**Discovery Tier Course Proposal**

Fall 2025 (To Be Listed in AY 26–27 Bulletin)

**Deadline: October 7, via Courseleaf**

**Guiding Principles and Assumptions**

* The Discovery Tier is designed to further students’ ability to develop and address questions from multiple perspectives. Each course in the Discovery Tier is expected to contribute to this goal.
* Courses may be major-specific but should still be designed to encourage interdisciplinary learning. Preference will be given to courses at the 2000 level or above that have few if any prerequisites.
* Courses must be meaningfully tied to a particular theme in such a way that students will be able to discern the links to the theme. Courses must directly and substantially address the theme through content, methodology, and assignments.
* ESSV1 courses cannot also be included in the Discovery Tier.
* Courses accepted into the Marquette Core Curriculum should be offered regularly (ideally at least once every two years).

**All portions of the proposal, including the syllabus (conforming to** [**OTR requirements**](https://www.marquette.edu/central/registrar/faculty-staff/bulletin-editing-guidelines.php#Syllabus)**), MUST be submitted as a single attachment via Courseleaf.**

**Instructions:**

1. Complete proposal form below (do not include this first page in the document).
2. For an existing course, log in to Courseleaf, search for the course, and click on “Modify Course.”

* Type “Proposing course for MCC Discovery Theme \_\_\_\_\_” and specify the theme in the “Rationale” box. Also indicate if the class is a Humanities, Natural Science/Math, or Social Science class.
* Click “Attach File” and attach the full proposal *with* the syllabus as one file.
* Scroll down to “Attributes” and select “Yes” under “Is this an MCC Core course?”
* If the same course is also being proposed for Writing Intensive or Engaging Social Systems and Values 2, specify the additional requirement in the “Rationale” box and attach the appropriate MCC Proposal Forms as well. Please include a copy of the syllabus in each proposal file.
* Click “Save and Submit”

1. For a new course, follow the process for proposing new courses in Courseleaf and add the relevant MCC information (i.e., list the requirement in the rationale, include the proposal and syllabus as one file when attaching, and select “Yes” for the “Is this an MCC Core course?” Attribute). Dean’s offices and UBUS will approve new courses, but the Marquette Core Curriculum Committee will approve courses for the MCC.

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**1. Course Number and Title:**

**2. Department offering course:**

**3. Course Description (Bulletin description will suffice):**

**4. Note from the department chair indicating approval of the course and indicating the department’s ability to offer the course regularly if accepted for the Marquette Core Curriculum, including how often the course will be offered and how many sections will be offered.**

**5. Theme:**

**6. Relationship of Course to Theme and Marquette Core Curriculum (How does this course address the theme? How does it help students understand the theme from this particular disciplinary perspective?)**

**7. Specify at least one course learning objective that indicates student learning expectations related to the relevant Discovery theme.**

**8. Course Activities & Assignments (Describe the assignments and activities in the course that will ask students to make substantive connections between the course topic and the Discovery Theme):**

**9. How will the Discovery Theme** [**Guiding Questions**](https://www.marquette.edu/core-curriculum/2024_discovery_tier_questions.php) **be integrated into the course?**

**10. Please attach a sample syllabus that reflects these elements.**