

**Minutes of the University Curriculum Committee**  
**April 8, 2011**  
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Members present: Robert Knight (Chair), College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Tim Scott (Vice-Chair), College of Science; Leslie Feigenbaum, College of Architecture; John Tyler, Dwight Look College of Engineering; Andrew Klein (Faculty Senate Representative); Sarah Bednarz, College of Geosciences; Mike Stephenson, College of Liberal Arts; Liesl Wesson, Mays Business School; Suzanne Shurtz, Medical Sciences Library; Glenn Jones, Texas A&M University at Galveston; Kristin Harper (for Pam Matthews), Undergraduate Studies; James Herman, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Guests: April Place, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications; Fidel Fernandez, Department of Biomedical Engineering; Michelle Taylor, Department of Political Science; Claire Katz, Women's and Gender Studies Program.

The University Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. The minutes of the March 11, 2011 meeting.
2. New Courses

**HISP 204. Spanish and Spanish American Literature in Translation. (3-0). Credit 3.**

Survey of literature from the Spanish-speaking world from the Middle Ages to the present; English translations of masterpieces of Spanish language literature; authors such as Cervantes, Lope de Vega, Dario, Garcia Marquez. Taught in English. Prerequisite: ENGL 104.

**THAR 410. Acting IV - Advanced Problems in Acting. (3-0). Credit 3.** Solving advanced dramatic problems using acting, voice, movement, and style techniques; writing, development and performance of an autobiographical monologue; includes audition preparation and rehearsal techniques. Prerequisites: THAR 310; junior or senior classification.

**WGST 445. Queer Theory. (3-0). Credit 3.** Examines origins of theories of gender and sexual diversity and their intersections with feminist theories; considers foundational and contemporary texts that address queer theory. Prerequisites: 6 hours in Women's and Gender Studies; senior classification or approval of instructor.

3. Change in Course

**POLS 481. Senior Research Seminar.**

Course title

From: Senior Research Seminar.

To: Research Seminar.

Prerequisites

From: POLS 206, 207, 209, 12 credits in POLS at or above 300 level; senior political science major or approval of instructor.

To: POLS 206, POLS 207, POLS 209, 12 credits in POLS at or above 300 level; junior or senior political science major or approval of instructor.

4. Special Consideration

**College of Architecture**

**College of Geosciences**

**College of Liberal Arts**

Request for a Minor in Global Culture and Society

**College of Geosciences**

Department of Geology and Geophysics

Minor in Geology

Minor in Geophysics

Change in course requirements

**College of Science**

University Studies Degree

Area of Concentration

Mathematics for Teaching

Request for a change in GPA requirement

5. Tabled Item

- New Course
  - ALED 424 – update grading policy; PHIL/ENGR support.

6. Item Not Approved

- New Course
  - BMEN 425 – include difference with graduate stacked course; remove late work policy statement “handled on a case by case basis”; add student rule 7.

7. Other Business

- Next UCC meeting: Thursday, May 12, 9:00 a.m.
- Updates to Faculty Senate Bylaws – changes on FS April agenda
- 5 year programs – double counting of courses
- UCC SOPs – email to members; comments due to Kristin by April 28
- Student Rule 10 – Grading – proposed changes