Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete all information. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and/or 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

   Current course prefix, number and full title:

   Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing:

2. Liberal Studies Course Designations, as appropriate
   - [ ] This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course (please mark the appropriate categories below)
     - [ ] Learning Skills
     - [ ] Knowledge Area
     - [ ] Global and Multicultural Awareness
     - [ ] Writing Intensive (include W cover sheet)
   - [ ] Liberal Studies Elective (please mark the designation(s) that applies – must meet at least one)
     - [ ] Global Citizenship
     - [ ] Information Literacy
     - [ ] Oral Communication
     - [ ] Quantitative Reasoning
     - [ ] Scientific Literacy
     - [ ] Technological Literacy

3. Other Designations, as appropriate
   - [ ] Honors College Course
   - [ ] Other: (e.g. Women's Studies, Pan African)

4. Program Proposals
   - [ ] Catalog Description Change
   - [ ] Program Revision
   - [ ] Program Title Change
   - [ ] New Track
   - [ ] New Degree Program
   - [ ] New Minor Program
   - [ ] Liberal Studies Requirement Changes
   - [ ] Other

   Current program name: Bachelor of Arts—Philosophy

   Proposed program name, if changing:

5. Approvals

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II. Description of Curriculum Change

1a. The catalog description will not be revised.

1b. List of Courses and Credits for the Revised Program

**Bachelor of Arts—Philosophy**
Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications:
Mathematics: 3cr
Liberal Studies Electives: 9cr, no courses with PHIL prefix

College: 0-6
Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)

Major: 30
Required Courses:
PHIL 221 Symbolic Logic I 3cr
PHIL 324 Ancient Greek Philosophy 3cr
PHIL 325 Early Modern European Philosophy 3cr

Controlled Electives: 21cr
At least two courses from each of the following two categories:
Knowledge and Reality: (6cr)
PHIL 330 Philosophy of Science
PHIL 350 The Human Experience of Time
PHIL 360 Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 390 Philosophy of Human Nature
PHIL 420 Metaphysics
PHIL 421 Theory of Knowledge
PHIL 460 Philosophy of Language

Ethics and Values: (6cr)
PHIL 223 Philosophy of Art
PHIL 232 Philosophies of Love
PHIL 240 Philosophy and the Good Life
PHIL 270 Ethics and the Environment
PHIL 320 Ethical Theory
PHIL 323 Political Philosophy
PHIL 326 Existentialism
PHIL 450 Philosophy of Law

An additional three PHIL courses (9cr) (with restrictions) (2, 3)

Free Electives: 37-44

Total Degree Requirements: 120
(1) Intermediate-level foreign language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.
(2) In addition to PHIL 221, no more than four 100- and 200-level courses may be counted toward the major. Only PHIL courses may be counted toward the major.
(3) No more than 9 non-classwork credits may be counted toward the major. Non-classwork credits include independent study, independent honors project, and internship in philosophy.
2. Summary of Changes
a. Table comparing old and new programs

Current Program:

Bachelor of Arts—Philosophy
Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies 46-47 section with the following specifications:
Mathematics: 3cr
Philosophy: Included in major
Liberal Studies Electives: 9cr, no courses with PHIL prefix
College: 0-6
Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)

Major: 30
Required Courses:
PHIL 122 Contemporary Moral Issues 3cr
PHIL 221 Symbolic Logic I 3cr

Controlled Electives: Eight PHIL courses: 24cr
PHIL 324 or 325 and one other from the following: (6cr)
PHIL 324 Ancient Philosophy
PHIL 325 Modern Philosophy
PHIL 326 Phenomenology and Existentialism
PHIL 410 Contemporary Analytic Philosophy

PHIL 420 or 421 and one other from the following: (6cr)
PHIL 330 Philosophy of Science
PHIL 420 Metaphysics
PHIL 421 Theory of Knowledge
PHIL 460 Philosophy of Language

Four other PHIL courses (12cr) (may be from the above lists) (with restrictions) (2, 3)

Free Electives: 37-44
Total Degree Requirements: 120
(1) Intermediate-level foreign language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.
(2) No more than four 100- and 200-level courses may be counted toward the major. Only PHIL courses may be counted toward the major. Unless otherwise indicated in the course descriptions, all 300- and 400-level courses require either philosophy major or minor status, junior or senior standing, or permission of the instructor.
(3) No more than 9 non-classwork credits may be counted toward the major. Non-classwork credits include independent study, independent honors project, and internship in philosophy.

