

Core Curriculum Talking Points for **Campus Tour Guides**

Since Core began over thirty years ago, the work of student tour leaders has been essential for the success of our program. You are our emissaries! Thanks to the information you provide to prospective students and their families, our incoming classes arrive for the start of the fall semester that much more informed, energized, and ready for everything BU has to offer.

For your reference, we've compiled this list of talking points which anticipate the most commonly asked questions we receive from students:

- **CORE SATISFIES HUB REQUIREMENTS.** Core will satisfy almost all Hub requirements and all writing requirements. Go to bu.edu/core/academics for more info.
- **WHO TAKES CORE?** Core students are drawn to the idea of a liberal arts education. We study some of the most important works of literature, philosophy, art and the social sciences, and essential ideas and discoveries of the natural sciences.
- **CORE DEMOGRAPHICS.** Core discussions are seminars, capped at 16 students each. They are led by full-time faculty who come to Core from departments across CAS. **Students in any major and in any school or college may take Core courses, and students in Core classes represent every program of study in CAS.** Most students take Core classes in their first and second years. Other students elect to spread the program out over four years. Even seniors take Core!
- **CORE IS FLEXIBLE.** Some students **take all of Core and receive a Core Minor (6 courses)**, while other students **take only a few Core classes** to satisfy Hub requirements, to experience a small class format, or as a way to explore different fields of study that may lead to a major. In addition, Core classes carry credit for certain majors.
- **CORE COMMUNITY.** Core has a close community feel; some call it a “college within the college.” Beyond the classroom, Core students experience programs at museums and arts performances; they have the opportunity to participate in trips to New York, Florence, and Athens; they publish an annual literary journal; and in numerous other ways they combine academic learning and social life. Popular weekly events include Core Tea on Fridays and a weekly discussion salon hosted by the Core SAO undergraduate association, Word & Way.
- **ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES.** Students who satisfy the appropriate Core requirements will receive an official annotation on their transcript marking that achievement, and may become eligible to undertake a Core Honors project or to add a Core Minor or a Minor in Independent Core Studies to their degree plan.

>> Please encourage campus visitors to stop by CAS 119 for more information.

If you have ideas about how to update or improve these talking points, we want to hear from you. You are our direct connection to incoming students, and we depend upon you to **let us know** what kinds of questions you are fielding about Core. To get in touch with us, drop by CAS 119—the Core office—any time.

You can call us at 617-353-5404; or you can email, writing to core@bu.edu or directly to the Director of the Core Curriculum, Assistant Dean Kyna Hamill: kyna@bu.edu.