

# REPORT: COMMITTEE ON SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS AND PETITIONS

(For consideration by the Faculty Senate at the meeting on November 2, 2016)

## Proposed Changes to the Undergraduate Bulletin: Carolina Core Requirements

Recommended by the Carolina Core Committee, September 15, 2016

### Rationale for Proposed Changes:

The changes will allow for more transparency in transfer equivalencies, enabling those considering a USC degree to make a more informed decision on course selection. This clearer transfer process will allow for a better understanding of the required time to degree completion and the costs associated with it.

<p><b>Carolina Core Requirements</b></p> <p>The <b>Carolina Core</b> curriculum provides the common core of knowledge, skill, and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduates. The <b>Core</b> begins with <b>foundational courses</b> early in the undergraduate experience, followed by an <b>integrative course</b> near the end in which selected <b>Core</b> learning outcomes are integrated into discipline-specific study.</p> <p>For more information go to <a href="http://www.sc.edu/generaleducation/">www.sc.edu/generaleducation/</a>.</p>	<p><b>Carolina Core Requirements</b></p> <p>The <b>Carolina Core</b> curriculum provides the common core of knowledge, skill, and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduates. It has 10 Core components, each with learning outcomes and credit hour requirements. The Core begins with foundational courses early in the undergraduate experience, followed by one or more integrative courses near the end in which selected Core learning outcomes are integrated into the chosen major.</p> <p>Each of the ten Core components must be met with a Core-approved course. While most Core-approved courses fulfill a single Core component, a few courses, called overlay-eligible courses, have been approved to fulfill two Core components. Every student is required to complete a minimum of 31 credit hours of Core-approved courses.</p> <p>Transfer students who enter USC Columbia, Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, or Union are subject to the Carolina Core requirements. <u>Any transfer courses that equate to Carolina Core courses will equate to both content and all outcomes associated with the USC Course.</u></p> <p>For more information go to <a href="http://www.sc.edu/generaleducation/">www.sc.edu/generaleducation/</a>.</p>
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