



HELPING STUDENTS FIND THEIR PATHWAY

Beyond carrying Hub credit and offering a unique discussion atmosphere in our limited-seating seminars, Core classes additional opportunities to students who wish to continue on in the program. This sheet is meant to equip faculty with up-to-date information about academic opportunities available to students in Core classes beyond course and Hub credit.

Who is a Core Student? Any student who is or has been enrolled in a CAS CC class.

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HOW TO BEGIN

Students may have seen a Core Pathways sheet describing each of the opportunities in Core beyond getting Hub credit; this can be found online at www.bu.edu/core/pathways. The advisors listed above are responsible for approving all courses taken and will supervise the completion of the requirements. As a faculty member in Core, you might be asked to serve as advisor on a specific Independent Minor or Core Honors project if a student approaches you with a subject area that suits your own area of studies. It is expected that faculty advisors will be associated with the Core, though the thesis committee for Core Honors may include some faculty from outside in particular cases.

For the Minor in Core Independent Studies and Core Honors, students will need to decide on projects and submit a written statement to the appropriate advisor above outlining the pathway they will focus on with their specific coursework and project. Once the topic has been approved, the student and advisor will consult as needed to ensure a coherent plan of study which satisfies the class requirements for the coursework.

1. for the Core Minor...

Students must complete CC101 and CC102 and four other foundational Core courses. Students need to submit a Minor declaration form online via the CAS forms page online.

2. for the Minor in Core Independent Studies...

Students must complete one of the four foundational two-course sequences (such as CC101 & CC102; CC201 & CC202; CC111 & CC212, or CC221 & CC222); students must take at least four other four-credit courses, three of which may not also count for another

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CAS requirement. Therefore, three courses must be exclusive to the Minor. Students complete their project during the 2-credit CC350 capstone course (offered in Spring semester when necessary.)

>>Students need to submit a Minor Declaration via the CAS Advising Forms & Procedures page, www.bu.edu/cas/academics/undergraduate-education/academic-advising/advising/forms.

3. for Core Honors...

Completion of the Core Curriculum with Honors requires a grade of B+ or better in all eight Core courses (STEM majors do not have to take CC111 or 212); also, ONE of the following:

- a. Completion of a course taken outside of (but relevant to) the Core program, and a substantial paper or project that relates material in that course to the Core program. The paper/project must be defended in front of a committee of at least three faculty members. At least one member of the committee must be from the Core faculty, and one must be from the non-Core course.
- b. The composition and defense of a substantial paper or project on a subject that bridges at least two particular Core courses. The paper/project must be defended in front of at least three relevant faculty members from Core.

ADVISING TIPS

- **The purpose of Core Minors:** the two Core minor pathways give students the opportunity to study a subject of interest in a systematic way, and in greater depth than one can by taking only one or a handful of courses;
>>Direct students to Hegis 1431 for the Core Minor
>> Direct students to Hegis 1432 for the Minor in Core Independent Studies (MCIS).
- **The workload for minors:** Most minors consist of six courses; a minimum of twelve credits must be unique to the minor
- **Yes, students CAN do both Core minors.** But take note: students may share only two courses between minors, and two courses between a major and a minor.
- **Eligibility for Honors:** students should have received a B+ in all courses, although singular exceptions can be made. When exceptions need to be made, the course needs to be manually entered into Degree Advice under minor requirements. Chris McMullen can take care of this: cmcmull@bu.edu.
- **Records** of student communication, and progress for a minor of Core Honors is filed on the department server and archived by C Vega - core@bu.edu.

For additional information about aspects of the Core minors or honors opportunities, or to ask questions not answered here, contact the designated advisors listed above, or reach out to director Kyna Hamill at kyna@bu.edu.