

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## *Legacy Core Curriculum Students*

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## Answers

**I first enrolled at Creighton University as a degree-seeking undergraduate student prior to Fall Semester 2014. In Fall Semester 2014, Creighton University implemented the new Magis Core Curriculum. Did my Core Curriculum requirements change when the university implemented the Magis Core Curriculum?**

No. The Core Curriculum requirements that were in place when you first enrolled at Creighton University as a degree-seeking undergraduate student still apply to you now. Those requirements are what we call informally the Legacy Core Curriculum.

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**Ok, I'll bite. What in the world is a "degree-seeking undergraduate student"?**

A degree-seeking undergraduate student is a student who is enrolled in a program of study that leads to a baccalaureate degree, such as a B.A. or B.S. degree. Degree-seeking students are different from special students because special students are not enrolled at Creighton University to earn a degree, but just to take a course or two. For example, if you took a dual-credit course or a summer course at Creighton University while you were enrolled in high school, you were a special student at that time. If you subsequently enrolled at Creighton University as a traditional full-time student, then you became a degree-seeking student at that time. If you are unsure whether or when you became a degree-seeking undergraduate student, please contact the Office of the Dean of the college in which you are enrolled.

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**I don't see the term "Legacy Core Curriculum" in the online Creighton University Undergraduate Catalog: 2014-2015 Issue, or in prior editions of the Creighton University Bulletin: Undergraduate Issue. To what does the term "Legacy Core Curriculum" refer?**

"Legacy Core Curriculum" is an ambiguous term that is used informally to refer to the general education requirements that were in effect in the undergraduate colleges of Creighton University prior to Fall Semester 2014. The term is ambiguous because it refers to something a little different in the context of each college:

- College of Arts & Sciences: Legacy CCAS Core Curriculum, also known as Curriculum 90
- College of Nursing: Legacy CON General BSN Curriculum
- College of Professional Studies: Legacy CPS Core Curriculum

- Heider College of Business: Legacy General BSBA Curriculum

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### **I am uncertain whether I need to complete the Magis Core Curriculum or the Legacy Core Curriculum. How do I determine which requirements I must satisfy?**

Students who first enrolled at Creighton University as degree-seeking students in Fall Semester 2014 or later are required to complete the Magis Core Curriculum. This includes both students who newly enroll as first-year students and new transfer students to Creighton University. Students who first enrolled at Creighton University as degree-seeking students prior to Fall Semester 2014 are required to complete the Legacy Core Curriculum that was in place in their college at the time when they enrolled in their college (see [previous question](#)). The term in which you first enrolled at Creighton University as a degree-seeking student is listed in your degree evaluation as your catalog term. The degree evaluation function of [the NEST](#) should reflect the Core Curriculum requirements that you need to complete based on the semester of your first enrollment as a degree-seeking student.

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### **How has the introduction of the Magis Core Curriculum changed the requirements of the Legacy Core Curriculum for students who must complete the Legacy Core Curriculum?**

*The introduction of the Magis Core Curriculum has not changed the requirements of the Legacy Core Curriculum.* Students who first enrolled as degree-seeking students at Creighton University prior to Fall Semester 2014 must complete all of the Legacy Core Curriculum requirements for their colleges of enrollment as stated in the issue of the *Creighton University Bulletin: Undergraduate Issue* that applied in their catalog term, that is, their first term of enrollment as degree-seeking students.

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### **What I have heard about the Magis Core Curriculum sounds appealing. Is it possible for me to choose to satisfy the Magis Core Curriculum requirements instead of the Legacy Core Curriculum requirements that applied when I first enrolled at Creighton University as a degree-seeking undergraduate student?**

No, it is not possible to choose which Core Curriculum requirements you want to satisfy. The Core Curriculum requirements that apply to you are not determined by your choice but by the time at which you first enrolled at Creighton University as a degree-seeking undergraduate student, as [the answer to a previous question](#) explains. The reason for this is that if you first enrolled at Creighton University as a degree-seeking undergraduate student prior to Fall Semester 2014, it is almost certainly too late to go back and start fulfilling the requirements of the Magis Core Curriculum from scratch. Doing so would very likely delay your completion of your bachelor's degree program by a year or more.

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## **Are you saying that students who must complete the Legacy Core Curriculum get no benefit from the introduction of the Magis Core Curriculum?**

No, I am not saying that students who must complete the Legacy Core Curriculum get no benefit from the introduction of the Magis Core Curriculum. Students who must complete the Legacy Core Curriculum get the benefit of an expanded range of courses from which to choose how to fulfill their Legacy Core Curriculum requirements. For instance, prior to Fall Semester 2014, the following Legacy Core Curriculum requirements could only be fulfilled by taking one course, namely, PHL 107:

- Legacy Arts & Sciences Core B Critical & Historical Introduction to Philosophy
- Legacy Nursing Core B Philosophy
- Legacy Professional Studies Core B Philosophy
- Legacy Heider General BSBA Curriculum II Critical & Historical Introduction to Philosophy

Now, these same requirements can be fulfilled by taking PHL 107, PHL 110, PHL 111, PHL 112, PHL 113, or PHL 118.

