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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 Deletion
 Course Revision Course Number and/or Title Change 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

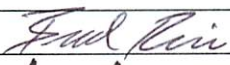



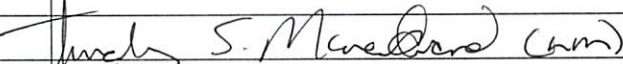

Honors College Course Other: (e.g. Women's Studies, Pan African)

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/Pre-Law Track

Proposed program name, if changing: _____

5. Approvals	Signature	Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)		<u>3/13/14</u>
Department Chairperson(s)		<u>3.13.14</u>
College Curriculum Committee Chair		<u>3-26-14</u>
College Dean		<u>3/26/14</u>
Director of Liberal Studies (as needed)		
Director of Honors College (as needed)		
Provost (as needed)		<u>3/31/14</u>
Additional signature (with title) as appropriate		
UWUCC Co-Chairs		<u>4/24/14</u>

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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/Pre-Law Track

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: 49-50

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 326 Existentialism

PHIL 323 Political Philosophy

PHIL 450 Philosophy of Law

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

Other Requirements: Pre-Law Interdisciplinary Track 15-21

Seven courses, including at least one from each of six areas:

Business: ACCT 201, ACCT 202, BLAW 235

Criminology: CRIM 210, 215, 255
Economics: ECON 121, 122, 332
English: ENGL 212, 265, 310, 321
History: HIST 320, 321, 346
Political Science: PLSC 358, 359, 361

Free Electives: 13-26

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/Pre-Law Track	
Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications:	46-47
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 101 or 110 Critical Thinking or Reasoning and the Law	3cr
PHIL 122 Contemporary Moral Issues	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)	
Other Requirements: Pre-Law Interdisciplinary Track 15-21	
Seven courses, including at least one from each of six areas:	
<i>Business:</i> ACCT 201, ACCT 202, BLAW 235	
<i>Criminology:</i> CRIM 210, 215, 255	
<i>Economics:</i> ECON 121, 122, 332	
<i>English:</i> ENGL 212, 265, 310, 321	
<i>History:</i> HIST 320, 321, 346	
<i>Political Science:</i> PLSC 358, 359, 361	
Free Electives:	16-29
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/Pre-Law Track	
Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications:	49-50
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:	
<i>Knowledge and Reality:</i> (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	
<i>Ethics and Values:</i> (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)	
Other Requirements: Pre-Law Interdisciplinary Track 15-21	
Seven courses, including at least one from each of six areas:	
<i>Business:</i> ACCT 201, ACCT 202, BLAW 235	
<i>Criminology:</i> CRIM 210, 215, 255	
<i>Economics:</i> ECON 121, 122, 332	
<i>English:</i> ENGL 212, 265, 310, 321	
<i>History:</i> HIST 320, 321, 346	
<i>Political Science:</i> PLSC 358, 359, 361	
Free Electives:	16-29
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, and PHIL 101/PHIL 110 is eliminated as a required course disjunction.

PHIL 221 is now 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 new program does not require students to take either Critical Thinking (PHIL 101) or Reasoning and the Law (PHIL 110). PHIL 101 and 110 expose students to basic principles of informal logic, but the Department believes that our PHIL/Pre-law majors ought to be exposed to formal logic, just as our PHIL majors are. The new PHIL/Pre-law program thus requires Symbolic Logic I (PHIL 221). This course is excellent preparation for the Logical and Analytical Reasoning sections of the Law School Admissions Test.

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 compiled 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.