## The Common Curriculum...

**First-Year/Honors Preceptorial** engages you in the exploration of ideas and diverse perspectives through critical reading, thinking, and writing.

**Sophomore/Scholars Research Seminar** ensures you have an early hands-on experience thinking and working as an academic researcher devoted to a term-length project.

**Arts and Humanities** enables you to find yourself and your voice in creative expression and the exploration of works of the imagination.

**Literature** expands the moral imagination needed to understand yourself and your fellow human beings through literary analysis, interpretation, and reflection.

**Social Sciences** confront you with the complexity and challenges of our world by analyzing the societies we create.

**Natural Sciences (with Lab)** changes the way you think about the natural world when you understood the scientific method and put it to work.

**Science, Engineering, and Technology** introduces you to Union’s unique commitment to teaching Science and Engineering as Liberal Arts and examining their impact on our humanity.

**Quantitative and Mathematical Reasoning** equips you with unique insights and skills necessary to solve complex problems.

**Language and Culture Courses** empower you as a citizen of a global community to contribute across cultural boundaries and shape our shared future.

## Our Big Picture Goals...

The Common Curriculum aims to challenge your intellect, open your mind to new perspectives and ways of thinking, teach academic skills, and prepare you to engage life beyond Union:

- The diverse subjects and disciplines examined in the Common Curriculum help you appreciate the breadth and complexity of human knowledge for its own sake.
- The Common Curriculum trains your mind to be flexible and adaptable by engaging ideas and subjects beyond just your major or a focus on job/career-preparation.
- Common Curriculum courses teach practical skills in critical thinking, the construction of evidence-based analyses and arguments, and the ability to communicate effectively in writing and in person.
- The Liberal Arts explored in the Common Curriculum encourage you to ask big questions about humanity, about life, ethics, and meaning.

## Your Experiences and Ideas...

Thinking about the last three years at Union, how have your experiences in the Common Curriculum made a positive impact on your learning?

If you could **ADD one thing** that would make general education at Union College truly unique and meaningful, what would that be?