

Outcomes-based Core Curriculum Reconciliation Committee (CCRC)

Precepts

1. The main guideline of Outcomes-based Core Curriculum Reconciliation: the four-year duration of the traditional undergraduate degree program is inviolable.
2. The interpretation of the Outcomes-based Core integrating themes (F1-F6) must result in a credit total no more than 48, as held by the current Core. **This could allow for more than three credit requirements in areas B and C.**
3. It is strongly recommended that any future proposals submitted for fulfilling the outcomes of the integrating themes (F1-F6) be paired with courses in sections A-E, or a course required for a major, or other F attribute. Exceptions may be made for certain programs (e.g. Women and Gender Studies, Language and Cultural Training, etc.) and proposals involving experiential or service learning.
4. No courses already recommended by the Core Curriculum Implementation Committee will be eliminated by the CCRC.

Committee Structure

Ad hoc subcommittee of five members of the MFA; Membership TBD by the MFA Executive Committee.

Charge

Evaluate and resolve reconciliation issues toward the goal of implementing the Outcomes-based Core proposed by the Core Curriculum Implementation Committee (CCIC).

Action Items

1. Evaluate all courses “in the pipeline” as of 1 October 2014.
2. Evaluate all courses already accepted into F1-F6 for potential inclusion in B-E. This could be accomplished with general alignments such as F1 (complete RWR) = B-E; F2 = B1-B3 and C; F3 = D and E; F4 = D and E; F5 and F6 = C. Recommend initial routes for transfer students to complete F1-F6. Recommend what number of courses with F1-F6 co-outcomes are logically needed for a baseline, robust Outcomes-based Core. Evaluate courses accepted into B-E for inclusion in F1-F6.
3. Using the procedures established by the CCIC, aggressively solicit and review course proposals for inclusion in the Outcomes-based Core Curriculum in an expeditious manner focusing primarily on courses in high-priority areas such as:
A3 – MTH 1410
B1 – BIO 1080, CHM 1030, PHY 1080, BIO 2300, BIO 2320
B2 – PYC 1000, PYC 2500, PYC 2750
B3 – MTH 4270
C1 – PHL XXXX
D1 – HIS XXXX
F2 – Critical Thinking

Timeline

1. Action items must be completed by 1 May 2015. Failure to meet this deadline, either in F1-F6 scope or targeted course areas will result in temporary exclusion of the outcome set from the Outcomes-based Core Curriculum by the MFA (accomplished via requirement waiver to the Registrar’s office).
2. Anticipated delivery of a final Outcomes-based Core to the Registrar 1 December 2015 for transfer and matriculation by Fall 2016.
3. Outcomes-based Core Curriculum outcome list and CCIC documents submitted for administrative and Board of Trustees approval in parallel (October 2014 – January 2015) with the above processes. This will allow the MFA Core Curriculum Committee to come online early in the process and prepare for assessment exclusively.