

## University Core: Updates and Pilot

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Dear SLU community,

I hope this email finds you safe and well on this beautiful fall day. I write in my capacity as Director of the University Core to offer updates on where we are with the implementation of our new University Core, and to announce the launch of our Core Instructor Resources website.

Our new University Core was formally approved by SLU's faculty, administration, and Board of Trustees in the spring 2020 semester. In the summer 2020 semester, the University Undergraduate Core Committee (UUC) invited a team of Core Associate Directors to begin leading the implementation of the distinct component areas that make up SLU's Core curriculum. The Core will launch for all incoming students starting in the Fall 2022 - Spring 2023 academic year.

The UUC is pleased to launch of our [Core Instructor Resources website](#), where instructors will find information about the Ignite First Year Seminar and the Cura Personalis sequence. Our Fall 2021 pilot will include a limited number of sections of our Ignite First Year Seminar and Cura Personalis 1: Self in Community (10 sections each in **St. Louis**, 3 sections each in **Madrid**). Instructors interested in learning more about participating in the Fall 2021 pilot and beyond are invited to visit our [Core Instructor Resources website](#), where you will find information about these two Core components and details on how to submit proposals for Ignite seminars.

This Core Resource website is in process; each Core component area will soon offer orientation and support for instructors wishing to submit courses to count for distinct component areas. Please bookmark this site to check back for updates. [Please also feel free to reach out to me, or to the Associate Director overseeing a Core component area now](#) if you have questions or would like to begin working on course submissions.

Once the SLU Core Courseleaf interface is ready to accept submissions, these will route to Core curricular subcommittees for review on a rotating basis. Core curricular subcommittees meet monthly in the fall and spring terms. The goal for the 2020-21 academic year is to translate as many existing courses as possible into the new Core structure, so that we as a SLU community can see where we need to build capacity in advance of the Fall 2022 launch.

If you have questions at any time about SLU's University Core, do not hesitate to contact us at [core@slu.edu](mailto:core@slu.edu).

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