

Mason Core Meeting

Thursday, February 26, 2026, from 1:30-3:00pm via Zoom

In Attendance: Courtney Adams Wooten (Faculty Co-Chair), Laura Poms (Mason Core Director), Ana Stoehr, Andrea Zach, Don Starr, Liz White, Lauren Cattaneo, Megan Erb, Minjoo Kim, Mike Hunzeker, Shun Ye, Abena Aidoo Hewton, Tom Polk (ex-officio), Chris Lee (ex-officio), Margaret Caulkins (ex-officio), Shelley Reid (ex-officio), Efrata Tewodros (student rep), Tiffany Crossgrove, Tricia Wilson

Guests: Bobbi Nelson

- **Welcome**
- **Announcements**
 - Efrata Tewodros was welcomed to the committee as the new SGA Student Representative.
- **Career Connections discussion**
 - The committee reviewed the key points of integrating career readiness into Mason Core that were covered at the last meeting and shared potential assessment approaches to career readiness in Mason Apex. Discussions took place in breakout rooms. Additional discussion will be planned in future meetings.
- **Proposals**

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Category	Title	Notes
Oral Communication	INTS 101: Narratives of Identity	The committee is concerned that the assignments do not adequately align to many of the outcomes, specifically, 1, 3, and 4. There is also a lot of group work used, and it's unclear if there will be individual artifacts collected for assessment. The course management plan also does not seem to consider the long-term upkeep of the course. It's unclear why this course is offered as an option aside from COMM 101, since it's not required in a major. The course cannot be recertified for both foundation and exploration courses. Vote: Rollback

		Similar to the Oral Comm proposal, there are concerns about the use of group work and whether it leads to an assessable student artifact. LO4 seems more focused on how text impacts culture today and not how the context impacts the text (as the outcome describes). This is made more clear in the map, so perhaps the assignment can be revised to more clearly hone in on that. Quick write prompt could also be more firmly connected to the outcome. The course cannot be recertified for both foundation and exploration courses.
Literature	INTS 101: Narratives of Identity	Vote: Rollback
Mason Apex	COS 411: Introduction to Science Policy	Vote: Approve
Arts	INTS 346: Art as Social Action	Vote: Approve
Social and Behavioral Science	GOVT 203: Immigration Politics	Vote: Approve

Due to timing constraints, the following courses will be held until the next meeting:

- [SPAN 215: Intermediate Spanish for Heritage Speakers](#)
- [HIST 363: History of Modern South Asia: from Mughals to Modi](#)