Core and an Economics Major

Core classes are conducted as seminars capped at 15 students, led by full-time faculty. Core students form a close relation with faculty and other students both in class and in optional extra-curricular activities, a particularly valuable asset for students in a large, demanding major such as Economics.

>> The Core Humanities courses provide Economics students with a fascinating overview of how different societies, in both the Western world and Asia, have expressed themselves in art, literature, philosophy, and music. Students examine and compare different understandings of the place of wealth in human life and the relation of wealth and poverty to basic human values.

>> The Core Social Sciences, CC 112 and 211, is invaluable for Social Science majors as it studies the foundations, development and interrelation of the various social sciences, while examining such crucial thinkers as Herodotus, Ibn Khaldun, Hobbes, Adam Smith, Tocqueville, Marx, Weber, Durkheim and Evans-Pritchard.

>> Finally, the Core Natural Sciences—CC 111, Origins, and CC 212, which studies relativity, quantum theory and neuroscience—complement the social sciences and humanities classes by considering not only the natural world and our relation to it, but also how human beings' relation to nature is interconnected with human culture.

Core offers additional opportunities for achievement, as well:

- Students may complete a Minor in Core Liberal Arts & Sciences by completing just the CC 101 & 102 sequence, along with any other four Core courses.
- Students who complete Core with a grade of at least B+ in each of their Core classes are eligible to apply for Core Honors.
- Students who complete Core are acknowledged with an official annotation on their BU transcript, reading: “Completed the Interdisciplinary Core Curriculum in Arts & Sciences.”

Core and your schedule

Since Core satisfies 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, including Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning. For example:

- CC 101 gives Hub credit for Aesthetic Exploration, Global Citizenship, and Creativity / Innovation, while CC 102 gives WR 120 credit and credit for Oral / Signed Communication.
- CC 111 and 212 give Scientific Inquiry I and II and Quantitative Reasoning I and II as well as Teamwork / Collaboration and Critical Thinking.

For students pursuing a double major, the course credit earned in Core can be a valuable asset. Visit www.bu.edu/core/hub/core-and-your-major to learn which Core classes can give you credit for required courses toward 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 Room 119, at 685 Commonwealth Avenue, adjacent to Tsai Auditorium.