

## Glossary

### **New Curriculum**

New curriculum designed and approved by faculty. Common core of required courses across all disciplines for multiple degree programs.

### **F2F (Face-to-Face)**

Traditional, fully in-person classroom learning.

### **Hybrid Modality**

A mix of face-to-face (F2F) and online components in course delivery. Hybrid may include synchronous and asynchronous elements. At UPSem, one third of most courses, including required courses, will be delivered in a F2F modality.

### **Synchronous Learning**

Real-time, scheduled online sessions — e.g., Zoom classes.

### **Asynchronous Learning**

Flexible, self-paced learning through platforms like Canvas; does not require being online at the same time as others.

### **Implementation Team**

A working group formed after the April 2025 decision to manage modality rollout.

### **Modality**

The format in which a course is delivered — e.g., face-to-face, hybrid, online (synchronous/asynchronous).



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## Curriculum Update Overview

- The Common Core and Basic Degree Program proposal was approved at the May faculty meeting.
- The curriculum update was the result of a faculty-led curriculum review and revision process. Faculty approved the curriculum revision by consensus. Revisions of courses will follow.
- No curricular decisions were made without full faculty oversight
- New Testament and Old Testament have not been reduced to one semester each in the MDiv. The common core requires 3 credits for OT and 3 credits for NT. MDiv students then complete advanced exegesis in OT and NT - 3 credits each.
- MDiv students who elect the language track are required to complete 6 credits in Greek and 6 credits in Hebrew.

### Alumni Portal

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