

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2021, MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Present: Ray Chastain, Karen Christopher, Dwain Pruitt, Edna Ross, Karl Swinehart, Li Zeng

Guests: Matt Ruther (UPA), David Simpson (UPA), Kristin Swartz (CJ)

The meeting was convened at 2:00 PM.

The committee approved the December 2, 2020, minutes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

In December, the Curriculum Committee authorized Dr. Pruitt to review and approve requests from the Department of English to change the following courses' titles and/or descriptions so that the courses could be offered as special topics courses: ENGL 300-306, 309-312, 315, 333-334, 381-382, 391, 394, 403, 405, 407, 413-422, 424-425, 460, 470, 480, 491, 504-509, 515, 518, 520, 522-523, 535, 535, 541-550, 554, 561-564, 567, 570-575, 577, 581, 586, 591, 595, and 599.

The Curriculum Committee also authorized Dr. Pruitt to review and approve the following requests from the Department of Communication:

- COMM 310's title will be changed from "Business Communication" to "Communication in the Workplace"
- COMM 316's title will be changed from "Research Methods" to "Communication Research Methods." Its description will also be modified to reflect the course's content.
- COMM 327's title will be changed from "Effects of Mass Media" to "Understanding Media Effects." Its description will also be modified.
- COMM 335's title will be changed from "Video Communication" to "Introduction to Video Communication."
- COMM 336's title will be changed from "Video Communication II" to "Advanced Video Communication."
- COMM 338, "Introduction to Film Production," will be renumbered to be offered as COMM 238.
- COMM 340's title will be changed from "Introduction to Visual Communication" to "Storytelling with Data Visualization."
- COMM 370's title will be changed from "Desktop Publishing" to "Development, Design, and Digital Publishing." The course's description will also be modified.
- COMM 413's title will be changed from "Environmental Communication-CUE" to "Communication and the Environment-CUE." Its description will also be modified.

In January, the Curriculum Committee met virtually to review items from the Department of Philosophy. On January 18, the Committee approved the following items via e-mail:

- PHIL 304's title will be changed from "Recent Philosophy" to "Philosophy and the Americas." The course's description will be changed to reflect the course's new instructional content.
- The Philosophy minor will be changed. PHIL 304 will now be an elective option and students will be allowed to apply up to 6 hours of 200-level credit towards the minor.

Course List		
Code	Title	Hours
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 301	Ancient Philosophy	
PHIL 302	Medieval Philosophy	
PHIL 303	Modern Philosophy	
PHIL 304	Philosophy and the Americas	
PHIL 306	Nineteenth-Century Philosophy	
PHIL 307	Twentieth-Century Philosophy	
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 211	Critical Thinking - AH	
PHIL 311	Introduction to Logic	
PHIL 412	Symbolic Logic	
PHIL 512	Advanced Symbolic Logic	
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 222	Contemporary Moral Problems - AH	
PHIL 225	Business Ethics	
PHIL 321	Ethics	
PHIL 323	Medical Ethics	
PHIL 325	Feminist Medical Ethics	
PHIL 331	Philosophy of the Arts	
PHIL electives at 200 level or above		6
PHIL elective at 500 level		3
Minimum Total Hours		18

No more than 6 hours at the 200 level may count towards the minor.

- The following courses will be deleted from the PHIL inventory: PHIL 575, 608, 610, 620, 625, 660, 671, and 675.

NEW BUSINESS:

001-21S: The committee **DEFERRED** approval of UPA 691, “Urban Experiential Learning,” pending submission of a revised syllabus. Committee members expressed several concerns, notably: 1) unclear student learning outcomes; 2) the instructor proposes to include several titles that the instructor wrote, so the committee wishes for the instructor to demonstrate that s/he will not realize direct profit from enrolled students; 3) the syllabus contains several font and style changes; and 4) the syllabus contains abrupt shifts in voice and tone that several members found problematic.

002-21S: The committee **APPROVED** UPA 638/PLAN 638/SUST 638, “Urban Justice and Policy.”

003-21S: The committee **APPROVED** the Department of Urban and Public Affairs’ proposed changes to the MPA/MUP dual degree. Changes include 1) the program’s core will now consist of 21 hours of MPA courses and 27 hours of MUP courses (inclusive of the MUP capstone); 2) the MPA concentration hours

are reduced to six and additional electives will be removed; 3) dual degree students will be required to enroll in six MPA internship/practicum hours and three MUP practicum hours; and 4) the dual degree program will now require candidates to earn 60 credits instead of 69:

MPA-MUP Dual Degree Program					
Program Credit Hour Requirements					
	Core	Electives	Concentration	Internship/ Practicum	Total
MPA current	15	3	9	3	30
MUP current	24	3	9	3	39
MPA-MUP (existing)	39	6	18	6	69
MPA Dual proposed	21		6	6	33
MUP Dual Proposed	24	0	0	3	27
MPA-MUP (new)					60

004-21F: The committee **APPROVED** UPA's proposed dual degree program for the Master of Urban Planning and the MA/MS in Interdisciplinary Studies, concentration in Sustainability (ISS). From the proposal:

The MUP/ISS dual degree program allows a student to complete the Master of Urban Planning (MUP) and the Master of Arts or Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies: Concentration in Sustainability (ISS) over a 2-year (MUP/MA) or 3-year (MUP/MS) period.

