Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete information as requested. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and for each program proposal.

1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)
   - New Course
   - Course Prefix Change
   - Course Revision
   - Course Number and/or Title Change
   - Course Deletion
   - Catalog Description Change

   PHIL 420 Metaphysics
   - Current Course prefix, number and full title
   - Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing

2. Additional Course Designations: check if appropriate
   - This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course.
   - Other: (e.g., Women’s Studies, Pan-African)

3. Program Proposals
   - Catalog Description Change
   - Program Revision
   - New Degree Program
   - Program Title Change
   - Other
   - New Minor Program
   - New Track

   Current program name
   - Proposed program name, if changing

4. Approvals

   Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s): [Signature]
   Date: 02/28/02

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   Date: 02/28/02

   College Curriculum Committee Chair: [Signature]
   Date: 10/16/02
   College Dean: [Signature]
   Date: 10/16/02

   Director of Liberal Studies: [Signature]
   Date: 10/16/02
   Director of Honors College: [Signature]
   Date: 10/16/02
   Provost: [Signature]
   Date: 10/16/02

   Additional signatures as appropriate:
   (include title)
   UWUCC Co-Chair: [Signature]
   Date: 10/29/02

   * where applicable

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Catalogue Description Changes: PHILOSOPHY 420

a. Current Catalogue Description:
PHIL 420 - Metaphysics
Pre-requisites: None
A study of the nature of reality in general and of the main categories through which it is understood. The main topic areas of metaphysics concern: the one and the many; the relation of thought and being; the problem of universals; nominalism; realism; idealism; the nature of being, substance, essence, space, time, eternity, matter, mind; determinism and indeterminism.

b. Proposed Catalogue Description:
PHIL 420 - Metaphysics
Pre-requisites: None
Explores the nature of reality through investigation of such concepts as substance, cause, freedom, and God. Draws on both historical and contemporary writings. Other topics may include the nature of space and time, the role of language in comprehending reality, the possibility of non-sensory knowledge, the nature of possibility and necessity.

c. Rationale for change
The old description is redundant and relies on a number of technical terms students would be unfamiliar with. The new description is more accessible.

d. Letters of Support or Acknowledgement
The proposed changes will not affect any other department.