

The CORE Turf Policy was written and approved by the Core Advisory Board in 2002, when the CORE curriculum was created.

What follows is an updated version of that policy. The updates, approved by the Core Advisory Committee on 04/11/17, are to the names of departments/programs, many of which changed since 2002, as well as clarification of incomplete or confusing information; no content has been changed.

Core Curriculum Turf Policy

The current core curriculum envisions offering a rich variety of courses which meet the established core learning outcomes for each specified area, as well as the breadth requirement. In some instances, it might be the case that a course is proposed as meeting the requirements for a specific area by a faculty member whose academic appointment is in a unit other than the major department which usually offers the field. In such cases approval for including this course within the core curriculum must follow the standard procedures for securing approval from the sponsoring college and the appropriate core area committee.

In addition, the credentials of the faculty member who is proposing the course as a core curriculum course should be reviewed by the appropriate department to assure that there is relevant expertise and experience to support the course.

1) For courses in Area A (Foundations of Communication)

The appropriate department is Rhetoric and Language.

2) For courses in Area B (Math and Sciences)

The appropriate department for the Mathematics subarea is the Mathematics and Statistics Department. For the Natural Sciences subarea, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and, if the proposed course is from a college other than Arts and Sciences, the dean of the college proposing the course shall determine which of the natural science departments is the appropriate department depending upon the nature and character of the proposed course.

3) For courses in Area C (Humanities)

For the Literature subarea, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and, if the proposed course is from a college other than Arts and Sciences, the dean of the college proposing the course shall determine which of the literature departments (e.g., English, Spanish Studies, French Studies, German Studies) is the appropriate department depending upon the nature and character of the proposed course. The appropriate department for the History subarea is the History Department.

4) For courses in Area D (Philosophy, Theology and Ethics)

The appropriate department for the Philosophy subarea is the Philosophy Department. The appropriate department for the Theology subarea is the

Department of Theology and Religious Studies. For courses in the subarea of Ethics, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and, if the proposed course is from a college other than Arts and Sciences, the dean of the college proposing the course shall determine whether Theology and Religious Studies or Philosophy is the appropriate department depending upon the nature and character of the proposed course.

5) For courses in Area E (Social Sciences)

The dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and, if the proposed course is from a college other than Arts and Sciences, the dean of the college proposing the course shall determine which of the social science departments is the appropriate department depending upon the nature and character of the proposed course.

6) For courses in Area F (Visual and Performing Arts)

The appropriate departments are the Department of Art + Architecture and the Department of Performing Arts and Social Justice.

It is the intention of this policy that the only sections to be offered for core credit by the sponsoring college shall be those sections of an approved course which are taught by those faculty who have been reviewed according to the above process.