

Academic Offerings

This section contains descriptions of programs, majors, minors, areas of concentration, fields of specialization, and courses. Semesters following course titles indicate when each course is normally offered. On rare occasions, a course may not be available when indicated because of low enrollment or unexpected staffing changes.

Courses listed as Fall Odd and Spring Even are scheduled to be offered during the 2011-2012 academic year. i.e., fall 2011-2012 is Fall Odd, spring 2011-2012 is Spring Even.

Kuyper Scholars Program

The Kuyper Scholars Program (KSP) is designed for highly motivated and academically gifted students who are seeking scholarly challenges beyond and throughout the regular curriculum. A program in Christian scholarship, it emphasizes interdisciplinary work and seminar participation and leadership. The Kuyper Scholars Program seeks not only to prepare, for Kingdom service, those students who are gifted as potential leaders in the Christian community and the rest of the world, but also to advance the academic atmosphere for all students and faculty at Dordt College. The Kuyper Scholars Program is co-directed by Dr. Mary Dengler and Dr. Carl Fictorie in consultation with a committee.

Admission to the Program Student admission into the Kuyper Scholars Program depends on an entrance essay, letters of recommendation, and demonstrated academic ability. (For new freshmen, academic ability is demonstrated by letters of recommendation, a composite ACT score of 28 or higher, and a cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.50. For students with at least one semester of college work, requirements include two letters of recommendation from college faculty, a committee-approved academic record, and a GPA of at least 3.25.) Of primary importance are the entrance essay and letters of recommendation; these must demonstrate the student's character and potential for academic excellence in the pursuit of serviceable insight in the area of Christian scholarship. Interested freshman students should apply through the college admissions office. Students with a semester of college work should contact a Kuyper Scholars Program co-director.

Retention Retention in the program is based on the following criteria:

- Maintaining a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA
- Enrollment each semester in KSP 110, 120, or 220
- Completion of KSP 151 by the end of the freshman year. Completion of at least one Scholars Contract or Project by the end of the sophomore year. Completion of at least three Scholars Contracts or Projects by the end of the junior year.

Course Requirements – Kuyper Scholars Program General Minor–

One four-credit lab based science course as part of the natural science core program requirement.

Mathematics 131 or a mathematics course numbered 151 or higher.

A minimum of 18 KSP credits as follows:

- KSP 151 (4 credits)
- One credit each from KSP 110, 120, 220, plus one additional credit from 110, 120, or 220 (4 credits)
- Eight credits from KSP 291-293 (Scholars Contracts). For contracts, both the additional credits for the contract (two credits minimum) and the credits from the course tied to the contract are considered KSP credits.
- Two credits from KSP 381-386 or KSP 391-396 (Group and Individual Scholars Projects).

Designated scholars courses and projects are open to all students in good academic standing on a credit-by-credit basis when prerequisites have been met. Students may submit a project proposal to a KSP co-director (generally from one to three credits). The proposal must include a recommendation from the faculty member who would supervise the project.

- 110 **Scholars Events (.25)**..... Fall, Spring
 Students must attend and report on (in writing) two on- or off-campus events such as guest lectures. Attendance includes both the actual event and any arranged scholars activities (dinners, small group discussions, etc.) related to the event. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: admission to the KSP.
- 120 **Scholars Seminar I (.25)**..... Fall, Spring
 Students must participate in two scholars seminars, where students present their group and individual projects to the campus community (see KSP 381-386 and KSP 391-396). Participation includes attending the presentation and the related small-group discussions and reflection. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: admission to the KSP.
- 151 **Rhetoric and Christian Scholarship (4)**..... Fall
 An accelerated introduction to college writing, research, and speaking and listening skills, and an introduction to the requirements and expectations of the KSP. Substitutes for English 101 and Communication 110 in the GEP. Prerequisite: admission to the KSP or an English ACT of 30 and permission of instructor.
- 220 **Scholars Seminar II (.5)**..... Fall, Spring
 Students lead one small-group discussion of scholars events (KSP 110) or scholars seminars (KSP 120). Students read the speaker's presentation in advance, do background research, prepare a written response to the presentation to be shared at the seminar, and lead a small-group discussion following the presentation. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: KSP 110 or 120; admission to the KSP.
- 291- **Scholars Contracts (1-3)**..... Fall, Spring
 293 Connected to a regularly offered course, this course allows more in-depth researching, writing, performance, etc. assigned by the instructor. Students must meet all the objectives of the regularly scheduled course as well as the work associated with the additional credit.
- 381- **Group Scholars Projects (1-6)**..... Fall, Spring
 386 Open to students in the KSP or by permission of the KSP director and instructor. Scholars projects include a presentation to the college community at a scholar's seminar (KSP 120). Group scholars projects are not tied to existing courses.
- 391- **Individual Scholars Projects (1-6)**..... Fall, Spring
 396 Open to students in the KSP or by permission of the KSP director and instructor. Scholars projects include a presentation to the college community at a scholars seminar (KSP 120.) Individual scholars projects are not tied to existing courses.

Latin

- 101 **Elementary Latin I (4)**..... Fall Even
 An introductory study of the language through which students are taught how to understand and translate Latin prose and poetry, while becoming familiar with Latin grammar and syntax. The course will also focus on vocabulary acquisition, features of Roman history, life, and culture, as well as the nature of the impact of Latin on the English language.

- 102 **Elementary Latin II (3)**Spring Odd
Continuation of Latin 101. Prerequisite: Latin 101 or one year of high school Latin with permission from the instructor.
- 201 **Intermediate Latin I (3)**Fall Odd
Students will further a foundational understanding of verb conjugations and noun and adjective declensions, expand their Latin vocabulary, develop an understanding of Latin grammar, and sharpen Latin reading skills in the areas of classical prose and poetry. Prerequisite: Latin 102 or two years of high school Latin with permission from the instructor.
- 391- **Individual Studies (1-3)**Fall, Spring, Summer
393 See page 161, Individual Studies