Europe
  Diversity 2: Courses that provide a focus on women’s experiences and/or highlight the relationship between gender and culture
  Diversity 3: Courses that provide a focus on the culture, economics, politics or ecology of societies and nations other than those of Europe and the United States
  Service learning courses, internships, and other experiential courses may be applied toward this requirement, provided they include a significant reflective component just as traditional diversity courses do, and are pre-approved. Study abroad courses may also be applied toward this requirement; such courses will be assessed the same way as courses at Villanova.

**NOTES:**
1. A student may not use a single course to fulfill more than one category of the diversity requirement.
2. The diversity requirement cannot be fulfilled by independent study or a senior thesis.
3. Language courses cannot fulfill the requirement, although literature courses in a foreign language can fulfill the requirement provided they focus on appropriate material.
4. A student may take 1-credit workshops provided they meet the above stated requirements of a total of 3 credits in two of the Diversity categories.
5. The spirit of the diversity requirement calls for students to select courses that will broaden their education. The Core Diversity Committee believes it is ultimately the student’s responsibility to select courses to achieve this goal.