

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Committee on Curricula and Courses
Minutes for the meeting of February 8, 2005
Approved by e-mail vote on February 14, 2005

Present were: Anne Hiskes (CLAS Dean's office), Robert Michel (CHEM), Ross Buck (COMS), Lanse Minkler (ECON), Kentwood Wells (EEB), Albert Fairbanks (ENGL), Bill Berentsen (GEOG), Nancy Shoemaker (HIST), Jonathan Bobaljik (LING), Roger Travis (MCL), Gerald Leibowitz (MATH), Annelie Skoog (MARN), Thomas Terry (MCB and Chair), Paul Bloomfield (PHIL), George Rawitscher (PHYS), Jeremy Pressman (POLS), David Miller (PSYC), Robert Bifulco (PP), Arnold Dashefsky (SOC), Margaret Breen (WS). **Also present as guests were:** Betty Hansen (India Studies Minor), Elizabeth Mahan (International Studies), Vernon Cormier (Physics), Jay Rueckl (Psychology and Cognitive Science), Howard Reiter (Political Science), and David Gross (Mathematics)

Chairman Tom Terry called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM in Room 162 of the Dodd Research Center.

1. PRELIMINARIES

Nancy Shoemaker was appointed secretary for this meeting.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2004-191 rev Add: PHIL 2XX. Topics in Philosophy and Human Rights (**Approved Unanimously**)

PHIL 2XX. Topics in Philosophy and Human Rights

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: One three-credit course in Philosophy or consent of instructor. With a change in content, may be repeated for credit.

What are human rights? Why are they important? Topics may include the philosophical precursors of human rights, the nature and justification of human rights, or contemporary issues bearing on human rights.

2004-197 rev Add Minor: Indian Studies (**Approved Unanimously** with some changes in wording and pending Sociology Department approval)

INDIA STUDIES

Completion of a minimum of fifteen credits at the 200 level is required, including at least 2 courses from Group A and at least two courses from Group B. In addition the India Studies minor requires the completion of INDS 296 or participation in an approved, credit-bearing Study Abroad program in India. Any remaining credits can be completed in INDS courses or an additional course from Group A or B. Also recommended are appropriate 100-level courses that provide an introduction to the advanced courses. These might include Philosophy 106 and Art

History 140. Students are strongly encouraged (although not required) to take an Indian language course in the Critical Languages program.

Group A: Core courses

HIST 277 (or AASI 277). Modern India

INDS 210. Ancient and Indian Classical literature in Translation

PHIL 263. Oriental Philosophy and religion

POLS 279/279W. South Asia in World Politics

SOCI 222 (or AASI 222). Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change in India and the United States

ENGL 218. Literature and Culture in the Third World (when the subtitle is "Literature of India")

Group B: Related courses

SOCI 258/258W. The Developing World

POLS 203/203W. Women in Political Development

ECON 247/247W. Economic Development

ARE 255. Role of Agriculture in Development

ENGL 227/227W. World Literature in English

AH 216 (or AASI 216). Asian Medical Systems

INDS 295. Variable Topics

3. NEW BUSINESS

2005-1 Change Minor: Psychology (Unanimously Approved with small change in punctuation)

Proposed catalog Description of the Minor: (change indicated in **bold red**)

Psychology

The requirements for this minor are at least 16 credits of 200 level Psychology courses that include

1. PSYC 202Q (4 credits)

2. one course (3 credits) representing the Social and Applied Science Perspectives: PSYC 236, PSYC 240, PSYC 243, PSYC 245, PSYC 268, or PSYC 281

3. one course (3 credits) representing the Natural Science Perspective: PSYC 220, PSYC 221, PSYC 253, PSYC 254, PSYC 256, PSYC 257, or **PSYC 259** and

4. an additional two elective courses (6 credits) of any 200-level Psychology courses not used to meet the above requirements, with the exception that no more than three credits of either PSYC 297 or 299 may be counted toward the minor. PSYC 294 cannot be used. Other than PSYC 202Q, the courses comprising the minor should be selected in consultation with the student's major advisor to comprise a coherent program relevant to the student's academic and/or career interests and objectives.

The minor is offered by the Psychology Department.

2005-2 Add: MAST 195, 295, 298, and 299 (variable or special topics, and independent study courses) (**Unanimously Approved** with “Open to Sophomores” removed from MAST 295 and 298)

MAST 195. Special Topics Lecture

Either semester. Credits, prerequisites, and hours as determined by the Senate Curricula and Courses Committee. May be repeated for credit with a change in topic.