Proposed Program:

Bachelor of Arts—Philosophy
Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies 49-50 section with the following specifications:
Mathematics: 3cr
Liberal Studies Electives: 9cr, no courses with PHIL prefix
College: 0-6
Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)

Major: 30
Required Courses:
PHIL 221 Symbolic Logic I 3cr
PHIL 324 Ancient Greek Philosophy 3cr
PHIL 325 Early Modern European Philosophy 3cr

Controlled Electives: 21cr
At least two courses from each of the following two categories:
Knowledge and Reality: (6cr)
PHIL 330 Philosophy of Science
PHIL 350 The Human Experience of Time
PHIL 360 Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 390 Philosophy of Human Nature
PHIL 420 Metaphysics
PHIL 421 Theory of Knowledge
PHIL 460 Philosophy of Language

Ethics and Values: (6cr)
PHIL 223 Philosophy of Art
PHIL 232 Philosophies of Love
PHIL 240 Philosophy and the Good Life
PHIL 270 Ethics and the Environment
PHIL 320 Ethical Theory
PHIL 323 Political Philosophy
PHIL 326 Existentialism
PHIL 450 Philosophy of Law

An additional three PHIL courses (9cr) (with restrictions) (2, 3)

Free Electives: 37-44
Total Degree Requirements: 120
(1) Intermediate-level foreign language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.
(2) In addition to PHIL 221, no more than four 100- and 200-level courses may be counted toward the major. Only PHIL courses may be counted toward the major.
(3) No more than 9 non-classwork credits may be counted toward the major. Non-classwork credits include independent study, independent honors project, and internship in philosophy.
b. List of all associated course changes (new or revised courses, number, title, or description changes, and deletions).

The controlled-electives disjunction in the history of philosophy is eliminated and PHIL 324 and 325 are added as required courses.

PHIL 122 is no longer a required course.

The controlled-electives disjunction in metaphysics and epistemology is eliminated. PHIL 330, 420, 421, and 460 are now included in a new controlled-elective category, Knowledge and Reality, which also includes two new courses (PHIL 350, 390) and an existing course (PHIL 360).

The new controlled elective category Ethics and Values comprises three new courses (PHIL 240, 270, 320) and five existing courses (PHIL 223, 232, 323, 326, 450).

New courses added as controlled electives:
PHIL 240 Philosophy and the Good Life
PHIL 270 Ethics and the Environment [proposal already submitted]
PHIL 320 Ethical Theory
PHIL 350 The Human Experience of Time
PHIL 390 Philosophy of Human Nature

Existing courses added as controlled electives:
PHIL 223 Philosophy of Art
PHIL 232 Philosophies of Love
PHIL 323 Political Philosophy
PHIL 326 Existentialism
PHIL 360 Philosophy of Mind

Course deleted from catalog:
PHIL 410 Contemporary Analytic Philosophy

Renamed courses:
PHIL 232 Philosophies of Love (formerly “Philosophical Perspectives on Love, Marriage, and Divorce”) [title change already submitted]
PHIL 324 Ancient Greek Philosophy (formerly “Ancient Philosophy”) [title change already submitted]
PHIL 325 Early Modern European Philosophy (formerly “Modern Philosophy”)

Revised course:
PHIL 326 Existentialism (formerly “Phenomenology and Existentialism”)

c. Rationale for change
The most significant change is the addition of a controlled-elective category in Ethics and Values. There are two main reasons for this addition. First, value theory—which comprises
ethics, political philosophy, and philosophy of art—is one of the main subfields of philosophy, but it did not have a significant place in our old program. Requiring six credits of coursework in value theory keeps our curriculum current with trends in the discipline. Second, there was a felt demand, based on surveys of current majors and alumni, for an increased emphasis on value theory, which the new program meets by requiring six credits of value theory and offering three new courses under the Ethics and Values controlled elective category (PHIL 240, 270, and 320).

