

Core Curriculum Talking Points for Campus Tour Guides

Since Core began thirty-five years ago, the work of student tour leaders has been essential for the success of our program. You are our emissaries! With the information you provide to prospective students and their families, our incoming classes arrive for the start of the fall semester 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:

- **WHO is a CORE Student?** Any student who takes a Core (CAS CC) class is a Core student. Core students are curious and are excited by a liberal arts education. Core Courses explore some of the most important works of literature, philosophy, art and the social sciences, and essential ideas and discoveries of the natural sciences that form the basis for any major.
- **CORE DEMOGRAPHICS.** Core discussion seminars are capped at 16 students. 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 Core is a great way to explore outside of your major. 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 in the humanities and social sciences.
- **CORE SATISFIES HUB REQUIREMENTS.** Core will satisfy almost all Hub requirements and all writing requirements. Go to bu.edu/core/academics for more info.
- **CORE COMMUNITY.** **Core has a close community feel; some call it a “college within the college.”** Beyond the classroom, Core students have the opportunity to attend programs at museums and arts performances; we offer trips to New York, Florence, and London; and we look for ways to explore the city of Boston. Popular weekly events include Core Tea on Fridays and the SAO undergraduate association, Word & Way.
- **ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES.** Core Students 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.