

# Helping Current Students Make the Transition to the New Core A Guide for Advisors Spring 2012

The new University Core Curriculum will go into effect in Fall 2013.

- At that time <u>all</u> students who have not completed the current Core will be moved to the new Core. Please note that this is unlike the approach typically taken when students' major requirements are changed: students will not have the option of continuing under the old requirements.
- We are following a "do no harm" principle throughout this transition. Students' previous Core
  coursework will be generously counted towards fulfilling new Core requirements. Students
  will not need to take more courses in the new Core in order to graduate than they
  would have needed to take under the old Core.

This table summarizes how current Core courses will be used to fulfill requirements in the new Core. Please note that these courses are not being treated as "equivalent" courses, but as "substitutions." In some cases the content and goals of the old and new courses are quite different, but that flexibility is necessary in order to help students make the transition to the new curriculum without being penalized. These substitutions will be automatically reflected on students' program evaluations in Spring 2013 in time for 13FQ advising.

# **Core Course Substitution Guide**

Note: No course can count more than once towards the new Core

Module	Current Core Course	Substitute to	New Course Title
1	ENGL-110	UCOR-1100	Academic Writing Seminar
1	MATH-107, MATH-108, MATH-110, MATH- 118, MATH-120, MATH-130, MATH-131 MATH-134, MATH-141	UCOR-1200	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning
1	Core Fine Arts, ENGL-120	UCOR-1300	Creative Expression and Interpretation
1	ENGL-120, HIST-120 or 121, PHIL-110	UCOR-1400	Inquiry Seminar in the Humanities
1	Social Science I	UCOR-1600	Inquiry Seminar in the Social Sciences
1	Core Lab Science	UCOR-1800	Inquiry Seminar in the Natural Sciences
2	ALL THRS-200 COURSES	UCOR-2100	Theological Exploration
2	PHIL-220, PHIL-210	UCOR-2500	Philosophy of the Human Person
2	BETH-351, PHIL-345, PHIL-351, PHIL-352, PHIL-353, PHIL-354, PHIL-358, THRS-325	UCOR-2900	Ethical Reasoning
3	ALL THRS-300 courses, ANTH-304	UCOR-3100	Religion in a Global Context
3	HIST-120 or 121, PHIL-110, Interdisciplinary	UCOR-3400	Humanities and Global Challenges
3	Social Science II	UCOR-3600	Social Sciences and Global Challenges
3	HIST-120 or 121, PHIL-110, Interdisciplinary	UCOR-3800	Natural Sciences and Global Challenges

**Getting Help:** While the substitutions listed in the table on page 1 should address most situations without need for action by students or their advisors, there will undoubtedly be unique cases that require individual attention. If you are advising students who need some kind of adjustment or who wish to appeal how their courses are being counted, please refer them to their college/school's Core transition point person:

College of Arts and Sciences: Kate Elias, A&S Advising Center – Casey 1W
College of Science and Engineering: Mara Rempe, S&E Advising Center-ENGR 300
College of Nursing: Rita Tower, Nursing Advisor, Garrand 203

Albers School of Business and Economics: Dhorea Brown, Albers Advising Cntr.- Pigott 318

Matteo Ricci College: Mary Ragen – Casey 1E

Premajor: Joelle Pretty, Premajor Studies, BELL 113

The college point persons can make some adjustments in how students' courses count towards the new Core. Students with more complex issues or who wish to appeal college decisions should contact the University Core office, where their situations will be reviewed by the Core Director for a final decision.

# Watch List: Issues and questions that are likely to come up

- No course may count more than once towards the new Core.
- HIST 120 & 121: Only one of these courses may count towards the new Core. A&S students who take both will have the first course they take count towards Core and the second towards the A&S college requirements.
- College and school requirements are not being changed by the implementation of the new Core. For example, A&S students will continue to be required to study a foreign language.
- For most programs there are fewer courses in the new Core than in the old Core.
- If a student has taken current Core courses that satisfy <u>any</u> two of the Global Challenges courses those requirements are considered fulfilled. However, this may not be accurately reflected on the students' program evaluations because of their major (the new Core requires students to complete the two Global Challenge courses outside of their major area). Please help your students look out for this issue and seek help to have it adjusted. The student should contact their college/school point person to have this adjustment made in their program evaluation.
- The automatic rollover may not always place courses that can count in multiple categories
  exactly where the student wants them, and some adjustments can be made. This is most likely
  in the Global Challenges courses. Example: A science student's old Core Interdisciplinary course
  is listed as fulfilling their Humanities & Global Challenges course, leaving the Social Sciences &
  Global Challenges requirement unfulfilled. If the student would rather take a Humanities course
  and use the Interdisciplinary course to satisfy the Social Sciences requirement, the course can be
  moved. Contact the college/school point person to make this change.
- Students who have completed a Social Science II in the old Core but have not taken a Social Science I may choose to use the Social Science II to satisfy UCOR 1600: Inquiry Seminar in the Social Science and then take UCOR 3600: Social Sciences and Global Challenges course under the new Core. See placement on Program Evaluation and contact college point person for changes.

## Time Line:

Spring 2012 Information on Core transition available

Fall 2012 Course descriptions for UCOR courses published on Core web site

April 2013 Students will see new Core requirements reflected on Program Evaluation Fall 2013 New Core in effect for all Core students (all UG except MRC and U. Honors)

## **More Information:**

Core web site: www.seattleu.edu/Core

Core contacts: core@seattleu.edu, 398-4601 or 296-5342