Franklin CAPSTONE

Curriculum Cycle

After four years of growth, Capstone has reached a point where it is both feasible and necessary to codify our programming offerings and the frequency in which they are offered. This work has been ongoing and we are excited about the results. I will have more to share in an updated course catalog next month, but we are proposing a four-year cycle where students will have the opportunity to take almost every class in our existing course catalog, taking more seriously the idea of a semester system.

For our Full and Flex participants, classes are grouped into those taught every year, every other year for a full year, every other year for a semester, and one semester in a four-year cycle. This better differentiates between what we consider the "core" content and more 'elective' classes. Participants will still have choices and we are accounting for differences in learning styles as well. Similarly, we are creating more defined programming for our College Flex participants which will also operate on a four-year rotating cycle.

We are not taking away from our flexibility. Participants can still be here at varying times and for the length of time that is appropriate to the individual. This does not mean to imply that four years is the correct amount of time spent in Capstone, only that we cannot promise more than four years of continuous, original content. For some, a review of content might be advisable. For others, it might not.

Regardless, participants will benefit from knowing what will be taught over the course of four years, and teachers will benefit from predictably knowing what they will be teaching. More to come next month, please let me know if you have any questions. We will plan on implementing this cycle beginning at the start of second semester (February 26th)

Snow Day Policy

Franklin Center as an institution will make closing decisions based on inclement weather. If we are closed for weather, Capstone will not have an e-learning day, but staff will use the time for prep and professional development. If programming is closed for the day, this means that College Flex will be closed for the evening as well. It is possible that programming may start during the day but College Flex will still be canceled for the evening due to poor evening commutes (in this instance we will more than likely, although not necessarily, close day programming early as well). Everyone will receive a text notification through their cell phones on record, as well as an email update (participants included)

There may be occasions where it is safe to have programming, but we will still not drive participants on the bus. To put it into stop light terms: a winter storm watch is green, an advisory is yellow, and a warning is red. Of course, the timing and location of said events will play a large factor, as will the distance we are driving and the time of day. If these happen on a Friday, we will still have the social event as we would a normal school day, but may choose to have it at the building instead. Individuals are encouraged to make their own decisions regarding the commute to and from programming.

With Sincere Appreciation,
Michael Faeth
Director of Adult Education

December 2023

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				IKEA Lunch and Scavenger Hunt/ Gingerbread House Making Party* **1**
PRISM/ DoubleTree Hotel **4**	Williston Fitness Center **5**	**6**	Williston Fitness Center **7**	Retro Video Games/ CanCan Wonderland* **8**
11	Williston Fitness Center **12**	**13**	Williston Fitness Center **14**	Gingerbread Wonderland and Coffee House/ American Swedish Institute* **15**
No Programming - Winter Break **18**	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22**
No Programming - Winter Break **25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**

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.