

*College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Committee on Curricula and Courses*

**Minutes of the meeting of Oct. 19, 2004**

Approved Oct. 26, 2004

Chairman Tom Terry called the meeting to order in Room 162 of the Dodd Center at 3:34 pm.

Present were: Kevin McBride (ANTH), Robert Michel (CHEM), Anne Hiskes (CLAS Dean's office), Ross Buck (COMS), Lanse Minkler (ECON), Kentwood Wells (EEB), Albert Fairbanks (ENGL), Alexander Vias (GEOG), Nancy Shoemaker (HIST), Andrea Calabrese (LING), Roger Travis (MCL), Gerald Leibowitz (MATH), Thomas Terry (MCB and Chair), Paul Bloomfield (PHIL), George Rawitscher (PHYS), Joseph Crivello (PNB), Jeremy Pressman (POLS), Robert Henning (PSYC), Robert Bifulco (PP), Yazhen Wang (STAT).

Also present as guests were: Carol Lewis (POLS) and Jennifer Sterling-Folker (POLS).

**1. PRELIMINARIES**

- a. Roger Travis was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.
- b. The Minutes from the meeting of 12 October 2004 were approved.
- c. Updates from the Chair: 1) A meeting of the committee has been scheduled for 2 November, in the Class of '47 Room in Babbidge Library. 2) Members were asked to review the appendix to the Minutes of 12 October 2004 on-line. 3) Revisions to "change major" proposals will be handled on 10/26/04.

**2. REVIEW OF PROPOSAL TO REVISE CLAS CATALOG LANGUAGE (from Subcommittee E)**

The committee voted to recommend the proposal for consideration by the college at its meeting of 3 November 2004, starting at 4 p.m. in A.S. 55

A proposal to amend the B. S. degree requirements from David Knecht, MCB, was circulated and discussed briefly. The committee will consider this motion at our next meeting.

**3. REVIEW OF PROPOSALS THAT PLAY A ROLE IN THE NEW GENERAL EDUCATION SYSTEM, AND NEED GEOC APPROVAL**

**2004-106 Add:** ECON 108 Game Theory in the Natural and Social Sciences  
**Approved Catalog Copy:**

**ECON 108 Game Theory in the Natural and Social Sciences.**

Either semester. Three credits. Not open for credit to students who have passed ECON 218 or 219. *Knoblauch*.

Introduction to game theory. Applications in the natural and social sciences and technology may include electric power auctions, evolutionary biology, and elections.

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**2004-108 Add:** ENGL 130. Introduction to Shakespeare; **Change** ENGL 230 Shakespeare I and ENGL 230W Shakespeare I

**Approved Catalog Copy:**

**ENGL 130. Introduction to Shakespeare**

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: English 110 or 111 or 250; or both 105 and 109. Students may not receive credit for both ENGL 130 and 230 or 230W. Introductory survey of representative Shakespeare plays and poetry.

**ENGL 230. Shakespeare I**

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: ENGL 110 or 111 or 250; or both 105 and 109. Open to sophomores or higher. Students may not receive credit for both ENGL 130 and 230 or 230W. Romantic comedies and principal tragedies.

**ENGL 230W. Shakespeare I**

Prerequisite: ENGL 110 or 111 or 250; or both 105 and 109. Open to sophomores or higher. Students may not receive credit for both ENGL 130 and 230 or 230W.

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**2004-112 Cross-list Courses:** cross-list HIST 121. Women in History as WS 1xx. Women in History

**Approved Catalog Copy:**

**HIST 121. Women in History**

(Also offered as WS 1xx.) Either semester. Three credits. The historical roots of challenges faced by contemporary women as revealed in the Western and/or non-Western experience: the political, economic, legal, religious, intellectual, and family life of women.

**WS 1xx. Women in History**

(Also offered as HIST 121.) Either semester. Three credits. The historical roots of challenges faced by contemporary women as revealed in the Western and/or non-Western experience: the political, economic, legal, religious, intellectual, and family life of women.

