Core and a Philosophy Major

Core classes are conducted as seminars, **capped at 16 students**, led by full-time faculty. Core students form a close relation with faculty and other students both in class and in extra-curricular activities, while developing the skills necessary for success in upper-level seminars in their major.

**Core Humanities** provides an invaluable context for the study of Philosophy by locating the study of philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Nietzsche and Kant within a broad historical overview of literature, art and music from Mesopotamia to 20th c. Europe and America. Core also explores works such as Confucius’ Analects, the Daodejing, and the Bhagavad-Gita as a contrast to the perspectives of the Western tradition.

**Core Social Sciences** furthers this study through a reading of seminal authors such as Thucydides, Ibn Khaldun, Locke, Hobbes, Adam Smith, Tocqueville, William James and Marx.

Finally, **Core Natural Science** studies the natural world in light of questions about the human relation to nature raised in Core Humanities and Social Sciences.

Students typically take CC 101 and 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 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 alongside your major requirements. Students who take all of Core **fulfill all Hub and Writing requirements**. For example:

- CC 101 gives Hub credit for Aesthetic Exploration, Global Citizenship, and Creativity / Innovation.
- CC 102 gives WR 120 credit.
- CC 111 and 212 give Hub credit for Scientific Inquiry I and II and Quantitative Reasoning I and II, as well as for Teamwork / Collaboration and Critical Thinking.
- 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.
- Philosophy majors who complete all four Core Humanities courses (CC 101, CC 102, CC 201, and CC 202) receive credit for PH 150 or PH 155; and CC 112 and CC 211 give credit for either PH 253 or PH 254.

**For students pursuing a double major.** Core classes can be a valuable asset. Find our factsheet about equivalencies at [www.bu.edu/core/about/factsheets](http://www.bu.edu/core/about/factsheets) to learn how Core courses count toward credit in particular majors.

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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.