Core and an Earth & Environment Major

Core is a community of faculty and students who value ideas and who share an ongoing conversation about the texts, inventions and discoveries that have shaped our world.

In Core, majors and faculty from philosophy, earth sciences, biology, political science, religion, and a rich variety of other disciplines come together in small discussion classes, capped at 16 students, to examine the most fundamental questions of human life. Students learn to think beyond the boundaries of any particular discipline and develop the perspective necessary for creative and innovative thought.

**Core focuses on the connections** between the Humanities, the Social Sciences and the Natural Sciences, allowing Earth & Environment majors to examine the views which different disciplines take of our relation to our natural and cultural environment.

>> **CC 101**, for example, looks at the relation of the individual, the city, and the "wilderness" in Mesopotamia, the Hebrew Bible, and Classical Greek literature and philosophy. **CC 102** examines the relation of human beings and nature in authors as diverse as Aristotle, Confucius, Laozi and Dante and compares these views to a social science view of how, historically, different societies have treated questions of diversity.

>> **CC 112 and 211**, the Core Social Sciences, examine foundational works that treat questions such as human beings' "natural" condition; the role of culture, religion, power and economics in human society; and the development of statistics and its influence on modern approaches to the study of human behavior.

Students generally take CC 101 and CC 102 in their first year; however, as long as the Humanities courses are taken in order, Core classes can be taken at any time during your BU career.

**Students who complete Core have “Completed the Interdisciplinary Core Curriculum in Arts and Sciences” recorded on their official Boston University transcript.** Students who complete the Core Curriculum with a grade of at least B+ in their Core classes are eligible for Core Honors.

**Core, Hub requirements, and your schedule**

Since Core satisfies your Hub general education requirements there is plenty of room to complete the program. Students who take all of Core fulfill all Hub and Writing requirements. For example:

- CC 101 gives Hub credit for Global Citizenship, Aesthetic Exploration, and Creativity / Innovation.
- CC 102 gives WR 120 credit and credit for Oral / Signed Communication.
- CC 112 and 211 give Hub credit for Social Inquiry I and II as well as Global Citizenship, Historical Consciousness, Critical Thinking and a Writing Intensive course.

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Whenever you’re on campus, please feel free to stop by the Core Office for a visit. **We’re in CAS 119, 685 Commonwealth Ave, by the Tsai Auditorium, near the GSU.**