

Core

Core courses are interdisciplinary, thematic courses designed to acquaint Whitworth students with historical forces that have shaped our patterns of thinking, defined our value commitments, and created the options of behavior and decision-making open to us today. All students are required to take Core 150 (The Judeo-Christian Tradition), Core 250 (The Rationalist Tradition), and Core 350 (The Scientific Tradition) as part of the general graduation requirements.

CO 150 Western Civilization I: The Judeo-Christian Tradition 4

A foundational course on Western Civilization with special emphasis on the Jewish-Christian tradition. Core 150 explores the diverse worldviews of the major world religions, the Bible, Western church history, and modern secular society. The course challenges students as they form their own worldviews. Fall and spring semesters.

CO 250 Western Civilization II: The Rationalist Tradition 4

Core 250 is a study of the origins and development of classical humanism and its challenges and meaning in the world today. Students explore philosophy, literature, history, and the continuing impact of ancient Greece, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance and the Enlightenment, as well as 19th- and 20th-century challenges to rationalism and humanism. Fall and spring semesters and summer.

CO 350 Western Civilization III: The Scientific Tradition 4

An exploration of the cultural, philosophical and intellectual contexts from which modern Western science emerged. Core 350 is also a study of the subsequent development of scientific methodology and the concomitant changes in the perception of the natural, material world, and of the social, environmental and moral consequences of science and technology in contemporary society. Prerequisite: completion of the general education natural science requirement. Fall and spring semesters.