

# CORE: Bridging Theory & Real-World Application

COURSE CATALOG | MONICA CLOSE

## THE REALITY

### APPLIANCE MANUAL



Translating Curriculum from Monotony to Compelling Stories



The Journey within the Syllabus: Your Curriculum is a Toolkit for the Real World.



This Toolkit is a roadmap to a Potential Student's 10-year career plan.



Moving from "What we offer" to "Who you will become"

## THE VISION

### THE HERO'S JOURNEY



**The Student's:**  
The Student (ambitious but untested).



**The Call to Adventure:**  
The complex global challenges of theirs and the next generations future



**The Mentor:**  
Our Faculty and Curriculum (the guides).



**The Blaze:**  
The "Aha!" moment where theory meets practice.



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## From Core Courses to Career Competencies

### Stage 1: Foundational Skills



#### Mathematics → Critical Thinking & Digital Technology

Develops quantitative reasoning and data-informed decision-making across industries.

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#### Writing → Communication

Builds clarity, persuasion, and the ability to articulate complex ideas effectively.

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### Stage 2: Human & Ethical Context



#### Citizenship → Equity & Inclusion

Prepares students to lead diverse teams and navigate civic and legal systems.

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#### Humanities → Professionalism & Ethics

Cultivates emotional intelligence, integrity, and ethical decision-making.

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### Stage 3: Applied & Collaborative Skills



#### STEM → Problem Solving & Tech Agility

Encourages structured innovation and adaptability to emerging technologies.

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#### Social Sciences → Teamwork & Leadership

Explores human behavior to support collaboration and organizational effectiveness.

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**CAREER-READY GRADUATE WITH TRANSFERABLE, EMPLOYER-VALUED COMPETENCIES**

# COMING SOON 2030

## CORE Curriculum Career Competency Pop-Up

### ADD RELATED COURSES TO YOUR PROGRAM

The development of this interactive core curriculum for the VSU catalog equips students with a clear roadmap that enhances their relevance and prospects for the future.

### CORE IMPACTS

Institutional Priority

**Mathematics & Quantitative Skills**

**Political Science & U.S. History**

**Arts, Humanities & Ethics**

**Communicating in Writing**

**Technology, Mathematics, & Sciences**

**Social Sciences**



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