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**2004-115 Change:** POLS 228W. East Asian Governments and Politics (title and description; drop W)

**Approved Catalog Copy:**

**POLS 228. Comparative Asian Governments and Politics**

Either semester. Three credits. Political institutions and processes of China, Japan, and other selected countries in Asia.

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**2004-120 Change:** POLS 288W. Senior Thesis (revise language regarding distinction; drop prerequisite; allow repetition for credit)

**Approved Catalog Copy:**

**POLS 288W Senior Thesis**

Either semester. Three credits. Hours by arrangement. Prerequisite: ENGL 110 or 111 or 250. Open only with consent of instructor. **All honors students writing an honors thesis in Political Science must take this course in each of their last two semesters. Course may be repeated once for credit.**

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**2004-125 Add:** POLS 1xx: Introduction to Human Rights  
**Approved Catalog Copy:**

**POLS 1xx: Introduction to Human Rights**

Either semester. Three credits.

Exploration of central human rights institutions, selected human rights themes and political controversies, and key political challenges of contemporary human rights advocacy.

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**2004-126 Add:** ENGL 1XXW. Race, Gender, and the Culture Industry  
**Approved Catalog Copy:**

**ENGL 1XXW. Race, Gender, and the Culture Industry**

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: ENGL 109 or 110 or 111 or 250.

Cultural construction of race and gender in English-language literature, film, and music.

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**2004-127 Add:** HIST 1XX. Living Through War in World History Since 1500  
**Approved Catalog Copy:**

**HIST 1XX. Living Through War in World History Since 1500**

Either semester. Three credits. *Watson*

Experiences and perceptions of both military and civilian participants in different kinds of wars around the world over the past 500 years.

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**2004-128 Add:** COMM 231W. Media Literacy and Criticism  
**Approved Catalog Copy:**

**COMM 231W. Media Literacy and Criticism**

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: COMM 100. Open to sophomores. Recommended preparation: COMM 130, COMM 241, COMM 262. *Atkin*.

History, analysis and evaluation of technique, content and aesthetic effect of media messages. Cultural, political, economic, and institutional factors that help define the grammar of popular mass media content; social scientific perspectives addressing how audiences learn to comprehend media content including efforts to promote media literacy.

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**2004-129 Add:** COMM 244W. Communication Law and Policy  
**Approved Catalog Copy:**

**COMM 244W. Communication Law and Policy**

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: COMM 100. Open to sophomores. Recommended preparation: COMM 130, COMM 241, COMM 262. *Atkin*.

The development of American communication laws and policies, from their constitutional base through federal law, regulatory agencies and the judicial system. Exploration of rights and responsibilities of communication organizations and the public.

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**2004-130 Add:** COMM 286W. Business Communication  
Proposal was referred back to the department for further information

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**2004-131 Add:** LAMS 291W. Honors Thesis  
**Approved Catalog Copy:**

**LAMS 291W. Honors Thesis**

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: LAMS 290W. Consent of instructor required. *Staff*  
All Honors students must register for this course after completion of LAMS 290W.

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**2004-132 Add:** ENGL 241: Literature and Human Rights  
**Approved Catalog Copy:**

**ENGL 241: Topics in Literature and Human Rights**

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisites: ENGL 110 or 111 or 250 or both 105 and 109. May be repeated for credit with a change in topic.

Study of literature from various historical periods and nationalities concerned with defining, exploring, and critiquing the idea of universal human rights.

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**2004-133 Add:** COMM 283W. Public Relations Writing  
**Approved Catalog Copy:**

**COMM 283W. Public Relations Writing**

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: COMM 282.

Philosophy and practice of good, ethical and effective public relations for advanced students. Writing projects such as press releases, media advisories, briefing packets, speech introductions, brochures, newsletters, and op-eds.

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**2004-147 Change:** a Group of Existing History Courses.

Remove all prerequisites or recommended preparation for the following courses (except for W courses which should retain the standard prerequisites of ENGL courses as mandated by general education requirements for W courses):

HIST 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 239, 240W, 243, 244, 249, 295W

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**4. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Travis, secretary *pro tempore*