

Minutes of the University Curriculum Committee
November 14, 2008
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Members present: Robert Knight (Chair), College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Christine Farris (for Tim Scott, Vice-Chair), College of Science; Michael Murphy, College of Architecture; Lynn Burlbaw, College of Education and Human Development; Cathy Sperry (for Lale Yurttas), Dwight Look College of Engineering; Roxanna Russell (for Sarah Bednarz), College of Geosciences; Pamela Matthews, College of Liberal Arts; Norma Funkhouser, Medical Sciences Library; Bill McMullen, Texas A&M University at Galveston; Kristin Harper (for Martyn Gunn), Undergraduate Programs and Academic Services; James Herman, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Guests: Ashlea Schroeder, Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering; Roberto Farias, Department of Communication; Matt Whiteacre, Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution; Christoph Konrad, Department of European and Classical Languages and Cultures; Chris Houser and Charles Lafon, Department of Geography; Carisa Armstrong, Christine Bergeron and Kathleen Byrne, Department of Health and Kinesiology; David Scott, Scott Shafer and Sanjay Nepal, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences; Jake Greenblum, Women's Studies Program.

The University Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair. The committee elected Dr. Robert Knight as Chair and Dr. Tim Scott as Vice Chair of the University Curriculum Committee to serve through August 2009.
2. The minutes of the October 10, 2008 meeting.
3. New Courses

ARAB 221. Introduction to Arabic Language and Society. (3-0). Credit 3. Examination of critical linguistic issues in the Arab world from a sociolinguistic perspective, including language and religion; language and power; language and nationalism; and language and education. Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

ARAB 302. Reading and Composition II. (3-0). Credit 3. Readings of average difficulty and of different genres, including literary and journalistic texts and other culturally-enriched materials; development of writing skills with emphasis on grammatical constructions; expansion of vocabulary and oral expression. Prerequisites: ARAB 301; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

BAEN 281. Professional Development Seminar. (1-0). Credit 1. Familiarization with engineering design process used in professional environments where BAEN and AGSM graduates are employed; discussion of professional development topics; improvement of technical communication skills. May be repeated 4 times for credit.

CHIN 302. Reading and Composition II. (3-0). Credit 3. Advanced proficiency in reading comprehension through contact with various written materials; development of cultural proficiency; development of writing skills with emphasis on new characters, new vocabulary and new sentence structures. Prerequisites: CHIN 301; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

CLAS 415. The Ancient World in Film. (3-0). Credit 3. Study of modern films as they relate to ancient literary texts that inspired them or with which they share common themes; relationship between Greek epic, tragedy, and comedy and their cinematic adaptations; treatment of Rome as an idea or ideal in the work of both ancient Romans and modern filmmakers. Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification, or approval of instructor. Cross-listed with FILM 415.

CLAS 427. The Roman Republic I: The Empire Builders. (3-0). Credit 3. Roman history and civilization from the beginnings of the Republic (6th/5th century B.C.) to the late 2nd century B.C. Prerequisite: 3 hours in history, or junior or senior classification, or approval of instructor. Cross-listed with HIST 427.

FILM 343. Sex, Gender and Cinema. (3-0). Credit 3. Exploration of a significant topic at the intersection of women's/gender studies and film, such as cinema and sexuality studies, cinema and women, and cinema and masculinity; may include discussion of production, film content, and/or reception. Prerequisites: 3 hours in FILM or WMST; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor. Cross-listed with WMST 343.

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FSTC 210. Horizons in Nutrition and Food Science. (2-0). Credit 2. Introduction to nutrition and food science career opportunities through presentations by nutrition and food science researchers and industry professionals; addresses issues of professionalism including portfolio development, teamwork, and critical thinking skills. Cross-listed with NUTR 210.

GEOG 312. Data Analysis in Geography. (3-0). Credit 3. Foundation for collection and analysis of quantitative and qualitative geographic data; emphasis on hands-on, practical experience with commonly used analysis software and qualitative methods including interviewing and archival research; problems commonly encountered in dealing with data. Prerequisite: STAT 303.

GEOS 401. Polar Regions of the Earth: Science, Society and Discovery. (3-0). Credit 3. Overview of disciplines and topics that define modern polar science in the north and the south; includes history of the Polar Regions, polar geosciences, major polar scientific projects, and special topics; participate as individuals and teams in education, outreach and science projects. Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification.

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PHIL 409. Studies in Gender and Philosophy. (3-0). Credit 3. Analysis, from a gender-studies perspective, of a single figure or concept in the history of philosophy. May be repeated 1 time for credit with a different focus. Prerequisites: 3 hours in philosophy or women's studies; junior or senior classification. Cross-listed with WMST 409.

PSYC 371. Forensic Psychology. (3-0). Credit 3. Interface between psychology and the legal system; role of psychological theories and data, as well as mental health expertise, in the resolution of criminal trials and civil disputes; legal system's impact on the practice of psychology. Prerequisite: PSYC 203 and 204 or junior or senior classification.

