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### Possible Change in Core Curriculum

The King's College Curriculum and Teaching Committee is meeting with the Vice President of Academic Affairs to develop a new core curriculum for future students. They will be examining the general education of approximately 50 other colleges and universities to better develop our own. The core curriculum must then be evaluated and approved by the Middle States accreditation committee.

According to the core curriculum guide at King's, it is understood that when coming here, as in any liberal arts school, students will be taking a variety of classes, but students have questioned the core curriculum. In fact, the King's College core curriculum is over 20 years old and this reason alone is enough to review it according to Dr. McClinton-Temple, head of the writing center.

Nick Holodick, associate vice president for academic affairs, says he has heard a countless number of students ask why they cannot start by taking classes in their major, or why they have to take classes unrelated to their own area of study? Holodick thinks this is one of the most common problems with our current core curriculum; a good quantity of students do not understand why it is necessary and do not appreciate what a good set of classes can do for them.

The King's College Curriculum and Teaching Committee are working towards a more student-focused core curriculum which may or may not involve each student's

individual academic needs. The idea is to get the students to appreciate and understand what the core curriculum is ultimately doing for them.

Improvement is the main issue of the review. The Curriculum and Teaching Committees concern is how they could improve on what is already a good foundation of general education requirements. This review is an ongoing development. Dr. McClinton-Temple, head of the writing center, estimates it will not be finished for at least another year and a half, which means it will not affect any current students. In a few years the incoming freshmen will be starting with a new core curriculum, or at least a slightly different one.

Another focus of the review is the possibility of adding not only more intensive writing classes, but also adding more general writing classes across the curriculum structure. It is very unlikely that any current classes will be completely dropped from the core curriculum.

King's College is known for its liberal arts education. Having a liberal arts education may differ among colleges but the general idea Nick Holodick gives is that it provides a strong foundation and broad knowledge of different subjects outside of a student's defined major of study. According to U.S. News, the job placement for students at liberal arts universities is higher than any other form of education.