



*Arts & Science Senate
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee*

To: Arts and Sciences Senate
From: Nancy Tomes, Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Re: 2007-2008 Annual Report
Date: September, 2008

I. General Information

On behalf of the CC, I am pleased to submit our annual report for the last academic year, 2007-2008. As this report makes clear, we had an extremely busy year. The report includes excerpts from the meeting minutes that discuss those issues. As Chair of the CC in AY 2007-08, I will be happy to meet with the Executive Committee and/or the Senate to discuss the Committee's concerns.

The curriculum committee met twenty-four times during the 2007-2008 academic year. Committee members were: Nancy Tomes (History and chair of the committee), Stephanie Dinkins (Art), Valeri Lantz-Gefroh (Theatre Arts), Judith Lochhead (Music), Edmund Chang (Marine Sciences), Darcy Lonsdale (Marine Sciences), Darlene Prowse (Asian and Asian American studies), Roy Lacey (College of Arts and Sciences), Kane Gillespie (College of Arts and Sciences), Sarah Sternglanz (Women's Studies), Arlene Feldman (Transfer Office, ex officio member), and Kevin Caffrey (Registrar's Office, ex officio member). Elizabeth Conklin (College of Arts and Science Dean's Office) attended meetings as a guest. Student representatives were also invited but rarely attended.

Routine matters are handled by the secretary and announced to the committee at each meeting. There were a number of routine matters chiefly involving deletion of courses and changes of course titles, descriptions, course combinations and/or prerequisites to bring them in line with current teaching practices

The Committee worked to publish two updated online versions of the 2007-09 Bulletin (Spring 2008 and Fall 2008 editions). The secretary also serves as the editor of the Bulletin.

Members of the Committee served as representatives on departmental review for the Departments of Anthropology and Pharmacology.

As of September, I have resigned as Chair of the Curriculum Committee, and have been replaced by my able colleagues Edmund Chang (Marine Sciences) and Darcy Lonsdale (Marine Sciences), who have agreed to serve as co-chairs.

II. General Curricular Matters

New Interdisciplinary Courses of Note

- AAS/HIS 352-H Environmental History of China (HIS 352 added to already existing AAS 352 as permanent cross-listing)
- AAS/PHI 386 Topics in Asian Philosophy
- ARS/MUS/THR 341 Sound Design
- PHI/PHY 382 The Quantum Moment: Quantum Mechanics in Philosophy, Culture, and Life
- AAS 313/THR 313-J Asian Theatre and Drama (AAS 313 approved as permanent crosslist with the existing THR 313)
- AAS/ARH 319-J Arts of China

III. Significant Curricular Changes by Department or Program

Africana Studies (4 new courses)

The following course was approved: AFS 393 The Caribbean Immigrants in the United States: Dreams and Realities

The addition of three new courses to the major as follows was approved; each is a relatively new course whose content is consistent with the requirement category.

- The African American Experience:
 - AFS/HIS 339 Recent African American History
 - AFS 392 The Black Power Movement
 - AFS 394 Black Nationalism in America

Anthropology (3 new courses)

The following courses were approved:

- ANP 220-H Controversies in Human Biology and Behavior
- ANT 250-J African Peoples and Cultures
- ANT 415 Ethnoarchaeology

The description for AAS/ANT 379-J Ethnicity and Nation in China was changed to reflect the evolution of the course over time.

Art (3 new courses)

The following courses were approved:

- ARH 336-G Digital Visual Culture,
- ARS 328 Theory and Practice of Digital Arts: Animation,
- ARS/MUS/THR 341 Sound Design.

A lab was added to ARS 327. Credits and contact hours remain unchanged.

The committee approves the addition of ARS 225 for the ARS 335 prerequisites, and ARS 205 to the ARS 225 prerequisites.

Changes to the Digital Arts minor were approved to reflect the new course offerings.

Asian and Asian American Studies (14 new courses)

The following courses were approved:

- HIN 311 Advanced Hindi; Reading and Writing
- AAS/HIS 352 Environmental History of China
- AAS/PHI 386 Topics in Asian Philosophy
- AAS 221 China: Science and Civilization
- AAS 318 Arts of China
- AAS 350 Structure of Mandarin Chinese
- CHI 410 Business Chinese
- JPN 410 Business Japanese
- JPN 411 Advanced Japanese III
- JPN 412 Advanced Japanese IV

- AAS 404 Senior Seminar in China Studies
- KOR 312 Advanced Korean II
- KOR 411 Advanced Korean III
- KOR 412 Advanced Korean IV.

The description for AAS/ANT 379-J Ethnicity and Nation in China was changed to reflect the evolution of the course over time.

Request to add AAS 313 as a permanent cross list to THR 313-J Asian Theatre and Drama was approved.

