



From now through August, you'll receive the weekly New Raider News newsletter, with all the information you need to know as an incoming student. You'll get reminders about next steps and tips to prepare for life on campus. Come fall, you'll be ready.

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## Integrative Core

The **Integrative Core** is a program designed help you develop the ability to think across different disciplines, contexts, and cultures. The Integrative Core has 5 components: First Year Seminar (FYS), Foundations courses, Written and Oral Communication Portfolio, Explorations courses, and your senior Capstone course. Learn more about each of these below.

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## First Year Seminar

You will take a First Year Seminar (FYS) course during your first semester on campus. The FYS is a 4-credit college course that will help you adjust to academic expectations in college. FYS courses are theme based and while attending Preview, Preview Guides will assist you in identifying which FYS topics you are most interested in taking. Additionally, the faculty member who teaches your FYS will be your academic advisor for your first semester on campus.

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## Foundations Courses

**Foundations Courses** (HANS) focus on four majors areas of human knowledge - humanities, fine arts, natural sciences, and social sciences. These courses develop the writing and speaking skills you start in FYS and provide you with a lens to explore different fields to think critically about the past, present, and future. As a reminder, **Foundations courses are designated by**

**the letter following the course code:** e.g. PSY 110S

H - Humanities  
A - Fine Art  
N - Natural Science  
S - Social Science

Foundations courses should be taken across multiple semesters and be completed no later than the end of your fourth semester.

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## WOC Portfolio

After the completion of your FYS and Foundations courses, you are expected to submit your Written and Oral Communication (**WOC**) Portfolio. The WOC portfolio provides you and the faculty with the opportunity to gauge your writing and speaking skills to make sure you are on the right track as employers seek candidates who possess solid communication skills. The best way to build your communication confidence is to practice!

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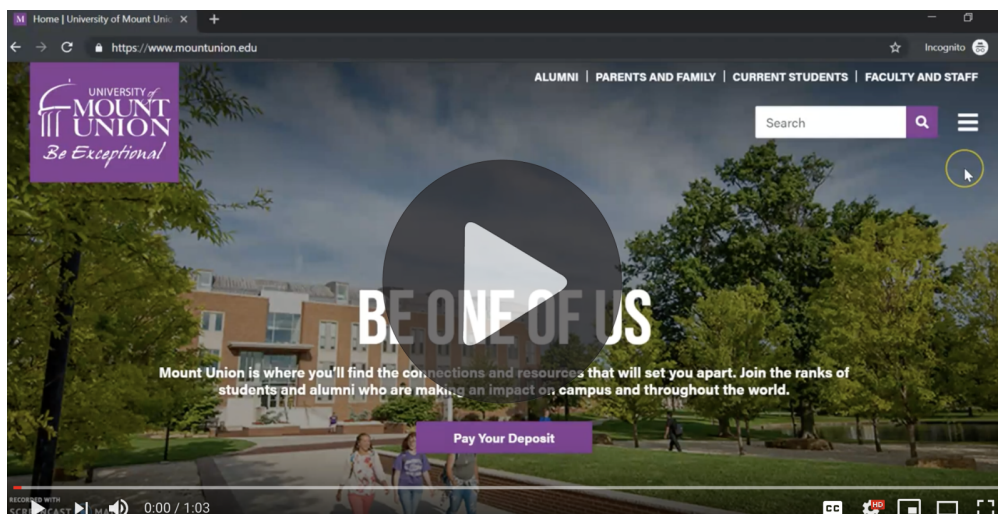
## Explorations and Capstone

Explorations Courses are divided into two categories, "Values and Reasoning" and "Diversity and Global Learning." **These courses are also letter-designated (V and G):** e.g. ENG 215V. Explorations Courses help you integrate ideas, methods, and perspectives from different fields. Once you complete one Explorations V course and one Explorations G Course, you move on to your senior **Capstone course**. In the Capstone, you will work with fellow students to address a community-based, real-world issue.

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## How To: IT Training

Check out a video that the Office Information Technology has put together on how to access Brightspace (D2L) to view your courses and access tools that will help you succeed as a Purple Raider.



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Make sure to complete and submit all required Business Affairs forms located on the Payment Checklist.

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