MAST 295. Variable Topics

Either semester. Three credits. With a change in topic, may be repeated for credit. Prerequisites and recommended preparation vary.

MAST 298. Special Topics

Either semester. Credits and hours by arrangement. With a change in content, may be repeated for credit. Prerequisites and recommended preparation vary.

MAST 299. Independent Study

Either or both semesters. Credits and hours by arrangement. May be repeated for credit with a change in subject matter. Open only with consent of instructor.

2005-3 Add: PSYC 2xx. Multiculturalism from a Social Psychological Perspective (**Unanimously Approved**)

PSYC 2xx. Multiculturalism from a Social Psychological Perspective

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: PSYC 133 or 135. Recommended Preparation: PSYC 240. Open to sophomores or higher. *Agocha*.

Introduction to theoretical perspectives and behavioral research that seek to explain the nature and mechanisms of intergroup relations and the psychology of culture, prejudice, and biased behavior.

2005-4 Add: PSYC 2xy. Introduction to Multicultural Psychology (**Unanimously Approved**)

PSYC 2xy. Introduction to Multicultural Psychology

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: PSYC 133 or 135. Open to Sophomores or higher. *Williams*.

General introduction to cross-cultural and multicultural issues and the role psychology has played in understanding the experiences of diverse groups.

2005-5 Add: COGS 2XX: Foundations of Cognitive Science (**Unanimously Approved**)

COGS 2XX: Foundations of Cognitive Science

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: PSYC 132 or PHIL 101 or LING 101. Open to sophomores or higher.

Origins of and current developments within scientific study of the mind-brain. Topics include: computational theories of mind, artificial and natural intelligence, cognitive neuroscience and the

mind/body problem, embodied and distributed cognition, neural networks, self-organizing cognitive systems, learning and innateness.

2005-6 Add: INDS 296. Senior Thesis (Unanimously Approved)

INDS 296. Senior Thesis

Either or both semesters: Three credits. Hours by arrangement. Open only with consent of instructor.

Research and writing of a thesis

2005-7 Cross list: Overview to Human Rights HRTS designation and cross-listing

[**Note:** this list is an overview to subsequent proposals, which contain approved catalog copy.]

a) Courses Unanimously Approved:

EXISTING COURSE: HRTS DESIGNATION

ANTH 280W: Human Rights in Democratizing Countries HRTS 280W

ANTH 290W: Cultural Rights HRTS 290W

ENGL 241: Literature and Human Rights HRTS 241

HIST 226: International Human Rights HRTS 226

HIST 253: History of Human Rights HRTS 253

INTD 245: Human Rights Internship and Portfolio HRTS 245

PHIL 2xx: Topics in Philosophy and Human Rights HRTS 2xx

POLS 1xx: Introduction to Human Rights HRTS 1xx

POLS 205: The Theory of Human Rights HRTS 205

POLS 258: Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights HRTS 258

PRLS 221: Latinos/as and Human Rights in the U.S. HRTS 220

SOCI 215: Human Rights in the United States HRTS 215

WS 263: Women and Violence HRTS 263

b) Courses sent back to HRTS and departments for further review pending adoption of guidelines for cross-listing courses in CLAS, and to ensure instructor awareness of cross-listing:

EXISTING COURSE: HRTS DESIGNATION

ANTH 228: Australian Aborigines HRTS 228

ANTH 231: Anthropological Perspectives on Women HRTS 231

ECON 202: Topics in Economic History and Thought HRTS 202

ECON 207: Beyond Self-Interest HRTS 207

ECON 247: Economic Development HRTS 247

HIST 215: History of Women and Gender in the U.S.,
1790-Present HRTS 215

HIST 224: History of Pan-Africanism HRTS 224

HIST 237: The Indian in American History HRTS 237

HIST 238: African American History to 1865 HRTS 238

HIST 268: Japanese American and World War II

(cross-listed as AASI 268) HRTS 267

PHIL 215: Ethics HRTS 214

PHIL 218: Feminist Theory HRTS 218
PHIL 245: Philosophy and Economics HRTS 246
POLS 225: International Organizations and Law HRTS 225
POLS 244: Politics of South Africa HRTS 244
POLS 257: World Cultures and U.S. Law HRTS 257
SOC 221: Sociological Perspectives on Asian American Women (cross-listed as AASI 221 or AASI 221W) HRTS 221
SOC 222: Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change (cross-listed as AASI 222) HRTS 222
SOC 235: African Americans and Social Protest HRTS 235
SOC 236: White Racism HRTS 236
SOC 243: Prejudice and Discrimination HRTS 243
SOC 249: Sociological Perspectives on Poverty HRTS 249
SOC 258: The Developing World HRTS 259
SOC 268: Class, Power, and Inequality HRTS 268
SOC 269: Political Sociology HRTS 269

