CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT [Endorsed by the Administrative Boards]
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Effective fall 2011

I. Course Additions: First-Year Seminars
ART 55 FYS: Art, Gender and Power in Early Modern Europe, VP, NA
GEOG 63 FYS: The Problem with Nature and Its Preservation, PH
PHIL 75 FYS: Evil, PH
SLAV 88H FYS: Gender and Fiction in Central and Eastern Europe, LA, BN

II. Course Additions with Gen Eds
AFRI 320 Music of Africa, VP, BN
AMST 337 Beyond Red Power: American Indian Activism since 1900, HS, US
AMST 339 The Long 1960s in Native America, HS, CI, US
AMST 365 Women and Detective Fiction: From Miss Violet Strange to Veronica Mars, LA (declined NA)
AMST 370 Girl Talk: American Women’s Voices in Literature and Art, LA, NA
AMST 392 Radical Communities in Twentieth Century American Religious History, PH, NA
ANTH 454 Archaeology of African Diasporas, HS, GL
ART 101 Idea and Form, VP
ART 300 Studio 15: Art Majors Seminar, VP, EE
ART 475 Icons and Idols: Debates in Medieval Art, VP, WB
ENST 369 Energy and Environment: A Coastal Perspective, PL, EE
GERM 281 Freedom, Terror, and Identity: Modern Philosophy from Kant to Arendt, PH, NA
HIST 253 Art and Power in Early Modern Europe, HS (declined BN)
HIST 277 Conflict over Israel/Palestine, HS, BN (declined GL)
LFIT 114 Lifetime Fitness: Yoga and Pilates, LF
LFIT 130 Lifetime Fitness: Soccer, LF
PHIL 180 Philosophy of Comedy, PH
RELI 586 Women in Japanese Religions, SS, CI, BN
RUSS 276 Mystery and Suspense in Russian Literature, LA, BN
RUSS 277 Love, Sex and Marriage in Soviet Culture, LA, BN
SLAV 427 Holocaust Cinema in Central Europe, VP, GL (course rejected at department’s request)

III. Course Additions without Gen Eds
ASTR 503 Structure and Evolution of Galaxies
ASTR 505 Physics of Interstellar Gas
INTS 195 Teaching Great Decisions
PHIL 496 Advanced Directed Studies

IV. Course Revisions with Gen Eds
BIOL 464, Global Change Ecology (declined request for GL)
EDUC 318 Peer Leadership in the University, EE
ENST 201 Environment and Society (carries SS), GL
GEOL 601 Summer Field Course in Geology, EE
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RELI 181 Modern Muslim Civilizations (carries HS), BN
WMST 352 Rahtid Rebel Women, LA, BN

V. Miscellaneous Approvals

ART 80 Delete the course.

ART 480 Delete the course.

ASTR 101 Change description from “Celestial motions of the earth, sun, moon, and planets; nature of light; ground and space-based telescopes; comparative planetology; the earth, the moon, planets, and dwarf planets; asteroids; comets; planetary system formation; extrasolar planets; search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI)” to “Celestial motions of the earth, sun, moon, and planets; the nature of light; ground and space-based telescopes; comparative planetology; the earth and the moon; terrestrial and gas planets and their moons; dwarf planets, asteroids, and comets; planetary system formation; extrasolar planets; the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI).”

ASTR 101L Add “co-requisite, ASTR 101.” Change title from “Descriptive Astronomy Lab: Our Place in Space” to “Introduction to Astronomy Laboratory: Our Place in Space.” Change description from “Remote observing with robotic telescopes in the Chilean Andes and around the world: planets, dwarf planets, moons, asteroids, binary and variable stars, supernovae, star-forming regions, star clusters, galaxies. Topics include the Galilean Revolution, the Cosmic Distance Ladder, the Great Debate, and Hubble's Law” to “Observing with robotic telescopes in the Chilean Andes and around the world: planets, dwarf planets, moons, asteroids, binary and variable stars, supernovae, star-forming regions, star clusters, and galaxies; the Galilean Revolution; the Cosmic Distance Ladder; the Great Debate; Hubble’s Law.”

