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## Common Core Courses

Opportunities for students and faculty to develop common knowledge and shared experiences are a key component of a Duke Kunshan education. These experiences ensure that, as Columbia University professor Andrew Delbanco has written, "no student is a complete stranger to any other." One dimension of this commonality is a set of core courses that focus on big questions, critical challenges, and issues with which every student should engage.

The Duke Kunshan University Common Core courses engage critical thinking skills and draw on experiences beyond the classroom. These courses integrate humanistic and scientific knowledge as a pre-requisite for understanding what our challenges are and a means for addressing them. Common Core courses also provide guided practice in writing, speaking, and listening for non-specialist audiences throughout the first three years. Students take these courses one per