

UCONN | COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA AND COURSES

Minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2014 (***** DRAFT *****)

Chair: Jon Gajewski (LING)

Members present: Eldridge Adams (EEB), Philip Balma (LCL), Margaret Breen (WGSS & ENGL), Katrina Higgins (CLAS), Simon Cheng (SOC), Ken Dautrich (PP), Heidi Dierssen (MARN), Bob Gallo (PNB), Anne Gebelein (El Instituto), Davida Glasberg (CLAS), Robert Henning (PSYC), Richard Langlois (ECON), Nicholas Leadbeater (CHEM), Emily Myers (SLHS), Monsour NDiaye (CLAS), Ralf Schiffler (MATH), Lionel Shapiro (PHIL), Matt Singer (POL), Merrill Singer (Anthro), Sara Tremblay (ENV Studies), Steve Wisensale (HDFS), Bob Wyss (JOUR)

Visitors: Phoebe Godfrey (SOC)

Preliminaries

1. Henning appointed secretary *pro tem*.
2. Request to amend draft minutes with respect to prerequisite in 2013-115:
Change to "MATH 2110 and one of MATH 2144 or MATH 2410 or MATH 2420" (Approved).
Minutes of February 11, 2014 were approved as amended.

3. Reports/Updates

Some revisions were made to the Study Abroad report pursuant to input from Kevin Brennan.

A Memo from the Registrar was circulated as an appendix regarding the definition of online and blended courses.

The chair alerted the committee that a proposal is being considered to include AASI in the oversight of India Studies minor. There will be further discussion at a later meeting.

Service Learning designation. The Committee was informed this will be implemented soon in PeopleSoft, with the SL designation made by IORs informing the Registrar on a semester-by-semester basis. Some concerns were raised about the potential misuse of this designation.

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There was some discussion of the pros and cons of using the label 'Foreign' study vs. 'International' study.

Special Topics Proposals approved by chair

2014-026 Offer HIST 3995 China and the West

Instructor: Victor Zatsepine

Short description: Analysis of China's political, economic and cultural encounters with Western powers from the seventeenth century to 1949, and the impact of Chinese and Western civilizations on each other.

2014-027 Offer HIST 3995 Foreign Relations of China since 1949

Instructor: Victor Zatsepine

Short description: Developments in China's foreign relations after 1949, with reference to historical influences, leadership, ideological premises, and practical political, strategic, and economic considerations.

2014-028 Offer HIST 3995 America's Asian Wars

Instructor: Simpson

Short description: America's wars and interventions in Asia in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, focusing on five conflicts: the Spanish American War and conquest of the Philippines (1898-1903), the Pacific War (1941-1945), the Korean War (1945-1953), the Vietnam War (1945-1975), and the US war in Afghanistan (2001-2013). Reasons for the long-term US engagement with Asia, the immediate sources of each conflict; their impact and legacy, both domestically and internationally.

Resubmitted Proposals

2014-001 Add EVST 3991 Supervised Field Work

Approved Catalog Copy:

3991. Supervised Field Work

One to twelve credits. Hours by arrangement. Prerequisite: Open only with consent of the Program Director. Students taking this course will be assigned a final grade of S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory). May be repeated for up to a

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total of twelve credits. A total of six credits may be counted toward the major.

Designed to provide students experience in research, policy and activism settings not generally available on campus. Students will work with professionals in the environmental field who will provide evaluations to the program director. Student evaluation will be based upon the recommendation of the field supervisor. Students will be required to sign a Supervised Field Work contract detailing expectations for the credits earned.

New Proposals

2014-010 Add LING 3000 Introduction to Computational Linguistics

Approved Catalog Copy:

3000. Ling Introduction to Computational Linguistics

Three credits. Recommended preparation: At least one course in Linguistics or Computer Science. Computational methods in linguistic analysis and natural language processing. Topics include the use of text corpora and other sources of linguistic data; morphological analysis, parsing and language modeling; applications in areas such as information retrieval and machine translation.

2014-011 Add LING 5000 Introduction to Computational Linguistics

Approved Catalog Copy:

5000. Introduction to Computational Linguistics

3 credits. Lecture. Recommended preparation: At least one course in Linguistics or Computer Science. Computational methods in linguistic analysis and natural language processing. Topics include the use of text corpora and other sources of linguistic data; morphological analysis, parsing and language modeling; applications in areas such as information retrieval and machine translation.

2014-012 Add SOCI 2709W Society and Climate Change

Approved Catalog Copy (with 3 abstentions):

SOCI 2709W. Society and Climate Change

Three credits. Prerequisites: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011 or 3800.
Recommended Preparation: SOCI 1001.

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Sociological perspectives on the social, economic and political causes of global climate change and the social, economic, political and environmental consequences.

2014-013 Add ANTH 3450W Anthropological Perspectives on Art

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3450W. Anthropological Perspectives on Art

(285) Three credits. Prerequisites: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011 or 3800.

Approaches to cultural creativity and aesthetics in the graphic and plastic arts of pre-state societies. Examples from North America, Oceania, and Africa. (CA1 & CA4)

CLAS GE area: A (World Cultures)

2014-014A Change 3612 Political Opinion and Electoral Behavior

Approved Catalog Copy:

3612. Electoral Behavior

Three credits. Prerequisite: Open to juniors or higher. Explaining elections and the basis for voters' decisions.

2014-014B Change 3625 Public Opinion in American Politics

Postponed

2014-015 Change POLS 5406 Seminar in the American Political System

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POLS 5406. Topics in American Politics

Advanced study of selected topics. Intensive examination of research literature dealing with particular aspects of American politics.

