

Core Updates: Fall 2021

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Dear SLU community,

Welcome to Fall 2021! The 2021-22 academic year will be busy for the Core, and we are excited to announce our Fall 2021 initiatives and opportunities.

Core Pilot: Fall 2021

This fall, the Core is piloting SLU's signature First Year Experience with approximately 275 incoming SLU students from across our University. There are 13 Ignite Seminars and 13 sections of Cura Personalis 1: Self in Community about to begin: ten in St. Louis and three in Madrid. [Here, you can see a list of all approved Ignite seminars](#)—including those running in the pilot and those slated to be offered in our 2022-23 Core launch year. **Thanks to all SLU collaborators – instructors, advisors, and administrators on our North, South, and Madrid campuses—for getting this pilot off the ground.**

Preparing for Core Launch: Fall 2021 Opportunities

SLU's new Core will launch for all incoming students starting Fall 2022. In order to prepare us all for this momentous shift in the way we think about, talk about, and deliver SLU's approach to undergraduate general education, the Core will offer a range of engagement opportunities this year.

University Core Office Hours: Tuesdays 8:30-9:30, Verhaegen Hall room 213 and via Zoom
Starting September 14th, [our team of Core Associate Directors](#) will be on hand to meet in person or via Zoom to discuss your ideas / questions about Core course/ experience submission. [Please click here to see which areas are scheduled each week.](#) No need for an appointment. Zoom info in link.

Core Innovative Teaching Roundtable Series: Tuesdays 12:15-1:30 (all via Zoom and will be recorded)
To showcase the exciting courses being developed for our new University Core, we will host a series of brown bag discussions with current and future Core instructors who will share how they conceived of and designed innovative and engaging courses for our incoming students in a range of Core Areas. Speakers will include: three current Ignite Pilot instructors, plus three sessions showcasing the work of our first group of Core Curricular Innovation Faculty Fellows. Please note the dates below and the Zoom link for those who cannot attend in person. All sessions on Zoom via this link: <https://slu.zoom.us/j/94093934399?pwd=S2lwRXFpOXZmTOZxbmdtQmZPVzdrZz09>

Tuesday, September 14th: Ignite Seminar Roundtable

Featuring four SLU professors currently teaching courses in our Fall 2021 Core Pilot:
Anne McCabe (College of Arts and Sciences-Madrid): **Language Brings the World Around**; Mike Swartwout (Parks College of Aviation, Engineering and Technology): **Living on Mars: Engineering for Wicked Problems**; Ness Sandoval (College of Arts and Sciences) : **The Ignatian City**; Mitzi Brammer (Doisy College of Health Sciences): **The Power of Communication**

Tuesday, September 21st: Core Curricular Innovation Fellows (SLU-St. Louis: speakers TBD)

Tuesday, October 19th: Core Curricular Innovation Fellows (SLU-St. Louis: speakers TBD)

Tuesday, November 16th: Core Curricular Innovation Fellows (SLU Madrid: speakers TBD)

AY 22-23 Core Course / Experience Submission Deadline: October 1, 2021

In order to have courses reviewed and approved for inclusion in the 2022-23 academic catalog as fulfilling Core area requirements, the UCC asks that courses be submitted by October 1, 2021. Courses and experiences submitted after October 1 will still be processed, and although we cannot guarantee approval in time for courses to be included in the catalog, we will do our best to get as much through the submission chain as possible for the launch year.

Submissions for all Core courses --OTHER THAN [IGNITE](#) and [CURA PERSONALIS I](#) -- are processed via CIM-Courses, [located in your Banner Tools](#). For guidance on completing Core SLO worksheets, please visit the Instructor Resources page on the [University Core Instructor Resources website](#) or contact the [Associate Director](#) for the area(s) you are working on.

In closing, I want to thank the members of the UCC--both current and former--and SLU's team of Associate Directors of the Core for the dedicated time and attention they have given to getting us this far in our Core launch. And thanks to all of those who will take this Core into the future.

With gratitude,

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