

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Committee on Curricula & Courses
Minutes of the meeting of 17 March 2009
Approved 14 April 2009

Chair John Manning called the meeting to order in Room 162 of the Thomas Dodd Research Center at 3:33 PM, March 17, 2009.

Present: Bloomfield, Paul (PHIL); Breen, Margaret (WS); Cromley, Robert (GEOG); Dufresne, Marcel (JOUR); Gajewski, Jon (LING); Gallo, Bob (PNB); Goldman, Jane (HDFS); Gouwens, Kenneth (HIST); Hamilton, Doug (CLAS); Henning, Robert (PSYC); Knecht, Dave (MCB); Langlois, Dick (ECON); Leibowitz, Gerald (MATH); Linnekin, Jocelyn (ANTH); Manning, John (Chair); Michel, Robert (CHEM); Musiek, Frank (COMM); Rawitscher, George (PHYS); Rockwell, Richard (SOCL); Schultz, Eric (EEB); Skoog, Annelie (MARN); Smith, Katharine Capshaw Smith (ENGL); Travis, Roger (MCL). Guest: Rios, Diana (COMS)

I. PRELIMINARIES

A. Gajewski appointed secretary pro tem.

B. Minutes of the 10 February 2009 meeting approved with minor corrections.

C. Chair's report:

1. Approvals in the interim by the chair:

HIST 3995 special topics: Race, Gender & Sexuality in US History (2009-26 below)

HDFR 3095 special topics: Disabilities: A Lifespan Perspective (2009-30 below)

Editorial change to MCB major text: 'A maximum of 3 credits from among MCB 3899, 3989 and 4989 may count toward the 24 credit requirement'.

D. INTD courses in Gen Ed across categories. Still pending further information.

E. Continuing Discussion: Curriculum

1. African American Studies Major The Board of Trustees has recently approved a major in African-American Studies. Such a major and corresponding minor were approved by CLAS CC&C in Spring 2005 (2005-38; 2005-39). CLAS CC&C approval was contingent on cross-listing of certain courses. Questions were raised about whether this condition has been met.

2. Pre-Law Program Rockwell reports that Sociology has been consulted concerning establishment of curriculum for a Pre-Law Program.

3. Honors Core courses. A course designated Honors Core cannot be offered as non-Honors. Many, including the Dean's Office, are concerned about good courses closed to non-Honors students. Such elements of course proposals for Honors courses will require further examination.

4. HIST 1998 Migrant Workers in Connecticut GEOG has requested a rewrite of HIST 1998, for which a proposal will be forthcoming. Note concern expressed in #3 above.

H. Continuing discussion: further on curriculum costs. The committee's Letter to Department Heads has been circulated. Hamilton reports that response has been light. Departments are encouraged to respond; any reply is helpful. Subcommittee on distortions to curriculum, (including W requirements) will report in April.

F. Old Business:

1. Assignment to CLAS Gen Ed groups (CA1 proposed) of NRME 1235. Environmental Conservation (see last month's appendix for details). No action taken.

2. GEOG proposal (2009 – 12, below). Report of B.S. Subcommittee. GEOG will accept all CLAS BS requirements. BS subcommittee will meet. The chair explained that since GEOG is not now listed as a science department, the chair wants an official decision from the subcommittee on the GEOG BS degree even though GEOG accepts all CLAS BS requirements.

G. Other points for the good of the order. None.

II. DEPARTMENTAL COURSE PROPOSALS

1. Proposals postponed from an earlier meeting (Italics indicate a proposal awaiting departmental revision)

2008 – 155 Proposal to Add MARN 5935 [POSTPONED]

2008 – 177 Proposal to Add LING 3791 [POSTPONED with the suggestion that 3791 be changed to 3789 Undergraduate Research]

2009 – 6 Proposal to Add MCB 5490 [APPROVED as amended]

Final catalog listing:

MCB 5490. Industrial Insights

2 credits. Lecture. With change of content, may be repeated for credit. Open only with consent of instructor.

