

On Thu, Mar 19, 2015 at 11:05 AM  
Core Curriculum Review Committee <[corerevw@nd.edu](mailto:corerevw@nd.edu)> wrote:

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

Many of you have already become engaged, directly or indirectly, in discussion about the University's general education requirements and the [core curriculum review](#) now underway. Your insights and ideas are critical to the success of this shared endeavor, and we look forward to engaging with many more of you as the conversation continues and deepens through this semester and next academic year.

As co-chairs of the [review committee](#), we would like to share an update on our progress so far and the process going forward.

- In keeping with [the charge](#) given the review committee, the primary goal of this academic year has been to consult as widely as possible, raising questions and sharing ideas in order to stimulate conversation.
- Committee members have met with representatives of numerous departments, schools, colleges, and other faculty units and organizations; these initial meetings will continue through the rest of this semester. Many of these [events](#), including those still in the planning stages, are listed online.
- Each academic department has been asked to meet as a faculty to discuss the five key questions posed in the review committee's charge and then prepare a brief report about its conversation for the committee this spring.
- Other academic units and groups on campus are engaging in similar dialogue and then sending their ideas, concerns, and questions to the committee.
- To help advance the thinking on questions of particular interest, the committee has formed [three focus groups](#) to look in greater depth at the University's Catholic mission, our advising structure, and the use of AP credits.
- Students, alumni, and staff are being included in the curriculum review process through meetings on campus, email and other forms of outreach, as well as surveys being administered by the Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Research.

In these ways and others, conversations continue across campus and online about how well Notre Dame's current general education requirements now serve us, how we might deliver a more effective core curriculum, and what we might consider doing differently.

In fall 2015, the committee is planning to issue a draft report based on its analysis of the ideas and feedback gathered. The review process will then continue as the campus community is invited to comment on the assessments and recommendations presented in that working document.

A final committee report will be presented to the College Councils and Faculty Senate for their comments, and ultimately submitted to the Academic Council, which will discuss and vote on any proposed changes. The adoption of changes voted on by the Academic Council requires the approval of Fr. Jenkins as president.

As we work our way through these deliberations, we encourage you to share your thoughts directly with the committee using the email [corevew@nd.edu](mailto:corevew@nd.edu). We also invite you to engage in dialogue on an online bulletin board for faculty, which is accessible with your Notre Dame netid and password at <http://ntrda.me/curriculumreview>.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this important process.

Sincerely,

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