c) Subcommittee formed to develop a policy on cross-listed courses and to present the policy at the next CLAS C&C meeting on 15 March 2005: Nancy Shoemaker, Anne Hiskes, and Lanse Minkler.

2005-8 Cross list: Cross List Courses in Human Rights Program and Anthropology

APPROVED COURSES:

(a) ANTH 280W. Human Rights in Democratizing Countries

(Also offered as HRTS 280W.) Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. *Wilson*

Human rights, political violence, political and legal anthropology, prosecutions of human rights offenders, truth and memory, reconciliation, international justice.

HRTS 280W. Human Rights in Democratizing Countries

(Also offered as ANTH 280W.) Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. *Wilson*

Human rights, political violence, political and legal anthropology, prosecutions of human rights offenders, truth and memory, reconciliation, international justice.

(b) ANTH 290W: Cultural Rights

(Also offered as HRTS 290W.) Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. *Wilson*

Politics of culture and cultural rights, minority rights, indigenous rights, multicultural policies, race, difference and law, cosmopolitanism, globalization and human rights

HRTS 290W: Cultural Rights

(Also offered as ANTH 290W.) Either semester. Three credits. Open only with consent of instructor. *Wilson*

Politics of culture and cultural rights, minority rights, indigenous rights, multicultural policies, race, difference and law, cosmopolitanism, globalization and human rights

2005-9 Cross list: Cross List Courses in Human Rights Program and Economics

No Courses Yet Approved

2005-10 Cross list: Cross List Courses in Human Rights Program and English

APPROVED COURSE

ENGL 241: Topics in Literature and Human Rights

(Also offered as HRTS 241.) 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.

HRTS 241: Topics in Literature and Human Rights

(Also offered as ENGL 241.) 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.

2005-11 Cross list: Cross List Courses in Human Rights Program and History

APPROVED COURSES

a) HIST 226. International Human Rights

(Also offered as HRTS 226.) Either semester. Three credits. Open to sophomores or higher. Historical and theoretical survey of the evolution of human rights since 1945.

HRTS 226. International Human Rights

(Also offered as HIST 226.) Either semester. Three credits. Open to sophomores or higher. Historical and theoretical survey of the evolution of human rights since 1945.

b) HIST 253. The History of Human Rights

(Also offered as HRTS 253.) Either semester. Three credits.

Case studies in the emergence and evolution of human rights as experience and concept.

HRTS 253. The History of Human Rights

(Also offered as HIST 253.) Either semester. Three credits.

Case studies in the emergence and evolution of human rights as experience and concept.

2005-12 Cross list: Proposal was to Cross List Courses in Human Rights Program and Interdepartmental. Committee recommendation was to list the course only as HRTS and drop the INTD designation, which no longer serves a useful purpose.

APPROVED COURSE AS HRTS ONLY (no need for INTD listing)

HRTS 245. Human Rights Internship and Portfolio

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of Director of Human Rights Minor. Internship with a human rights-related agency, organization, or group, and preparation of a portfolio synthesizing the internship experiences with Human Rights Minor course work.

DROP listing for:

INTD 245. Human Rights Internship and Portfolio

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: Consent of Director of Human Rights Minor. Internship with a human rights-related agency, organization, or group, and preparation of a portfolio synthesizing the internship experiences with Human Rights Minor course work.

2005-13 Cross list: Cross List Courses in Human Rights Program and Philosophy

APPROVED COURSE:

PHIL 2XX. Topics in Philosophy and Human Rights

(Also offered as HRTS 2XX.) Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: One three-credit course in Philosophy or consent of instructor. With a change in content, may be repeated for credit.

What are human rights? Why are they important? Topics may include the philosophical precursors of human rights, the nature and justification of human rights, or contemporary issues bearing on human rights.