RPTS 320. Festivals, Fairs and Events. (3-0). Credit 3. Principles and applications for effective planning and management of festivals and other special events; planning, promotion, operational logistics, sponsorship and evaluation. Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification.

RPTS 360. Ecotourism: Principles and Practices. (3-0). Credit 3. Principles and practices related to ecotourism; analyzes outcomes of ecotourism for conservation and development; ecotourism as a strategy to protect culture and the physical environment. Prerequisite: RPTS 202.

RPTS 372. Youth Development Practice. (3-0). Credit 3. Application of youth development ideals in community settings; principles and practices of community youth development and existing youth development models; local community efforts related to community youth development. Prerequisite: RPTS 370.

RPTS 374. Administration of Programs and Services for Youth. (3-0). Credit 3. Overview of topics germane to organization of youth programs; administration and leadership; institutional and organizational structures; administrative and strategic planning; working with volunteer advisory groups; marketing and financing fiscal and human resources. Prerequisite: RPTS 370.

RPTS 446. Information Technology Adoption and Use in Recreation, Park and Tourism Organizations. (3-0). Credit 3. Theories of technology adoption and diffusion in recreation, park and tourism organizations; use of technology for knowledge management, benchmarking, and collaboration within leisure and tourism organizations. Prerequisite: RENR 201.

RPTS 476. Leadership for Outdoor Recreation. (3-0). Credit 3. Leadership principles related to outdoor recreation; classroom instruction and experiential learning; skills training through field trips; risk management planning, environmental education, group facilitation, and trip planning. Prerequisite: RPTS 370.

RUSS 211. Russian Conversation. (3-0). Credit 3. Development of conversational skills in Russian; building of active vocabulary; exercises with emphasis on correct diction; oral presentations; skits; dialogues; discussion of current events; conducted in Russian. Prerequisite: RUSS 102 or equivalent.

UPAS 181. First Year Seminar. (1-0). Credit 1. Seminar on various contemporary topics; introduction to high quality college instruction and research; focus on writing, speaking, discussion and research; open to all majors; restricted to first-time-in-college students and limited in size to provide small class experience. Prerequisite: Freshman classification or approval of instructor.

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4. Withdrawal of Courses

RUSS 241. Conversation I.
RUSS 242. Conversation II.

5. Change in Courses

CLAS 428. The Roman Republic II.

Course title

From: The Roman Republic.

To: The Roman Republic II: The Civil Wars.

Course description

From: Roman history and civilization from the beginnings (7th century B.C.) to the late 1st century B.C.

To: Roman history and civilization from the late 2nd century B.C. to the 1st century A.D.

ENTC 219. Digital Electronics.

Lecture hours, semester credit hours

From: (2-2) Credit 3.

To: (3-2) Credit 4.

HIST 357. Africa and the African Diaspora.

Course title

From: Africa and the African Diaspora.

To: Out of Africa: The Black Diaspora and the Modern World.

Course description

From: History and cultures of the peoples of the African Diaspora from the fifteenth through the nineteenth centuries; social, political, and economic impact on the Americas and Europe; emphasis on race, gender, identity, and migration.

To: History and cultures of the peoples of the African Diaspora from the fourteenth through the nineteenth centuries; social, political, and economic impact on Africa, the Americas, Europe, and the Arab World; emphasis on race, gender, identity, and migration.

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To: The Roman Republic II: The Civil Wars.

Course description

From: Roman history and civilization from the beginnings (7th century B.C.) to the late 1st century B.C.

To: Roman history and civilization from the late 2nd century B.C. to the 1st century A.D.

RPTS 470. Youth Development Organizations and Services.

Course number

From: RPTS 470.

To: RPTS 370.

6. Change in Curricula

College of Geosciences

Department of Geography

B.S. in Geography

College of Science

Department of Biology

B.A. in Biology

B.S. in Biology

B.S. in Microbiology

B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology

B.S. in Zoology

College of Science

Department of Chemistry

B.A. in Chemistry

B.S. in Chemistry

7. New Degree Program, Administrative Changes and Change in Curriculum

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences

B.S. in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences

Park and Natural Resources Management Option

Recreation and Park Administration Option

Tourism Resources Management Option

Request to rename the 3 existing options, add a new option (Youth Development), and reduce the curriculum from 129 to 120 hours

8. Special Consideration

College of Education and Human Development

Department of Health and Kinesiology

Minor in Dance – Requirement Changes

B.S. in University Studies

Area of Concentration (Dance) – Requirement Changes

College of Science

Minor in Neuroscience – Requirement Changes

9. Tabled Items

- New course ENTC 251.
- Proposed requirement changes for Minor in Spanish; letter of support is needed from College of Education.

10. Other Items

- The following item was approved, however, it will be included with the December Report to Faculty Senate:

Change in Curriculum – awaiting updated new course (ENTC 251)

Dwight Look College of Engineering

Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution

B.S. in Engineering Technology

Electronics Engineering Technology Option

Telecommunications Engineering Technology Option

- Due to commencement, the December UCC meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11, at 3:30 p.m.