

## “Turf Policy”

### POLICY: Core Curriculum

The current core curriculum envisions offering a rich variety of courses which meet the established outcomes for each specified area. 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)**

The appropriate department is Communication studies.

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

The appropriate department for the Mathematics subarea shall be the Mathematics 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)**

The appropriate department for the History subarea shall be the History Department. 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 is the appropriate department depending upon the nature and character of the proposed course.

**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 shall be 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 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 department is the Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

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.