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## **How can I find out which Magis Core Curriculum courses also satisfy Legacy Core Curriculum requirements?**

The [Magis CCAS Core Curriculum Transition Plan](#) provides an overview of which courses that satisfy certain Magis Arts & Sciences Core Curriculum requirements will also satisfy certain Legacy Arts & Sciences Core Curriculum requirements. Other undergraduate colleges of Creighton University have adopted similar transition plans; contact the Office of the Dean of the college in question for details. The transition plan does not provide a specific list of all of the Magis Core Curriculum courses that satisfy a certain Legacy Core Curriculum requirement. In order to obtain such a list of courses for a certain Legacy Core Curriculum requirement, please search the [Course Catalog](#) in the [NEST](#) by Course Attribute. For instance, if you wish to see a list of the courses that satisfy Legacy Arts & Sciences Core B Philosophy, search the Course Catalog for the attribute "CCAS\_CoreB\_Philosophy".

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## **What familiar courses that satisfied Legacy Core Curriculum requirements will no longer be offered effective in Fall Semester 2015?**

Many familiar courses that satisfied Legacy Core Curriculum requirements will no longer be offered effective Fall Semester 2015, including:

- ARA/CHN/FRN/GER/GRK/HEB/ITA/JPN/LAT/RUS/SPN 102 Beginning [Language] II;
- ARA/CHN/FRN/GER/GRK/HEB/ITA/JPN/LAT/RUS/SPN 201 Intermediate [Language] I;
- ENG 120 World Literature I;
- ENG 121 World Literature II;
- HIS 101 Modern Western World;

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- HIS 103/104/106/107/108 courses that satisfied Legacy Arts & Science Core B Non-Western History, Legacy Heider General BSBA Curriculum III International Culture, and Legacy Professional Studies Core B Non-Western History;
- PHL 107 Critical & Historical Introduction to Philosophy;
- PHL 250 Philosophical Foundations for Ethical Understanding;
- PSY 111 Introductory Psychology;
- THL 100 Christianity in Context;
- THL 201/202/203/205/207/208/209/210/212 courses that satisfied Legacy Arts & Sciences Core A Scripture, Legacy Nursing General BSN Curriculum A Scripture, Legacy Professional Studies Core A Scripture, and Legacy Heider General BSBA Curriculum II Scripture; and
- THL 250 Theological Foundations for Ethical Understanding.

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### **How am I supposed to satisfy my Legacy Core Curriculum requirements once all of these familiar courses are no longer offered?**

Almost all Legacy Core Curriculum requirements are satisfied by several Magis Core Curriculum courses. To find out how to determine which Magis Core Curriculum courses satisfy which specific Legacy Core Curriculum requirements, please consult the answer to the [prior question on this topic](#).

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### **Are there any Legacy Core Curriculum requirements that may become particularly difficult to satisfy when some familiar courses that satisfied Legacy Core Curriculum requirements are no longer offered beginning in Fall Semester 2015?**

It is not yet clear how many Magis Core Curriculum courses will satisfy Legacy Arts & Sciences Core B Non-Western History and Legacy Professional Studies Core B Non-Western History. Also, no Magis Core Curriculum component matches up well with Legacy Arts & Sciences Core B International & Global Studies or Legacy Professional Studies Core B International & Global Studies. Consequently, it is possible that courses satisfying these requirements will soon become scarce. Students who must satisfy these degree requirements should place a high priority on satisfying these requirements at the earliest opportunity.

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### **Which familiar courses that satisfied Legacy Core Curriculum requirements have been renumbered?**

From the viewpoint of the Office of the Registrar, there is no such thing as a renumbered course. A new course that has a different number from an existing course is simply a new, different course, even if its course description and title are similar or identical to an existing course.

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**I am an Arts & Sciences student who has not yet completed the Legacy Arts & Sciences Core E Language requirement. When I look at the schedule of courses for the upcoming semester, I don't see any of the familiar courses that satisfied the Legacy Arts & Sciences Core E Language requirement. How can I satisfy the Core E Language requirement if those familiar courses are not offered?**

As indicated in the [response to a previous question](#), the following courses that satisfied the Legacy Arts & Sciences Core E Language requirement will no longer be offered effective Fall Semester 2015:

- ARA/CHN/FRN/GER/GRK/ ITA/JPN/LAT/SPN 102 Beginning [Language] II (3 hrs.)
  - E.g., SPN 102 Beginning Spanish II (3 hrs.)
- ARA/CHN/FRN/GER/GRK/ ITA/JPN/LAT/SPN 201 Intermediate [Language] I (3 hrs.)
  - E.g., SPN 201 Intermediate Spanish II (3 hrs.)

Instead, the following courses that satisfy the Magis Arts & Sciences Foreign Language requirement will be offered:

- ARA/CHN/FRN/GER/GRK/ITA/JPN/LAT/SPN 112 Beginning [Language] for Daily Life II (4 hrs.)
  - E.g., SPN 112 Beginning Spanish for Daily Life (4 hrs.)

Students who must complete the Legacy Arts & Sciences Core E Language requirement in Fall Semester 2015 or later should take one of these courses to satisfy the requirement. Any of the courses listed above will satisfy the requirement, regardless of what language you studied previous to your first enrollment as a degree-seeking undergraduate student at Creighton University.

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