

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Committee on Curricula and Courses

Minutes of the October 2, 2001 Meeting - FINAL

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Knox, Chem; C. Coelho, Coms; K. Wells, EEB; J. Manning,

Engl; E. Cromley, Geog; J. Breen, Jour; R. Travis, MCL; G. Leibowitz, Math; Annelie Skoog, MARN; C. Teschke, MCB; K. Moore, Pol Sci; R. Henning, Psyc; R. Vitale, Stat; V. Makowsky, dean's office; J. O'Donnell, past Committee chair. Guests: J. Gugler, African Studies.

Guests: R. Tilton, American Studies; M. Cosgel, Middle Eastern Studies.

1. -- Prof. Henning called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

2. -- Prof. Breen was appointed secretary pro tem

3. -- The minutes of the meeting of September 11 were approved as distributed.

4. -- Under old business, Prof. Leibowitz moved to postpone discussion of Items 2001-86 through 89 until a meeting can be scheduled with the dean and the chancellor to sort out who oversees the courses. The motion was seconded and after some discussion failed on a voice vote.

A second motion, to form a small group to meet with the dean and the chancellor to establish the source of credit for such programs in the college and the role of the committee in overseeing them, was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Items 2001-86 through 89, to add a minor in African Studies, then were approved by voice vote with the following changes: Item 2001-88, AFRI 295, will be listed as AFRI 298, and AFRI 296 will be listed as AFRI 299.

Catalogue Description of the Minor:

Students electing this minor must complete a minimum of 15 credits at the 200 level and meet a language requirement.

Course Requirements

Two courses are required from among the following courses in the Social Sciences:

Anthropology 225 Contemporary Africa

History 223 History of Modern Africa

Political Science 239 Politics in Africa

Sociology 226 Modern Africa

One course is required from among the following courses in the Humanities:

Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies 201 Comparative Literature: African Literature

English 218 Literature and Culture of the Third World: African Literature

French 218 Francophone Studies

Six more credits are required in courses on the lists of courses meeting the Social Sciences and Humanities

requirements and/or the following courses:

African Studies 293 Foreign Study

African Studies 298 Special Topics in African Studies

African Studies 299 Independent Study

Agricultural and Resource Economics 255 The Role of Agriculture in Economic Development

Anthropology 223 Pre-Colonial Africa

Anthropology 264 African Prehistory

Art History 285 African Art

Economics 247 Economic Development

Geography 258 Geography of Africa

History 222 History of Pre-Colonial Africa

Political Science 244 Politics of South Africa

Language Requirement

Intermediate proficiency in an approved language other than English is required for the degree.

This will be either the official language of an African country, e.g. Arabic, French, Portuguese,

Swahili, or a widely used African language. Requires completion of the fourth semester

of a college-level language sequence or examination by a faculty instructor in the language.

Item 2001-87 ADD AFRI 293

CATALOGUE COPY:

293. Foreign Study

Either or both semesters. Credits and hours by arrangement.

May be repeated for credit. Consent of Director required,

normally to be granted prior to student's departure.

Item 2001-88 ADD AFRI 298 Special Topics in African Studies

CATALOGUE COPY:

298 Special Topics in African Studies

Either or both semesters. Credits up to a maximum of three.

With a change in topic, may be repeated for credit.

Item 2001-89 ADD AFRI 299

CATALOGUE COPY:

299. Independent Study

Either semester. Credits and hours by arrangement.

Open only with consent of instructor.

With a change in content, may be repeated for credit.

Item 2001-120, to change a minor in Criminal Justice, was tabled.

5. New Business

Item 2001-129, a motion to add a minor in Middle Eastern Studies, was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Catalogue Description of the Minor:

This minor is intended to enable students to pursue a multi-disciplinary approach to the Middle East and to acquire a thorough understanding of the area from anthropological, economic, historical, literary, political, and religious perspectives.

Students electing this minor must complete at least 18 credits at the 200's level that satisfy the following criteria.

1. The basic required course is HIST 205.
2. In addition, students must complete five courses, spread across at least four fields, from the following list: ANTH 238, CLCS 201, CLCS 203, CLCS 214, ECON 204 (W), FR 218, HEB 201 (also offered as JUDS 201), HEB 279, HIST 204, HIST 290, HIST 212 W (also offered as ANTH 257W), HIST 213 (also offered as CLAS 253), HIST 218 (also offered as HEB 218, CLAS 256, and JUDS 218), INTD 294, POLS 224, POLS 226, and 200-level courses on Middle Eastern Languages.

Courses offered by the Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies (CLCS) Program count toward the minor when the topic contains substantial Middle Eastern material.

With the approval of a student's Middle Eastern Studies Advisor, one other course not listed above or a 3-credit independent study course with substantial Middle Eastern content may also be counted toward the minor.

The Critical languages Program offers courses in Middle Eastern languages that may be used to fulfill the foreign language requirement of the University. Students are strongly encouraged to take a language relating to their field of study.

The minor is offered by the CLAS and supervised by a committee of affiliated faculty. For information, contact Metin Cosgel, Director of the Minor (860-486-4662, Cosgel@UConn.Edu).

Item 2001-130, a request to drop INTD 276, Introduction to American Studies, was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Item 2001-131 2XX, Seminar in American Studies, was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Catalogue Copy:

INTD2XX. Seminar in American Studies. Three Credits. Spring Semester.

An in-depth study of an event, historical period, or cultural production from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Items 2001-132 and 133 were tabled.

Item 2001-134, a transfer of the Art History major from CLAS to Fine Arts was moved and seconded. After some discussion, the motion carried subject to receipt by the Committee of the associated changes in the catalog and the effective date of the changes.

The committee then discussed plans for the Oct. 15 University Senate debate on the General Education Requirements.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried by voice vote at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Breen