

New Course Catalog

As I alluded to last month, we have decided to revamp our course structure and with it have created a new course catalog. The goal is to ensure greater consistency and predictability with our classes. What does this mean for participants?

1. Enhanced Planning: both for teachers and participants. We can also more appropriately allocate resources and topics for teachers to cover in a four-year period
2. Reliable Access: you can now rely on a predictable schedule of courses. We want to do our best to create a familiar and predictable schedule for our learners. Participants can now know with a high degree of accuracy what a four-year schedule will look like for them well in advance and plan accordingly.
3. Streamlined Progress: consistency builds familiarity. This should create a more organized and efficient teaching and learning experience. Goals will also now be easier to streamline for participants and families.

Although we did not note this in the catalog due to space considerations, we are grouping classes as 'core' and 'elective' content (for Full and Flex participants), allowing participants to retain a degree of choice and flexibility while still ensuring that all relevant bases are well-covered.

Please see the new course catalog [here](#) and please let me know if you have any questions.

Additional 1:1 Support

With Ms. Kelsey returning to the classroom, we are also excited that this opens up Ms. Jordan's time to make a much bigger contribution to the Capstone program. Jordan will begin meeting with every participant (including College Flex) on a weekly basis for 30 minutes to develop feedback and coaching, alignment and goal setting, problem solving, accountability, and personal development.



We want to anchor these meetings primarily around the family goals we established at our Fall conferences, but also allow Jordan and the participants the flexibility to do all of the aforementioned on topics that might feel more relevant to the moment. We are excited for this next evolution in our programming!

Franklin Center Open House

We will be hosting an organization-wide open house on January 23rd from 6:00pm- 7:30pm. The intended audience for this event are families who are not currently affiliated with Franklin, but it is open to all and there will be a separate Q&A component for each program area.

In lieu of a specific information night just for Capstone, I will be pre-recording a webinar similar to what we have done, but without a specific Q&A section. It will be in this area that we will discuss in more depth and detail the entire program, but having it be recorded will allow you to skip the areas that are more than familiar to you by this point. The virtue of going into year five is that the amount of year-to-year changes are dropping significantly. We will share the recorded video with current families and post it to the website sometime in March or April.

With Sincere Appreciation,
Michael Faeth
Director of Adult Education

January 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
New Years Day- No Programming 1	Williston Fitness Center 2	3	Williston Fitness Center 4	Franklin Center Wii-mbleton/ Bell Museum 5
8	Williston Fitness Center 9	10	Williston Fitness Center 11	Moose Moutain Adventure Golf at MOA 12
Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No Programming 15	Williston Fitness Center 16	17	Williston Fitness Center 18	MN History Museum/ Breakout Games Escape Room 19
22	Williston Fitness Center 23	24	Williston Fitness Center 25	Sea Life Museum/ Pavek Museum of Broadcasting 26
PRISM/ DoubleTree Hotel 29	Williston Fitness Center 30	31		

Please note: This calendar is subject to change.

*Lunch included: Students will typically have an option to purchase food or other items on community-based trips.

