

# THE CARLOW COMPASS

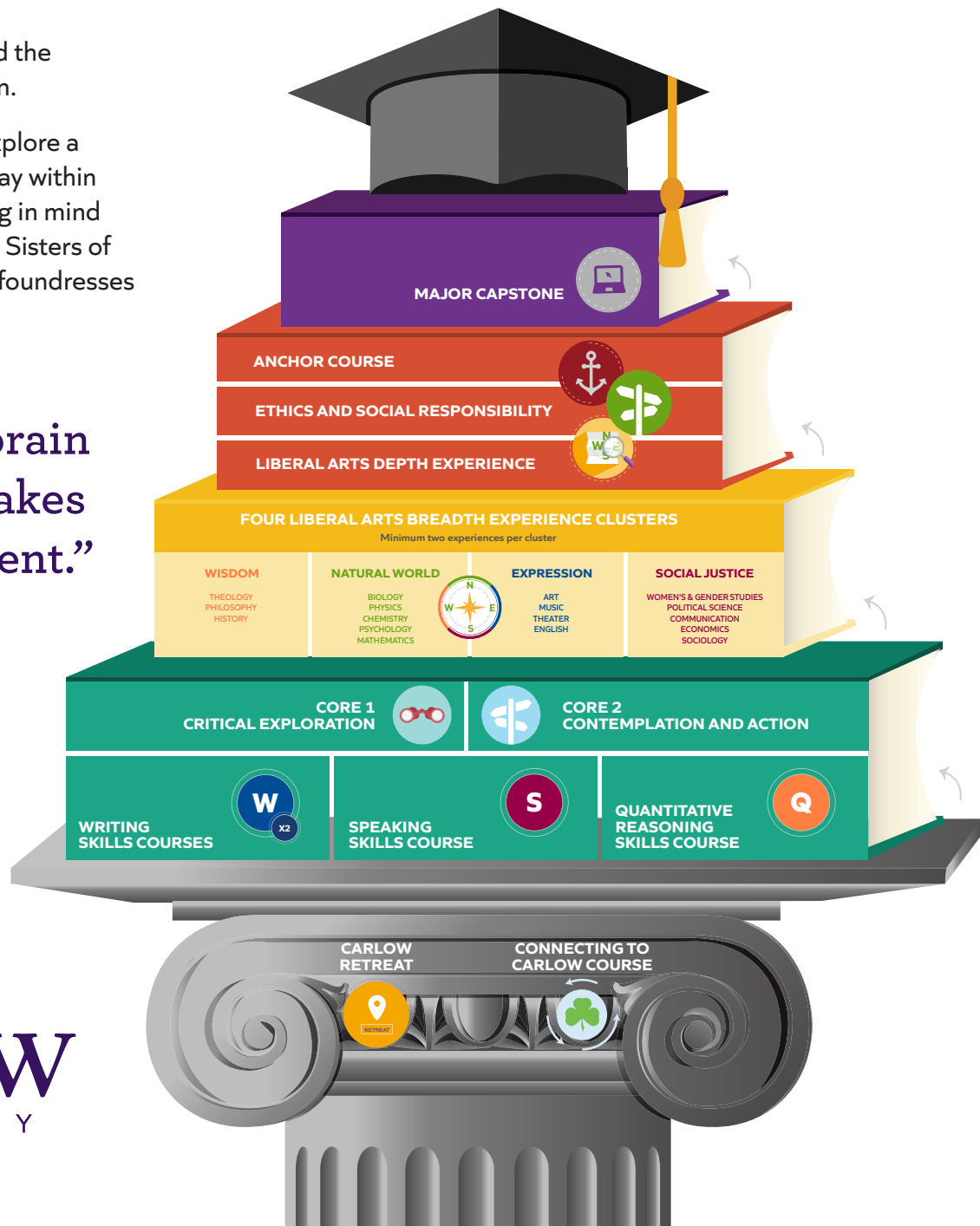
## INNOVATIVE GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

- + Innovative core curriculum design immerses students in the liberal arts.
- + Critical exploration of offerings like Robot Ethics; Texting: Language or Laziness; Creative Problem Solving; and Stairway to Heaven: God and Rock.
- + Emphasizes career-readiness and ethical leadership.
- + Rooted in the liberal arts and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition.
- + Designed to navigate and explore a student's educational pathway within their course of study, keeping in mind the mission and vision of the Sisters of Mercy from Carlow, Ireland, foundresses of Carlow University.



“Liberal arts is brain practice. It makes your brain resilient.”

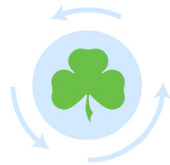
—Lou Boyle, PhD,  
professor of English



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## RETREAT



## CONNECTING TO CARLOW

This course is designed to help students navigate their career at Carlow. It is infused with important elements of career-readiness and provides an introduction to the liberal arts.



## FOUR SKILLS COURSES

Students will complete two writing (W) skills courses, one speaking (S) skills course, and one quantitative reasoning (Q) skills course.



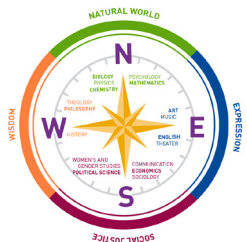
## CRITICAL EXPLORATION

Explores a "hot topic" or important social issue and builds foundational critical thinking.



## CONTEMPLATION AND ACTION

Focused on many manifestations of service in life, the Contemplation and Action course introduces students to the service tradition of the Sisters of Mercy and Carlow. This course serves as the first building block of the "Just and Merciful World" part of the Compass Curriculum, which will be further strengthened when students take an upper-level Service-Learning or Social Responsibility course.



## FOUR LIBERAL ARTS BREADTH EXPERIENCE CLUSTERS

**NATURAL WORLD • EXPRESSION • SOCIAL JUSTICE • WISDOM**

Minimum two experiences per cluster



## LIBERAL ARTS DEPTH EXPERIENCE

One upper-level course outside of students' majors in a discipline in which they've already completed one breadth experience course.



## ETHICS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY EXPERIENCE

Can either be a Service-Learning or Social Responsibility course. Can be taken at any time after Contemplation and Action course is completed.



## ANCHOR COURSE

A synthesis course where students connect the liberal arts to their major and engage in assignments that incorporate multiple liberal arts perspectives.



## MAJOR CAPSTONE

Capstone experience within a major that will draw from all the core competencies.