HRTS 2XX. Topics in Philosophy and Human Rights

(Also offered as PHIL 2xx.) Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: One three-credit course in Philosophy or consent of instructor. With a change in content, may be repeated for credit.

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2005-14 Cross list: Cross List Courses in Human Rights Program and Political Science

APPROVED COURSES:

a) POLS 1xx: Introduction to Human Rights

(Also offered as HRTS 1xx.) 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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(Also offered as POLS 1xx.) Either semester. Three credits.

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b) POLS 205. The Theory of Human Rights

(Also offered as HRTS 205.) Either semester. Three credits. *Hiskes*.

Various theories of human rights, both historical and contemporary. Conceptual arguments both in favor and critical of the theory and practice of human rights will be considered, with literature taken primarily from philosophy and political theory.

HRTS 205. The Theory of Human Rights

(Also offered as POLS 205.) Either semester. Three credits. *Hiskes*.

Various theories of human rights, both historical and contemporary. Conceptual arguments both in favor and critical of the theory and practice of human rights will be considered, with literature taken primarily from philosophy and political theory.

c) POLS 258. Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights

(Also offered as HRTS 258.) First semester. Three credits.

Cultural difference and human rights in areas of legal equality, women's rights, political violence, criminal justice, religious pluralism, global security, and race relations.

HRTS 258. Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights

(Also offered as POLS 258.) First semester. Three credits.

Cultural difference and human rights in areas of legal equality, women's rights, political violence, criminal justice, religious pluralism, global security, and race relations.

2005-15 Cross list: Cross List Courses in Human Rights Program and Puerto Rican and Latino Studies

APPROVED COURSE\:

PRLS 221. Latinos/as and Human Rights

(Also offered as HIST 284 and HRTS 220.) Either semester. Three credits. *Silvestrini*
Latino/a issues related to human, civil and cultural rights, and gender differences.

HIST 284. Latinos/as and Human Rights

(Also offered as PRLS 221 and HRTS 220.) Either semester. Three credits. *Silvestrini*
Latino/a issues related to human, civil and cultural rights, and gender differences.

HRTS 220. Latinos/as and Human Rights

(Also offered as PRLS 221 and HIST 284.) Either semester. Three credits. *Silvestrini*
Latino/a issues related to human, civil and cultural rights, and gender differences.

2005-16 Cross list: Cross List Courses in Human Rights Program and Sociology

[NOTE: HRTS 215 can be used rather than 213, since HIST 215 will not be cross-listed after consultation with course instructor in HIST 215.]

APPROVED COURSE:

SOCI 215: Human Rights in the United States

(Also offered as HRTS 215.) Either semester. Three credits.

Sociological analyses of human rights issues in the United States, including economic, racial, and gender justice; prisoners' rights and capital punishment; the role of the United States in international human rights agreements and treaties; and struggles on behalf of human rights

HRTS 215: Human Rights in the United States (Also offered as SOCI 215.) Either semester.

Three credits.

Sociological analyses of human rights issues in the United States, including economic, racial, and gender justice; prisoners' rights and capital punishment; the role of the United States in international human rights agreements and treaties; and struggles on behalf of human rights

2005-17 Cross list: Cross List Courses in Human Rights Program and Women's Studies

APPROVED COURSE:

WS 263. Women and Violence

(Also offered as HRTS 263.) Either semester. Three credits.

A discussion of the various forms of violence against women in our society, including rape, battering, incest and pornography; treats the social, political and personal meaning of violence.

HRTS 263. Women and Violence

(Also offered as WS 263.) Either semester. Three credits.

A discussion of the various forms of violence against women in our society, including rape, battering, incest and pornography; treats the social, political and personal meaning of violence.

2005-18 Add: PP 101. Introduction to Public Policy (**Unanimously Approved** with location of course specified)

PP 101. Introduction to Public Policy

Either semester. Three credits. Open to sophomores or higher. (Not offered at Storrs through Spring, 2008)

Public policy history and institutions, government administration and systems, policy analysis, contemporary policy issues, polling and influences on policy making.

2005-19 Add: PP 220. Public Policy Research Methods I (**Unanimously Approved** with location of course specified)

PP 220. Public Policy Research Methods I

Either semester. Three credits. (Not offered at Storrs through Spring, 2008)

Research design for policy analysis, impact analysis, implementation analysis, program evaluation.