The existing controlled electives in metaphysics and epistemology (PHIL 330, 420, 421, 460) are now included in the broader Knowledge and Reality category, which provides students greater flexibility in meeting requirements in this area. This change also allows us to integrate an existing course (PHIL 360) and two new courses (PHIL 350, 390) into our program.

We have deleted Contemporary Analytic Philosophy (PHIL 410). Since contemporary analytic philosophy is linguistic philosophy, our existing PHIL 460 (Philosophy of Language) course is sufficient to acquaint students with some of the subject matter previously covered in PHIL 410.

The old program specified that no more than four 100- and 200- level courses would count toward the major. The new program specifies that in addition to Symbolic Logic I (PHIL 221), no more than four 100- and 200- level courses may be counted toward the major. The new program ensures that students will take at least five 300- and 400- level courses, which the Department takes to be a sufficient number of upper-levels for the major.

The new program does not include Contemporary Moral Issues (PHIL 122) as a required course. PHIL 122 is a Liberal Studies Core course that may still serve as a gateway to the major, but the courses we want to count towards the required six credits in value theory are now included in the Ethics and Values controlled-electives category.

The American Philosophical Association recommends requiring philosophy majors to take courses that expose them to the work of Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Hume, and Kant. Our new program does this by requiring both Ancient Greek Philosophy (PHIL 324) and Early Modern European Philosophy (PHIL 325). This increased rigidity about exposure to the canon offsets the increased flexibility elsewhere in the new program.

The new program does not include the statement: “Unless otherwise indicated in the course descriptions, all 300- and 400-level courses require either philosophy major or minor status, junior or senior standing, or permission of the instructor.” This requirement has never been enforced and the department takes it to be unnecessary.

III. Implementation
1. How will the proposed revision affect students already in the existing program?
Students currently in the program may choose between the old and new requirements. Students declaring the major after the change takes effect must complete the new requirements.

2. Are faculty resources adequate? If you are not requesting or have not been authorized to hire additional faculty, demonstrate how this course will fit into the schedule(s) of current faculty.
With our current complement and staffing commitments, the department can reasonably expect to staff and fill: i. at least one section of each of the three required courses once every two years, and, ii. at least one section of each of the 15 controlled electives at least once every four years.

3. Are other resources adequate? (Space, equipment, supplies, travel funds)
   Resources are adequate.

4. Do you expect an increase or decrease in the number of students as a result of these revisions? If so, how will the department adjust?
   We do not expect the size of the program to be affected by these changes.

IV. Periodic Assessment
1. Describe the evaluation plan. Include evaluation criteria. Specify how student input will be incorporated into the evaluation process.
   The program will be evaluated using departmental learning outcomes assessment instruments and as part of our departmental self-studies.

2. Specify the frequency of the evaluations.
   Analysis of outcomes assessment data is completed at least once every five years in self-studies for program review. Department learning outcomes assessment data is complied every year.

3. Identify the evaluating entity.
   Department faculty complete the self-studies. External reviewers may also evaluate the program.

V. Course Proposals
New course proposals for the following courses are included:
PHIL 240 Philosophy and the Good Life
PHIL 320 Ethical Theory
PHIL 350 The Human Experience of Time
PHIL 390 Philosophy of Human Nature

A course deletion proposal for PHIL 410 Contemporary Analytic Philosophy is included.

A course revision proposal for PHIL 326 Existentialism (formerly “Phenomenology and Existentialism”) is included.

A course renaming proposal for PHIL 325 Early Modern European Philosophy (formerly “Modern Philosophy”) is included.

VI. Letters of Support or Acknowledgment
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