

# Signature Core Curriculum

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## ***What is the core curriculum?***

The core is the shared body of courses taken by all undergraduate students. It provides skills and knowledge to succeed in any discipline, and it helps students become lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and productive members of their communities.

## ***Who participates in developing our Signature Core?***

- Stakeholders from across campus and the community
- Department liaisons
- Signature Core Team, including faculty, students, staff, parents, and community members

## ***Why do we need a new core curriculum?***

Our students' needs have changed significantly since the current core was established in the 1990s. A Signature Core Curriculum can better equip students for success in a complex, changing world.

## ***What is the timeline for the Signature Core?***

Our goal is to have a draft curriculum available for campus-wide discussion in 2019-2020. For more details, see the timeline on our website.

## ***Guiding Questions***

- What is the current state of the core curriculum at UAB?
- Who are we at UAB, and how do our values, mission and vision inform our vision of the core curriculum?
- What core competencies are essential for students today?
- How can a core curriculum address enduring questions and complex problems?
- How do we ensure that the core curriculum is purposeful, challenging, and coherent?

## ***How can I be involved?***

- Talk to your department liaison.
- Share your thoughts on the Feedback portion of our website.
- Attend campus-wide town hall meetings and other listening sessions. See the website's Calendar of Events for more details.
- Respond to surveys.
- Email us your suggestions and concerns.

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## ***Questions?***

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