Title revisions effective Fall 2008:

AAS/POL 338-J

OLD Contemporary India: History, Politics, and Diplomacy (Post 1947)

NEW Contemporary India: History, Politics, and Diplomacy

AAS/POL 339-J

OLD Contemporary China: History, Politics, and Diplomacy (Post-1949)

NEW Contemporary China: History, Politics, and Diplomacy

Changes to China Studies major based on new and revised course offerings:

A. Changes in Course Offerings (from current curriculum)

New Courses

AAS 221: China: Science and Civilization

AAS 350: Structure of Mandarin Chinese

AAS 319: Arts of China [proposed as AAS 318]

AAS 404: China Studies Seminar

Revised Courses

AAS 379 Ethnicity and Nation in China → AAS 379 Ethnicity and Ecology in China

Courses to be eliminated

AAS 351 Revolutionary China: politics, culture and power

Undergraduate Biology (2 new courses)

The following courses were approved:

- BIO 319 Landscape Ecology
- BIO 371 Restoration in Aquatic Ecosystems.

The committee approved the Asynchronous Online version of BIO 358 through Fall 2009, at which time the committee will revisit new assessment data comparing the online and traditional versions of the course.

Biochemistry

Correction and update to prerequisites for BIO 361 and 362:

BIO 361 old: C or higher in BIO 202; CHE 322 or 332

BIO 361 new: C or higher in BIO 202 and C or higher in CHE 322 or 326 or permission of instructor

BIO 362 old: C or higher in BIO 202; CHE 322 or 332

BIO 362 new: C or higher in BIO 361

Chemistry (1 new course)

The following course was approved: CHE 378 Materials Chemistry.

Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies (13 new courses)

The following courses were approved:

- CCS 312-I Cinema and the Ancient World
- CCS 313-H Television Studies
- CCS 390-J Latin American Cinema
- CCS 391-J Contemporary African Cinema and Cultural Studies
- CCS 392-K American Cinema and Cultural Studies
- CCS 393-I European Cinema and Cultural Studies
- CCS 394-J Asian Cinema and Cultural Studies
- CCS 395-H Digital Cultural Studies
- CLS 225-I The Classical Tradition
- CLT 391-J African Contemporary Literature
- CLT 392-K Multicultural Comparative Literature
- CLT 393-I European Comparative Literature
- CLT 394-J Asian Comparative Literature

Economics

The request to renumber ECO 100 Economics for Social Studies Teachers to SSE 100 was approved.

English

The committee approved the added grade requirement to the minor of C or higher in required courses.

European Languages (4 new courses)

The following courses were approved:

- HUG 475, 476 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum I and II
- HUR 475, 476 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum I and II

A proposed update to the course description for HUL 324-I was approved.

The title of RUS 331 was changed from “Online Russian” to “Contemporary Russian Literacy.”

Geosciences (1 new course)

The following course was approved: GEO 440 Geological Applications of Remote Sensing.

Changes to the Geosciences major (deletion of the concentrations) was approved, effective Spring 2009.

History (19 new courses)

The following courses were approved: The majority of these courses had been taught several times as topics courses, and were now being proposed as regular courses.

- AAS/HIS 352-H Environmental History of China (approved as crosslisted course)
- HIS 202-I Ancient Greece
- HIS 203-I Ancient Rome
- HIS 302-H Environmental History in Global Perspective
- HIS 303-I The Crusades and Medieval Society
- HIS 304-I Religion, Magic and Witchcraft in Early Modern Europe
- HIS 305-I Victorian Britain
- HIS 306-I Post-1945 Britain: Colonial Disruptions

- HIS 308-I Britain and France in the Age of Revolution
- HIS 320-I International Law and Human Rights
- HIS 335-K&4 Women at Work in 20th-Century America
- HIS 338-K&4 Asian and Pacific Islanders in American History
- HIS 357 Topics in History
- HIS 373-F Crime and Criminal Justice in the U.S.
- HIS 338-K&4 Asian and Pacific Islanders in American History
- HIS 368-K&4 Wealth and Inequality in America's Corporate Age
- HIS 371-K&4 Law and Society in American History, 1620-1877
- HIS 372-K&4 Constitutional History of the U.S. Civil Rights
- HIS 379-K Disease in American History

Journalism (8 new courses)

The following courses were approved:

- JRN 111 Writing Immersion Lab
- JRN 211 News II: Quantitative Literacy Lab
- JRN 334 Science and Health
- JRN 363 Magazine Writing
- JRN 364 In-Depth Reporting
- JRN 475 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum I
- JRN 476 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum II
- JRN 490 Senior Project

Prerequisites on the following courses were changed to accommodate the addition of the JRN 111 and 211 lab courses:

JRN 110: Added Mandatory Corerequisite: JRN 111

JRN 210: Added Mandatory Corequisite: JRN 211

The title of JRN 362 was changed from Magazine Journalism to Magazine Editing.

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center

The committee was pleased to approve the credit reduction for the LAC minor.

Living/Learning Center

Update to LTL Technical Leadership Minor

Requirement #3, which is now, "3. BUS 110 Business in the 21st Century" was changed to: "3. BUS 111 Introduction to Business for Non-Business Majors or BUS 115 Introduction to Business for Business Majors".

