

# **PROPOSAL TO REVISE CURRENT CORE TRANSFER POLICY**

**Submitted by Subcommittee of Provost's Council to the Core Committee**

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## **PROPOSAL:**

Replace the language of the current Undergraduate Bulletin concerning the transfer in of core credits (p. 73, Appendix A) with the following statement:

Students who bring in 0-44 credits are responsible for all core requirements not already met through transferred coursework.

Students who bring in 45+ credits must transfer in or take the following courses at John Carroll to meet core or program prerequisites:

- (1) EN 125, Seminar on Academic Writing, or its equivalent.
- (2) Some programs of study require foundational coursework in oral communication, foreign language, or quantitative analysis. The prerequisites for these programs will not be waived.

In addition, students who bring in 45+ credits must complete the following core requirements at John Carroll:

- (1) One linked pair of courses from the Integrative component of the core curriculum.
- (2) One Engaging the Global Community course from the Integrative component of the core curriculum.
- (3) Two courses (6 credits) from the Jesuit Heritage component of the core curriculum.

The University Committee on Educational Policies and Programs will track the numbers and academic success of students who come in under these guidelines and report back to the faculty in 2019.

## **DESIRED OUTCOME:**

- The change ensures that all students experience the most distinctive features of our University curriculum without unduly extending time to degree completion.
- It clarifies our requirements for incoming students and lessens the number of petitions, waivers, and exceptions we are building into an already unwieldy system.

## **APPENDIX A: LANGUAGE IN CURRENT BULLETIN**

Students may petition to have the requirement to take a Core course or Core courses waived. A petition must demonstrate the student has already completed courses that conform substantially to Core requirements, including learning goals. There are two exceptions: (1) All students must complete at least one pair of linked courses (Exploring the Natural World or Examining Human Experience) at John Carroll University. (2) Transfer students who enter with fewer than 25 hours transferred must take both sets of linked courses at John Carroll University.

Given the centrality to mission of the Jesuit Heritage component of the Integrative Core Curriculum, students can transfer in only 6 credits for Jesuit Heritage courses. No more than 3 credit hours can count towards fulfilling the Philosophy requirement; no more than 3 credit hours can count toward fulfilling the Theology and Religious Studies requirement.

All requests for transfer credit require submission of an academic petition.