Research and development, regulation, intellectual property protection, and production of commercial services and products from the vantage point of genomics-related industries. Taught as a series of specialized courses with each focused on a different topic related to the genomics, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical industries.

2009 – 7 Proposal to Add PSYC 3XXX [APPROVED]

Final catalog listing:

PSYC 3XXX. Laboratory in Health Psychology

Either semester. Three credits. Two hours lecture, two hours lab. Prerequisite: PSYC 3105.

Introduction to experimental design and research methods in health psychology. Includes a class research project.

2009 – 12 Proposal to Add Geography as a B. S. Discipline Option [POSTPONED pending review by the Committee's B.S. sub-committee]

2009 – 13 Proposal to Add PSYC 32XX [POSTPONED pending syllabus]

2009 – 14 Change the Neuroscience Minor [POSTPONED]

2. New Departmental Proposals

2009 - 20 Proposal to add COMM 4XXX/PRLS 4XXX [APPROVED]

Final catalog listing:

COMM 4XXX. Soap Opera/Telenovela

Either semester. Three credits. Prerequisite: open to juniors or higher. Recommended preparation: COMM 1000, COMM 3300. Rios Also offered as PRLS 4XXX

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2009 – 21 Proposal to Change the Italian Literary and Cultural Studies Major (Cultural Studies) [APPROVED]

Final Catalog Listing:

Concentration in Italian Cultural Studies.

Students must complete a minimum of 8 courses (the equivalent of 24 credits):

A. Four 2000 level or above Italian courses from the following: ILCS 3237, 3239, 3240, 3243, 3244, 3250, 3253, 3254, 3255W, 3256, 3258/3258W, 3259, 3260W, 3261, 3262, 3270, 4279

B. Four courses from the following: HIST 3325, 3370, 3463, 4994W; ARTH 3030, 3320, 3340, or MUSI 3413, 3421W

Students must demonstrate proficiency in Italian at a level equivalent to ILCS 1147.

Study Abroad in Italy: Students can participate in a variety of UCONN-sponsored Study Abroad Programs and also have the option of enrolling in non-sponsored programs. In either case, students should consult with the ILCS faculty to determine which courses will receive credits. Students who enroll in study abroad programs not sponsored by UCONN do not necessarily receive UCONN credits for their coursework. No more than 12 credits taken in any Study Abroad Program may count towards a major in Italian at this University.

To satisfy the information literary competency, all students must take ILCS 3255W, or 3258W, or 3260W.

To satisfy the writing in the major requirement, all students must take ILCS 3255W, or 3258W, or 3260W.

2009 – 22 Proposal to Change the Italian Cultural Studies Minor [APPROVED]

Final Catalog Listing:

Students electing this minor must complete 18 credits from the following:

A. Three courses in Italian Literature and/or Cinema in English: Italian 3255W, 3256, 3258/3258W, 3260W. ILCS 3239, 3240, 3270, and 4270 may also count for Group A.

B. Three courses to be chosen from the following: HIST 3325, 3370, 3460, 3463, 4994W; or Art History 3030, 3320W, 3340W

Students must demonstrate proficiency in Italian at a level equivalent to ILCS 1147.

The minor is offered by the Modern and Classical Languages Department.

2009 – 23 Proposal to Change the Italian Literary Studies Minor [APPROVED]

Final Catalog Listing:

This minor requires the completion of 18 credits in 2000-level or above courses. All of the courses listed below require ILCS 1145, 1146, 1147, 1148, or the equivalent, as prerequisites, but these language courses do not count towards the minor.

Students must complete a minimum of 6 courses (the equivalent of 18 credits) to be chosen among the following: ILCS 3237, 3239, 3240, 3243, 3244, 3250, 3253, 3254, 3259, 3261, 3262, 3270, 4279

The minor is offered by the Modern and Classical Languages Department.

2009 – 24 Proposal to Change the Film Studies Minor [APPROVED as amended]

Proposed catalog Description of the Minor:

Students electing this minor must take two courses from each of the following three Distribution Groups:

Two courses in Core Film Studies: CLCS 2214; 3207; 3208; DRAM 4152.