School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences

Environmental Studies

Updates to the ENS major concentrations were approved
 -- substitute ANP 321 for ANP 210
 -- POL 325 added to the Public Policy concentration.

Marine Sciences (2 new courses)

The following courses were approved:

- MAR 384 Diseases of Aquatic Organisms
- MAR 447 Readings in Marine Science

Credit revision for MAR 303 and 320 from 3 credits each to 4 credits each is approved.

Mathematics

MAT/CSE 371 prerequisite change
Approved for Spring 2008

Changed from:

Pre- or Corequisite: MAT 200 or CSE 213

to:

Prerequisite: CSE 150 or CSE 215 or MAT 200

Music (1 new course)

The following course was approved: ARS/MUS/THR 341 Sound Design.

PEP

The request to extend teacher certification to certification in “general science” when students satisfy certain criteria is approved, with the understanding that the additional 15 credits of two science areas are in addition to the major requirements, not in place of major requirements. This is limited to certification programs in BIO, PHY, ESS and CHE.

Philosophy (2 courses)

The following courses were approved:

- AAS/PHI 386-J Topics in Asian Philosophy
- PHI/PHY 382-H The Quantum Moment: Quantum Mechanics in Philosophy, Culture, and Life

Physics and Astronomy (1 course)

The following course was approved:

- PHI/PHY 382-H The Quantum Moment: Quantum Mechanics in Philosophy, Culture, and Life.

The title of PHY 315 was changed from Cosmic Rays: Experimental Research for Non-Physics Majors to Hands-On Science with Cosmic Rays: Experimental Research for Non-Physics.

Request to add graded prerequisites to introductory Physics courses was approved.

The proposal to revise the first half of the prerequisite for PHY 251 was approved:

From Prerequisite: PHY 122 or 126 **or** 127 or 132/134 or 142

Pre- or Corequisite: MAT 203 or 205 or AMS 261;

Corequisite for physics majors: PHY 252

To Prerequisite: PHY 122 or 126 **AND** 127 or 132/134 or 142

Pre- or Corequisite: MAT 203 or 205 or AMS 261;

Corequisite for physics majors: PHY 252

Political Science (2 courses)

The following courses were approved:

- POL 406 Strategic Models of Politics
- POL 345 Changes in the World Order: International Politics Since 1945.

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Social Sciences Education

The request to renumber ECO 100 Economics for Social Studies Teachers to SSE 100 was approved.

Stony Brook Southampton (3 new courses)

Provost Kaler, Dean Staros, Dean Schonen, Nancy Tomes, and Kane Gillespie met on March 21, 2008 and agreed upon a revision to the protocol for Southampton course approval suggested by the Committee on Jan 30, 2008. The following is an excerpt from the minutes of Jan 30, 2008, with revisions as discussed on Mar 21, 2008

West campus courses offered at Southampton

The committee discussed the potential problems involved in duplicating existing SB courses at Southampton. The original department needs reassurance that the content of the course remains sufficiently similar to ensure seamless transferability and equivalent satisfaction of prerequisites. To that end, the committee suggests the following procedures:

1. West campus departments should approve the offering of their courses in Southampton. When a west campus department under the purview of the A/S CC approves offering a course, that approval applies specifically to the unique combination of the instructor and the course, unless otherwise indicated in writing from the chair of the respective department. For example, if GEO 101 is approved to be taught by John Smith, the course cannot be taught by any other instructor unless that instructor is endorsed specifically by the geosciences department. And, John Smith may also not teach any other GEO course without departmental endorsement or any other A/S west campus course without written endorsement from the respective department.
2. Instructor evaluations with comments shall be forwarded to the respective department chair for each offering of west campus courses.
3. As is standard practice on the west campus, a copy of the syllabus for each time the course is offered – even if the instructor and course remain constant from semester to semester – should be forwarded to the respective department chair
4. For implementation in the near future, the committee recommends a modified designator for the course to clarify the course. For example, when CHE 131 is offered in Southampton, it should carry the designator “CHE 131-S” or “CHE-S 131.” Doing so will also add clarity for those students taking courses both on the west campus and at Southampton.”

The following courses were approved for offering at Stony Brook Southampton:

- SBC 201 Systems and Models
- SBC 102 Undergraduate Seminar at Stony Brook Southampton
- SBC 325-G Environmental Writing and the Media
- ENV 447 Readings in Environmental Sciences
- ENV 487 Research in Environmental Sciences

Theatre Arts (1 new course)

The following course was approved: ARS/MUS/THR 341 Sound Design.

Request to add AAS 313 as a permanent cross list to THR 313-J Asian Theatre and Drama for Spring 08 was approved.

Women's Studies

DEC F was added to WST 310. The DEC had been previously removed because DEC F would have been satisfied by prerequisite courses. Prerequisites were changed in 06-07, but we didn't realize at the time that we should re-add DEC F.

Respectfully submitted,
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