



Dear Continuing Students and Families,

Principia's faculty worked throughout the past academic year to develop an innovative approach to **reimagining the College's academic curriculum**. Aligned with our academic vision, this reimagination process is designed to provide a dynamic, forward-looking learning experience for students through an innovative, multidisciplinary approach to the curriculum.

The College would be reorganizing its majors within multidisciplinary academic Centers. These new academic Centers will enable students to be part of an integrated, collaborative community of learners in their area of interest. Faculty within the Centers have been, and will continue, working together to provide innovative, cross-disciplinary opportunities for students to learn together.

This new Center structure will provide students with an improved learning experience through more robust enrollment in courses, producing a curriculum that equips graduates with an expanded toolkit to be creative problem solvers for the world's future needs. We are excited about the ways these Centers will enhance the College's unique academic identity and support more effective integration of high-impact practices and career development opportunities.

The five academic Centers that will house 20 majors starting in Fall 2025:

- Center for Innovation and Data Science (Majors: Computer Science, Business, Math, Artificial Intelligence and Data Science*; Sport Studies housed here as a minor)
- Center for Arts and Creative Engagement (Majors: Music, Performing Arts*, Visual Art)
- Center for Civic and Global Engagement (Majors: Global Studies, Political Science, Philosophy, Economics, and Educational Studies)
- Center for Narrative, Meaning, and Media (Majors: Religious Studies, Digital Media and Literacy, History, Creative Writing)

*We are in the process of applying to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), our accrediting body, for approval to offer four new academic programs: Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, Ecology, Ecosystem Management, and Performing Arts.

We are confident the new Center structure and major offerings will enable Principia College to more effectively leverage our institutional resources, increase collaboration among programs, and continue preparing our graduates for meaningful lives of service. Improving the student experience has always been at the forefront of our reimagining efforts. We are excited about the dynamic, innovative future these new Centers and proposed new programs promise.

For additional information, please contact the Office of the Academic Dean at (618) 374-5156 or visit us at 151 School of Government.

Sincerely,

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Dean of Academics