4 Categories of Course Requirements for Degree Completion

1. **MU's Core Curriculum (MCC) – 30 credits in three tiers:**
   a. **Foundational Courses** in the first two years emphasize the foundations of Jesuit education and allow students to address 21st century questions.
   b. **Discovery Courses** in the second, third and fourth years consist of interconnected coursework from multiple disciplines that draw upon the foundational courses to address a common theme or problem.
   c. **Culminating Experience** completed in the third or fourth year provides students with an experiential learning opportunity that applies core learning in a disciplinary context.

2. **Cognates:** Foundational courses that are prerequisites for major courses, vary by major. For health sciences majors, cognates may include general biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, etc.

3. **General Electives:** Opportunity to take courses that are prerequisites for graduate/professional school; for “personal interest,” such as Photography or African Dance; study abroad courses; or to complete a second major or minor(s), such as:
   - Spanish for the Professions – Health Professions Track (major and minor)
   - Business Administration, Human Resources, Marketing, etc. (6 minors)
   - Health Studies (minor)
   - Psychology (major and minor)
   - Interdisciplinary majors and/or minors in Family Studies; Ethics; Gender and Sexualities Studies, etc.

4. **Major: 30-68 credits depending on major** – each of the four majors in CHS has its own “introduction to the major” course in the first semester freshman year, which helps ensure a given major is the right fit for you.