

Make INF1A a "core" course.

At the last BoS, the new Inf1b course was approved to become a "core" course. This means that students **must** pass the course before being allowed to progress into 2nd year. At present, Inf1a is not core, but we should be consistent between Inf1a and Inf1b on this point.

I therefore propose that Inf1a is also made "core".

All 3 lecturers have been consulted and agree with this proposal.

(Note that our current situation is self-inconsistent: the inf2 courses require the inf1 courses as prerequisites, but in practice we routinely provide concessions to students, allowing them progress to ug2 without passing all inf1 courses (and indeed, this practice is made public to students and PTs). However, these students typically struggle and often don't make it. I think we are setting them up for failure with the current practice, and the 'core' idea is a way to make the importance of the inf1 courses clear.)