2014-016 Change POLS Course Names

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POLS 5407. American Political Institutions and Policy

Institutions and policy-making process of American government.

POLS 5408. American Political Behavior

Political behavior of the American public, including public opinion, voting behavior, and other forms of participation.

POLS 5409. American Race, Gender, and Ethnic Politics

Politics of American race, gender and ethnicity, with a focus on disadvantaged groups and their influence on the political process

2014-017 Add PNB 3120W Scientific Writing in Physiology and Neurobiology

Approved Catalog Copy:

PNB 3120W. Scientific Writing in Physiology and Neurobiology

Second semester. One credit. Prerequisites: One 2000 level course in PNB; ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 2011 or 3800. Open to juniors or higher. Instructor consent required.

Principles of effective scientific writing focusing on the communication of physiology and neurobiology to lay audiences.

2014-018 Add PSYC 5150 Neurodevelopment and Plasticity

Approved Catalog Copy:

PSYC 5150. Neurodevelopment and Plasticity

3 credits. Seminar. Open to graduate students in Psychology, SLHS, PNB; others with consent of instructor.

Overview of brain development including: embryonic neurogenetics; evolution and evo-devo; how emergent behavioral capabilities reflect neural growth in neurobehavioral development; and how disruptions of neurodevelopment cause developmental disabilities. Offered alternate years in spring semester.

2014-019 Cross List PSYC 5150 Neurodevelopment and Plasticity as COGS 5130

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2014-020 Add PSYC 5445 Neurobiology of Language: Typical and Atypical Cognition and Language Development

Postponed

2014-021 Cross List PSYC 5445 Neurobiology of Language: Typical and Atypical Cognition and Language Development as COGS 5140

Postponed

2014-022 Cross List POLS 3412. Global Environmental Politics as EVST 3412

Approved Catalog Copy:

POLS 3412. Global Environmental Politics

Three credits. Prerequisite: Open to juniors or higher.

Politics of how humans and natural systems interact. Managing the global environment, regulating resource commons, and coordinating to solve environmental problems. Also offered as EVST 3412.

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2014-023 Change Urban and Community Studies Major

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Urban and Community Studies

The undergraduate major in Urban and Community Studies is an interdisciplinary program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with a focus on educating citizens on the multiple dimensions of urban and community life and preparing students for careers in public and community service as well as graduate study in social work, public administration, law, planning, public health, or other related areas. The major has three parts. First, students receive a broad education in the study of cities, suburbs, neighborhoods and communities through core courses in three fields drawn from Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Public Policy, Sociology, and Urban and Community Studies. Second, students acquire a solid foundation in analytical techniques such as statistical analysis, survey research, geographic information systems, qualitative methods, or archival research. Finally, students take additional electives in order to broaden their academic training or to develop a deeper specialization in selected areas.

Requirements of the major.

1. URBN 2000 and URBN 4000

2. Three of the following with no more than one per department (cross-listed courses count towards the non-URBN department): ECON 2439, 2456; GEOG/URBN 3200; GEOG 4210; HIST/URBN 3541; HIST 3554; HIST/AFAM 3564; HIST 3674/PRLS 3220; POLS 3842 or PP 3031; POLS/URBN 3632W; PP 4034; SOCI 3901/URBN 3275, SOCI 3425, 3911; URBN 3000.

3. One of the following: ECON 2327; GEOG 3500Q, 4500, POLS 2072Q; PP/URBN 2100; PP 3010; SOCI 3201; STAT 2215Q; URBN 2301Q; URBN 2302

4. Two additional courses selected from group 2, group 3, or the following list: ECON 2328, 2431, 3431; ECON/URBN 3439; EKIN 3547; ENGL 3235W; GEOG 4200W; HIST 3102, 3520; HIST 3530/AASI 3578; HIST/AFAM/HRTS 3563; HIST/AFAM 3568; HDFS 2001, 3110, 3510, 3530, 3540; INTD 3584; POLS 2622; POLS/HRTS 3212; POLS 3617; POLS/AFAM 3642; POLS 3662/PRLS 3270; POLS 3847; PP 3001, 3020, 3033, 4033; SOCI 2301; SOCI/HRTS 3429; SOCI 3459/HDFS 3240; SOCI 3501, 3521, 3601; SOCI/AFAM/HRTS 3825; SOCI 3903/URBN 3276; SOCI 3907; URBN 3981/URBN 3991 (3 CREDITS COMBINED) or INTD 3594; URBN 3993, 3995, 3998, 4000, 4499W, 4999.

In order to assure a breadth of experience, students are encouraged to take courses which include content in each of the following areas: change over time,

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structural and spatial dimensions, diversity, power and decision-making, and political and social processes. One unique option for students is to enroll in the 15 credit Urban Semester Program, which provides major credit for two courses INTD 3584 and 3594.

2014-024 Add URBN 2302 Qualitative Methods in Urban and Community Studies

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URBN 2302. Qualitative Methods in Urban and Community Studies

Three credits. Open to sophomores.

An introduction to qualitative methods used in urban social research.

Interdisciplinary techniques for data collection and analysis, including visual and narrative analysis, participant observation, interviewing, and archival research.

2014-025 Change Phil 3218 Feminist Theory

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3218. Feminist Theory

(218) Three credits. Prerequisite: At least one of PHIL 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107; or WGSS 1104, 1105, or 1124.

Philosophical issues in feminist theory. Topics may include the nature of gender difference, the injustice of male domination and its relation to other forms of domination, the social and political theory of women's equality in the home, in the workplace, and in politics.