ASTR 301 Change credit hours from three to one. Change course description from “Prerequisite, ASTR 101; corequisite, PHYS 117. Permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite. Course credit for either ASTR 102 or 301. Stellar observables; galaxies; novae; cosmology; the early universe. Course is taught jointly with ASTR 102, but involves a higher level of coursework, qualifying for course credit for physics majors” to “Corequisites, ASTR 102 and PHYS 117. Stellar observables; galaxies; novae; cosmology; the early universe. This one-credit course can be taken with ASTR 102 for students who wish to major or minor in astrophysics.”

BULG 401 Delete the course.

BULG 402 Delete the course.

BULG 403 Delete the course.

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BULG 406 Delete the course.

BULG 411 Delete the course.
EXSS 379 Change the course number to EXSS 425.

GERM 52 Delete the course.

GERM 61 Delete the course.

GERM 64 Delete the course.

GERM 272/CMPL 272/COMM 272. Delete all three cross-listed courses.

HIST 474 Delete the course.

MASC 299 Delete the course.

NORW 402 Delete the course.

NORW 404 Delete the course.

PLAN 248 Delete the course.

PLAN 267 Delete the course.

PLAN 651 Change the course description from “Introduction of fundamental urban design theory and practice. Critically looks at built environment and how architecture defines and delimits physical space. Studies local and historical examples of urban design” to “Lecture course on comparative urbanism and global evolution of city form. Examines values and ideals embedded in urban landscapes, seeking to understand how social, economic, and political forces have influenced development of cities through history.”

PLCY 55 and 55H Delete courses.

PLCY 201/PWAD 201 Delete cross-listed courses.

PLCY/ENST 510 Delete PLCY 510. Leave ENST 510 as a free-standing, active course.

PLCY/PLAN 526 Delete PLCY 526. Leave PLAN 526 as a free-standing, active course.

PLCY 527 Change credit hours from one and one-half to three. Add prerequisite “ECON 310 or 410, or PLCY 410 or 788.” Change course description from “Explores the role of infrastructure in economic development, including innovations in finance, management and technology. Covers traditional and knowledge infrastructure. Addresses trade-off between environmental protection and economic growth” to “This course provides a foundation in public finance theory and applications. Students learn to analyze taxation policies and expenditures on income redistribution, programs for the poor (e.g., TANF), and social insurance programs (e.g., Social Security).”

PLCY 691H Change course description from “Students will explore the scientific method as applied to policy research, formulate relevant and testable policy questions, become familiar with a variety of methods for conducting policy research, think critically about causal inferences and the generalizability of results, and
understand the process of conducting research” to “Students will explore the scientific method as applied to policy research, formulate relevant and testable policy questions, become familiar with a variety of methods for conducting policy research, think critically about causal inferences and the generalizability of results, and understand the process of conducting research.”

PLCY 692H Add prerequisites “PLCY 460 and 691H.” Change course description from “Directed research for honors theses” to “For senior public policy majors. This course provides time for directed research for the honors thesis. Students may only receive credit for one semester of this course. An application for enrollment must be completed by the student and approved by the director of the public policy honors program.”

PLCY 698 Change prerequisites from “PLCY 460” to “PLCY 460, and 691 or 691H.” Change course description from “For senior public policy majors and other seniors having a strong background and/or interest in analysis of public policy. The course involves an in-depth analysis of a public policy problem by each member of the class.” to “For senior public policy majors or minors. The course involves an in-depth analysis of a public policy problem. Students work in teams to prepare a policy analysis of a current federal, state, or local issue.”

RELI 181/ASIA 181 Change the course title from “Later Islamic Civilization and Modern Muslim Cultures” to “Modern Muslim Civilizations.” Change course description from “A broad interdisciplinary survey of the later Islamic empires since the 15th century and their successor societies in the modern Muslim world” to “Surveys important developments in modern Islamic civilizations, from 1453 to today. Among the topics covered are the Ottoman Empire; the rise of Islamic modernism, reformism, and fundamentalism; the Palestinian/Israeli controversy; the Islamic Revolution in Iran; the Taliban; 9/11 and Muslim responses.”

RUSS 394 Delete the course.

SLAV 198H Delete the course.

SLAV/LING 409 Delete SLAV 409. Leave LING 409 as a free-standing, active course.

WMST 391 Change credit hours from one-to-twelve to three.

WMST 563 Change title from “Women’s Health” to “Introduction to Women’s Health and Health Education.”

WMST/MHCH 603 Delete both courses.