Two courses in national cinemas: CLCS 3XXX; DRAM 4151; FREN 3223 (taught in either English or French); 3226 (taught in English); GERM 3261W (taught in German); 3264W (taught in English); ILCS 3259 (taught in either English or Italian); ILCS 3260W (taught in English); SPAN 3250 (taught in English); 3251 (taught in either English or Spanish); 3252 (taught in Spanish); 3254 (taught in English).

Two interdisciplinary courses: AASI/ENGL 3212; CLCS 3201; CAMS 3245; COMM/PRLS 4320; ENGL 3621; ILCS 3258/W; LAMS 3575; POLS 3426; SOCI 3703/W; WS 3217.

Courses marked with an asterisk (*) require advisor's approval. This interdisciplinary minor is offered by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. For more information contact Norma Bouchard by e-mail Norma.Bouchard@Uconn.edu or by phone at (860) 486-3292.

2009 – 25 Proposal to Change HIST 3422 [APPROVED]

Final Catalog Listing:

HIST 3760: History of Southern Africa

Either semester. Three credits. Open to sophomores or higher. Not open to students who have completed HIST 3422 *Vernal*

Survey of Southern African societies with an emphasis on the socio-economic and political structure of indigenous societies, the imposition of colonial rule, gendered experiences of colonialism, colonial economies, the rise of nationalism and post-independence developments.

2009 – 26 Proposal to offer HIST 3995 "Special Topics" [Race, Gender, Sexuality] [APPROVED by Chair]

2009 – 27 Proposal to Add ENGL 3711 [APPROVED]

Final catalog listing:

ENG 3711. Creative Writing for Child and Young Adult Readers.

Either semester. Three credits. Open to juniors or higher. Prerequisite: ENGL 1010 or 1011 or 3800.

Recommended preparation: ENGL 1701. Open only with consent of instructor. *Staff*.

Creative writing for an audience of children and young adults.

2009 – 28 Proposal to Add MCB 5429 [APPROVED as amended]

Final catalog Listing:

MCB 5429. Theory and Practice of High Throughput Sequence Analysis

2 credits. Lecture/Laboratory. With change of content, may be repeated for credit. Open only with consent of instructor.

Advanced training in experimental design, sample preparation, quality control, high throughput sequence acquisition and analysis of data sets for a variety of genomics applications. Taught as a series of modules with each focused on a different aspect of the practice of next-generation genome analysis.

2009 – 29 Proposal to Change MCB 2225W [APPROVED as amended]

Final Catalog Listing:

MCB 2225. Cell Biology Laboratory

(2225) Second semester. Four credits. One 1-hour lecture and two 4-hour laboratories.

Prerequisite or corequisite: MCB 2210. Open to honors students. Open to non-honors students with instructor consent.

A laboratory experience to prepare students for thesis research. Focus on experimental design, data analysis and presentation. Cell culture, DNA transfection, fluorescence and time-lapse microscopy, image processing, and flow cytometry. Students will pursue independent research projects.

2009 – 30 Proposal to offer HDFS 3095 "Special Topics". Disabilities: A Lifespan Perspective. [APPROVED by Chair]

2009 – 31 Proposal to change the French Minor [APPROVED]

Proposed catalog Description of the Minor:

The French minor consists of a minimum of 6 courses (18 semester credit hours) at the 3200 level in French :

6 credits from A) Language (3268 or 3269, 3250, 3251, 3257),

6 credits from B) French and Francophone Culture (3210, 3211, 3215 or 3216, 3217, 3218, 3224, 3273),

6 credits from C) French Literary Studies (3261 and/or 3262, 3223, 3220, 3221, 3222, 3230, 3231, 3232, 3233, 3234, 3235, 3280).

Study abroad in our Paris program is highly recommended; students studying in Paris may earn up to 9 credits towards the French Minor.

Any of the Minor courses may be replaced by an appropriate FREN 3293 from Paris.

Students must demonstrate proficiency in French at a level equivalent to FREN1164. The minor is offered by the Modern and Classical Languages Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm. Submitted by Jon Gajewski, secretary pro tem.