

## Curriculum and Course Updates

### I. Curriculum and Courses

**Curriculum review follow up:** 124 courses were identified during the curriculum review as needing follow-up action. Working with departments and curricula, the Office of Undergraduate Curricula (OUC) has addressed the issues raised by the review and submitted all course changes to the Office of the University Registrar.

**CI restored to certain foreign language courses:** Subsequent to Boards' action on March 30, 2011, permitting certain foreign language courses to fulfill the CI requirement, OUC reviewed syllabi for 8 courses (FREN 255, 310, 350; GERM 301, 302, 303; SPAN 255, 350) and submitted changes to the Office of the University Registrar.

**ENGL 105 and 105I:** These three-credit courses, which will replace ENGL 101 and 102/102I, effective in fall 2012, have been posted in the ConnectCarolina course catalog. Both ENGL 105 and 105I will fulfill the composition and rhetoric (CR) Foundations requirement, beginning in fall 2012. ENGL 105 introduces students to several disciplinary contexts for written work and oral presentations required in college courses, whereas ENGL 105I ("I" for "interdisciplinary") introduces students, especially honors students, to one specific disciplinary context—natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, law, business, or medicine—for such written and oral assignments. Planning the transition to this new requirement is underway.

**Senior honors thesis courses:** In collaboration with the Office of the University Registrar, OUC submitted all senior honors thesis courses to the ConnectCarolina course catalog as fulfilling the EE (mentored research) requirement.

**Carolina Courses Online:** Since September 2010, OUC has reviewed and approved 13 new or revised courses for the Carolina Courses Online program, administered through the Friday Center:

- ART 106 Electronic Media
- COMM 142 Popular Music
- COMM 223 Small Group Communication
- COMM 325 Introduction to Organizational Communication
- COMM 523 Communication and Leadership
- FREN 101 Elementary French I
- GEOL 105 Violent Earth
- MATH 551 Euclidean and Non-Euclidean Geometries
- MUSC 143 Introduction to Rock Music
- RELI 103 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Literature
- RELI 161 Introduction to the History of Christian Traditions
- SOCI 101 Sociological Perspectives
- SPAN 102 Elementary Spanish II

**LFIT requirement:** Following discussions with academic advisors over the summer, the one-course LFIT requirement may be declared Pass/D+/D/Fail.

### II. Departmental Curriculum Changes

**Department of Art:** The department requests that the requirements for the BA degree with a major in art history be changed by removing ART 697 as the required capstone course and replacing it with one undergraduate research seminar chosen from among ART 391, 392, or 393. These seminars are “designed to develop [students’] skills in visual analysis and art historical research.” The three new research seminars were approved by the Curriculum Committee on September 12, 2011.

**Department of Sociology:** The department has increased its capacity to help students fulfill the EE requirement by pairing courses (one member of the pair fulfilling the EE requirement and the other not). Dean Lindemann approved the department’s request to include SOCI 253 (Sociological Theory—Experiential Education) as an alternative to the non-EE course, SOCI 250, in the Undergraduate Bulletin’s description of requirements for the BA degree with a major in sociology, effective with the fall 2011 semester. Students can receive graduation credit for only one in each of the following sets of courses: SOCI 250 and 253 (EE), SOCI 411 and 413 (EE), SOCI 414 and 417 (EE), and SOCI 423 (EE) and 426.

**Department of Asian Studies:** Courses enrolling students who participate in various study abroad programs in Asia need permanent General Education designations. Following discussions with the Study Abroad Office and the Department of Asian Studies, OUC has approved the following designations:

ASIA 241, LA and BN

ASIA 242, VP and BN

ASIA 244, HS and BN

Note: ASIA 243 has already been approved to fulfill the SS and BN requirements, and ASIA 545 has already been approved to fulfill the SS, BN, and GL requirements.

**Curriculum in Applied Sciences and Engineering:** Several changes to the requirements for the major have been requested. The following revisions do not alter the total number of required credit hours:

- Remove APPL 430, 450, and 460 from the core requirements for the computer engineering track in the major
- Add COMP 523 and COMP 550 to the core requirements for the computer engineering track in the major
- Replace “COMP 520, 521, 523, 530, 575” with “Any COMP course above 500” under “Additional Courses” for the computer engineering track of the major
- Substitute BMME 580 for APPL 480 in the computer engineering track of the major
- Delete APPL 450 as a core requirement for the biomedical engineering track of the majors
- Increase the number of biomedical specialty electives from three to four courses for the biomedical engineering track of the major.

**Curriculum in Contemporary European Studies:** The curriculum requests that HUNG 280 and JWST/PLSH 412 be added to the course list for Theme III: Images, Narratives, and Ideas in the major.

**Department of Mathematics:** Because students can apply only 3-4 hours of BE credit to the core requirements of a minor, and because many entering students have credit by AP exam

for both MATH 231 and 232, the department requests to move MATH 231 or 241 and 232 or 283 from the list of core courses to the list of additional courses required for the minor. The department also requests moving MATH 233 from the list of core courses to the list of additional courses to make this a five course minor. The revised minor includes the following core requirements: MATH 381 and 383, and any three MATH courses numbered above 500.

### **III. Update on Summer Projects**

1. OUC, in collaboration with the Offices of Undergraduate Admissions and Academic Advising, developed and launched an electronic transfer credit re-evaluation process. Approximately 155 students have submitted requests to re-evaluate over 500 courses.
2. Representatives of the Academic Advising Program, the Office of the University Registrar, and OUC held bimonthly meetings throughout the summer to discuss the further development of Tar Heel Tracker.
3. OUC has described, in spreadsheet form, the requirements for 78 undergraduate minors; the spreadsheets will be used to build requirements in Tar Heel Tracker for 2009, 2010, and 2011.
4. Nick Siedentop conducted a successful meeting of student services managers on August 10, 2011.
5. Course lists appearing in the *Undergraduate Bulletin* were sent to all departments and curricula for review; requests to add, revise, or inactivate courses should be submitted by October 15, 2011, through the electronic course request approval system.
6. INTS courses and concentrations in the major have been retitled; the INTS subject code is now GLBL.
7. A one-page overview of the Making Connections Curriculum was distributed to all directors of undergraduate studies, Academic Advising Program advisors, and new faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences.
8. Check out our new website at <http://www.unc.edu/depts/uc/>