CURRICULUM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET
University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

I. Title/Author of Change

Course/Program Title: Bachelor of Arts--Philosophy
Suggested 20 Character Course Title:
Department: Philosophy and Religious Studies
Contact Person: Dr. Carol Caraway

II. If a course, is it being Proposed for:

- [X] Course Revision/Approval Only
- ______ Course Revision/Approval and Liberal Studies Approval
- ______ Liberal Studies Approval Only (course previously has been approved by the University Senate)

III. Approvals

Sharon Montgomery
Department Curriculum Committee

Calvin J. Todd, Jr.
Department Chairperson

[Signature]
College Curriculum Committee

[Signature]
College Dean *

[Signature]
Director of Liberal Studies
(when applicable)

provost (where applicable)

*College Dean must consult with Provost before approving curriculum changes. Approval by College Dean indicates that the proposed change is consistent with long range planning documents, that all requests for resources made as part of the proposal can be met, and that the proposal has the support of the university administration.

IV. Timetable

Date Submitted to LSC: ________ Semester to be implemented: ________ Date to be published in Catalog: ________

to UWUCC: ________
PART II. DESCRIPTION OF CURRICULUM CHANGE: REQUEST FOR PROGRAM REVISION:
Bachelor of Arts—Philosophy

1. CATALOG DESCRIPTION FOR THE REVISED PROGRAM: Bachelor of Arts—Philosophy: [Addition is italicized, bold, and marked with an *.]

Bachelor of Arts—Philosophy:
Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section
with the following specifications:
   Liberal Studies electives: no courses with PH prefix

College: Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)

Major: Required courses:
   **PH 221**  3sh *
   PH 324 History of Philosophy I: Ancient and Medieval  3sh
   PH 325 History of Philosophy II: Renaissance and Modern  3sh
   PH 405 Justice and Human Rights  3sh
   PH 420 Metaphysics  3sh
   PH 421 Theory of Knowledge  3sh

Controlled electives:
   4 other PH courses (with restrictions)  12sh (2)

Other Requirements:  0

Free Electives:  33-41

Total Degree Requirements:  124

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(2) No more than three 100-200 level courses may be counted toward the major. Only PH courses may be counted toward the major. Unless otherwise indicated in the Course Descriptions, all 300-400 level courses require junior or senior standing or permission of the instructor. This prerequisite applies both to Philosophy majors and to majors in any other discipline. 4 other PH courses (with restrictions)
2. **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**: For the PH major (but not for the PH/Pre-Law Major which remains as is), change the logic requirement to PH 221 rather than allowing a choice between PH 101 and PH 221. In terms of catalogue copy, this involves deleting the first line of controlled electives for Bachelor of Arts—Philosophy and adding PH 221 to the list of required courses.

   - **Current**: One course from: PH 101 or PH 221.
   - **Proposed revision**: Require PH 221.

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**Current Catalogue Copy of requirements for**

**Bachelor of Arts—Philosophy**

*IUP Undergraduate Catalog 1993-1994, p. 86.*

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There is to be no change in the requirements for
Bachelor of Arts—Philosophy/Pre-Law

a. TABLE COMPARING OLD AND NEW PROGRAMS: No change in the number of
hours required for the major. The only change is that 3sh of logic is changed
from a controlled elective to a required course. All other requirements remain
the same. The total hours required remains 124.

b. ASSOCIATED COURSE CHANGES: There are none. No courses are being
added, deleted or revised.

3. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE: Our current requirements give both philosophy and
philosophy/pre-law majors a choice between PH 101 General Logic: Methods of
Critical Thinking and PH 221 Symbolic Logic I. We believe this choice is
appropriate for Philosophy/Pre-Law majors because both courses are good
preparation for the LSAT and for law school. We have learned that most
graduate programs in philosophy now expect their students to arrive with
symbolic logic in their repertoire. Also, symbolic logic is very helpful in
understanding readings in such advanced courses as PH 421 Theory of Knowledge,
PH 330 Philosophy of Science, and PH 460 Philosophy of Language. A recent
publication of the American Philosophical Association states:

For students who choose philosophy as a good "liberal education"
major and do not intend to pursue its study beyond the
undergraduate level, an "informal logic" or "critical thinking"
course may be sufficient. Those who intend to take advanced
courses dealing with contemporary treatments of philosophical
issues in the central areas of the discipline, however, will
find familiarity with symbolic logic very helpful; and it is
indispensable for those who contemplate going on to graduate
study in philosophy.

Our current requirements do not guarantee that our majors will take a course in
symbolic logic. We believe that given the expectations of graduate programs in
philosophy, we should require our (non-pre-law) philosophy majors to take PH
221 Symbolic Logic I.

PART III. IMPLEMENTATION:

1. The proposed revision will not affect students already in the
existing program, but will apply only to students entering the program after
the change goes into the catalogue.

2. The proposed revision will have no affect on faculty teaching loads.
Multiple sections of both logic courses are offered every semester because both
satisfy the liberal studies knowledge area requirement in philosophy and
religious studies.

3. No new resources are needed.

4. We expect no significant change in the number of students.

PART IV. COURSE PROPOSALS: None needed. There are no new courses nor any
course deletions or revisions.

PART V. LETTERS OF SUPPORT: None needed. No other departments are affected,
nor is liberal studies.