MUP/ISS MA:

Students will complete all core and required MUP courses (27 credit hours), core and required ISS-MA courses (15 credit hours), plus an elective (3 credit hours), and methods course (3 credit hours), for a total of 48 credit hours.

MUP/ISS MS:

Students will complete all core and required MUP courses (27 credit hours), core and required ISS-MS courses (21 credit hours), plus an elective (3 credit hours), and methods course (3 credit hours), for a total of 54 credit hours.

MUP/ISS MA						
Prefix	Number	Course Name	Dual Degree Hours	Hours towards MUP	Hours towards ISS MA	Notes
PLAN	601	Planning Theory and History	3	3		
	603	Urban Econ	3	3	3	SUST elective
	604	Urban Data Analysis	3	3	3	SUST elective
	605	Land Use and Planning Law	3	3	3	SUST elective
	606	Internship and Prof Practice	3	3		
	618	Urban Demography and GIS	3	3	3	meets methods requirement for SUST
	636	Site Planning	3	3		
	650	Capstone	6	6	3	

PLAN	675	Intro to Sustainability	3	3	3	SUST requirement and MUP elective
xxx	xxx	Sustainability and the Social Environment Requirement	3	3	3	SUST req for social environment and MUP elective
SUST	602	Sustainability and the Natural Environment Requirement	3	3	3	SUST req for natural environment and MUP elective
xxx	xxx	Sustainability and the Built Environment Requirement	3	3	3	meets built requirement for SUST
SUST	650	Seminar	3	3	3	SUST req and MUP elective
PLAN/SUST elective	xxx	Elective	3	3		
PLAN/SUST methods	xxx	2nd methods	3			
Total Credit Hours			48	42	30	

005-21S: The committee **APPROVED** the Department of Biology's request to remove BIOL 669 as a prerequisite for BIOL 652.

006-21S: The committee **APPROVED** Biology's request to remove BIOL 669 as a prerequisite for BIOL 653.

007-21S: The committee **APPROVED** Criminal Justice's request to remove the GRE as an admissions requirement for its Ph.D. program. The proposal will be forwarded to the Graduate School.

008-21S: The committee **APPROVED** the Department of Classical and Modern Languages' proposal to suspend the graduate certificate in Translation and Interpreting. The committee will send a statement to Interim Dean Owen encouraging the College to seek authorization to hire a faculty member whose qualifications will allow this program to be revived.

009-21S: The committee discussed an issue forwarded from one the College's advisors for its consideration. A student transferred into UofL with credit for a FREN course that carries WR credit. The students received transfer credit for the course and it appears on the student's transcript as if it bears WR credit. The student was unaware, however, that WR credit was not automatically conferred and was forced to register for a last-minute WR course. The committee ultimately agreed that the College has procedures in place for students to petition for WR credit and does not need to change its policies. The committee does, however, recommend that a statement about the WR policy that explains that one must petition to receive WR credit for transfer courses or writing-intensive UofL courses that have not received the WR designation added to the catalog.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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College of Arts and Sciences
Curriculum Committee
March 12, 2021
2:00-3:15 PM

AGENDA

- 1) Approval of Minutes of the December 2, 2020, Meeting
- 2) OLD BUSINESS:
 - Approval of ENGL's request to designate 75 courses as Special Topics courses (title and/or description changes)
 - Approval of COMM title, description, and renumbering requests
 - Approval of change to PHIL 304, "Philosophy in the Americas"
 - Approval of changes to the PHIL minor
 - Approval of deletion of PHIL 575, 608, 610, 620, 625, 660, 671, and 675.
- 3) NEW BUSINESS:
 - 001-21S: Addition of UPA 691, "Urban Experiential Learning"
 - 002-21S: Addition of UPA 638/PLAN 638/SUST 638, "Urban Justice and Policy"
 - 003-21S: Changes to the MPA/MUP dual degree
 - 004-21S: Proposed MUP and MA/MS in Interdisciplinary Studies, Concentration in Sustainability (ISS) dual degree
 - 005-21S: Change to BIOL 652 (prerequisite)
 - 006-21S: Change to BIOL 653 (prerequisite)
 - 007-21S: Change to Admissions Requirement for the Ph.D. in Criminal Justice (GRE)
 - 008-21S: Suspension of the Graduate Certificate in Translation and Interpreting
 - 009-21S: Discussion of WR policy language