

**COMMON CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT**  
**STUDENT REFLECTIVE RESPONSE – MOCK-UP Class of 2017**

**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 understand 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?*