2005-20 Add: PP 221Q. Public Policy Research Methods II (**Unanimously Approved** with location of course specified)

PP 221Q. Public Policy Research Methods II

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: PP220 and STAT100Q or STAT110Q, or consent of instructor. (Not offered at Storrs through Spring, 2008)

Data analysis for program evaluation, public policy and management research including data description, probability theory, statistical inference, multiple regression and time series analysis.

2005-21 Add: PP 222. Practicum in Public Policy (**Unanimously Approved** with location of course specified)

PP 222. Practicum in Public Policy

Either semester. Three credits. Open to sophomores. (Offered at Greater Hartford)

Policy workshop on the practical application of making public policy.

2005-22 Add: PP 223. Cases in Public Policy (**Unanimously Approved** with location of course specified)

PP 223. Cases in Public Policy

Either semester. Three credits. (Not offered at Storrs through Spring, 2008)

Exploration of policy analysis using case studies on various contemporary policy topics.

2005-23 Add: PP 223W. Cases in Public Policy (**Unanimously Approved** with location of course specified)

PP 223W. Cases in Public Policy

Either semester. Three credits. (Not offered at Storrs through Spring, 2008)

Exploration of policy analysis using case studies on various contemporary policy topics.

2005-24 Cross list: Cross List Courses in Geology and Physics (**Unanimously Approved** with change in punctuation)

[Note from the Chair: Since our meeting on Feb. 8, 2005, George Rawitscher (Physics) and Vernon Cormier (Physics) requested that the Q skill code be removed from these courses. Although these are certainly quantitative courses, the Q-designation serves no useful function, since any student taking these courses would already have had sufficient Q's in prerequisite courses to satisfy the General Education requirements. If the Q designation is retained, approval of the cross-listing requires submission to the Senate C&C committee, an unnecessary complication that can be avoided simply by removing the Q designation. I have therefore extended the committee's approval of this proposal to include deletion of the Q designation from

these courses. Note that the Q designation would be deleted in any case if the courses are not submitted for GEOC approval.]

a) GEOL 274. Physics of the Earth's Interior

(Also offered as PHYS 277.) First semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: [PHYS 123](#) or [132](#) or [142](#), or [152](#), which may be taken concurrently; [MATH 113](#) or [115](#) or [120](#), which may be taken concurrently; not open to students who have passed GEOL 264Q. *Cormier*

The composition, structure, and dynamics of the Earth's core, mantle, and crust inferred from observations of seismology, geomagnetism, and heat flow.

PHYS 277. Physics of the Earth's Interior

(Also offered as GEOL 274.) First semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: [PHYS 123](#) or [132](#) or [142](#), or [152](#), which may be taken concurrently; [MATH 113](#) or [115](#) or [120](#), which may be taken concurrently; not open to students who have passed GEOL 264Q. *Cormier*

The composition, structure, and dynamics of the Earth's core, mantle, and crust inferred from observations of seismology, geomagnetism, and heat flow.

b) GEOL 276. Fundamentals of Planetary Science

(Also offered as PHYS 278.) Second semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: [PHYS 123](#) or [132](#) or [142](#), or [152](#), which may be taken concurrently; [MATH 114](#) or [116](#) or [121](#), which may be taken concurrently; not open to students who have passed GEOL 266Q. *Cormier*

Evolution of the solar system, celestial mechanics, tidal friction, internal composition of planets, black-body radiation, planetary atmospheres.

PHYS 278. Fundamentals of Planetary Science

(Also offered as GEOL 276.) Second semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: [PHYS 123](#) or [132](#) or [142](#), or [152](#), which may be taken concurrently; [MATH 114](#) or [116](#) or [121](#), which may be taken concurrently; not open to students who have passed GEOL 266Q. *Cormier*

Evolution of the solar system, celestial mechanics, tidal friction, internal composition of planets, black-body radiation, planetary atmospheres.

2005-25 Add: 3 credit, 5 class period "Introduction to College Algebra and Mathematical Modeling" section of MATH 195Q. Special Topics Lecture (Unanimously Approved)

The rationale for the number of hours vs. number of credits is similar to converting 3 weekly hours of laboratory work into 1 semester credit. The course be a mathematical of equivalent of 2 hours of lecture plus 3 lab hours (problem solving-explorations) per week.

4. ADJOURN at 6:00 p.m.