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CURRICULUM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET
University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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II. PROPOSAL TYPE (Check All Appropriate Lines)

_____ **COURSE** _____
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_____ **New Course*** _____
Course Number and Full Title

_____ **Course Revision** _____
Course Number and Full Title

_____ **Liberal Studies Approval +** _____
for new or existing course Course Number and Full Title

_____ **Course Deletion** _____
Course Number and Full Title

_____ **Number and/or Title Change** _____
Old Number and/or Full Old Title

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_____ **Course or Catalog Description Change** _____
Course Number and Full Title

PROGRAM: **Majors** **Minor** **Track**

_____ **New Program*** _____
Program Name

Program Revision* Bachelor of Arts--Philosophy & Pre-Law Philosophy /
Program Name

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Program Name

_____ **Title Change** _____
Old Program Name

_____ New Program Name

III. Approvals (signatures and date)

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LIBERAL STUDIES

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF CURRICULUM CHANGE: REQUEST FOR PROGRAM REVISION: Bachelor of Arts--Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts--Philosophy/Pre-Law, and Philosophy Minor

1. CATALOG DESCRIPTION FOR THE REVISED PROGRAMS:

Bachelor of Arts--Philosophy

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: 53-55
Liberal Studies electives: no courses with PH prefix

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

Major: 30
Required courses:

- PH 221 Symbolic Logic I 3sh
- PH 222 Ethics 3sh

Controlled Electives: Eight PH courses: 24sh

- PH 324 or 325, and one other from list: 324, 325, 326, and 410. (6sh)
 - PH 324 History of Philosophy I: Ancient and Medieval;
 - PH 325 History of Philosophy II: Renaissance and Modern
 - PH 326 Phenomenology & Existentialism
 - PH 410 Contemporary Analytic Philosophy

- PH 420 or 421 and one other from list: 330, 420, 421, and 460. (6sh)
 - PH 330 Philosophy of Science
 - PH 420 Metaphysics
 - PH 421 Theory of Knowledge
 - PH 460 Philosophy of Language

Four other PH courses (may be from the above lists) (12sh)
(with restrictions)(2)(3)

Other Requirements: 0

Free Electives: 33-41

Total Degree Requirements: 124

- (1) Intermediate-level Foreign Language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.
- (2) No more than four 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 either philosophy major or minor status, junior or senior standing, or permission of the instructor.
- (3) No more than nine non-classwork credits may be counted toward the major. Non-classwork credits include independent study, independent honors project, and internship in philosophy.

Bachelor of Arts--Philosophy/Pre-Law

Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications:	53-55
Liberal Studies electives: no courses with PH prefix	
College:	0-6
Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)	
Major:	30
Required courses:	
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PH 222 Ethics	3sh
Controlled Electives: Eight PH courses:	24sh
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PH 326 Phenomenology & Existentialism	
PH 410 Contemporary Analytic Philosophy	
PH 420 or 421, and one other from list: 330, 420, 421, and 460. (6sh)	
PH 330 Philosophy of Science	
PH 420 Metaphysics	
PH 421 Theory of Knowledge	
PH 460 Philosophy of Language	
Four other PH courses (may be from the above lists) (with restrictions)(2)(3)	(12sh)
Other Requirements: Pre-law Interdisciplinary Sequence	6-21
Seven courses, including at least one from each of six areas:	
Business: AG201,AG202,BL235	
Criminology: CR210,CR260,CR357	
Economics: EC121,EC122,EC332	
English: EN212,EN220,EN310	
History: HI320,HI321,HI346	
Political Science: PS358,PS359,PS361	
Free Electives:	12-29
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Individually Designed Philosophy Minor

As a minor, philosophy has much to offer in helping individuals of various backgrounds better understand the fundamental assumptions of their disciplines. For that reason, the minor in philosophy will be individually designed to meet special career needs and personal interests. Selection of courses will be accomplished through discussions with and approval of the department adviser. Students must expect careful planning in any program approved. For further explanation and suggestions, see explanation below and consult department adviser.

Minor--Philosophy

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Controlled Electives: Five PH courses: 15sh
(with restrictions)(1)(2)

- (1) No more than three 100-200 level courses may be counted toward the minor. Only PH courses may be counted toward the minor. Unless otherwise indicated in the Course Descriptions, all 300-400 level courses require either philosophy major or minor status, junior or senior standing, or permission of the instructor.
- (2) No more than three non-classwork credits may be counted toward the minor. Non-classwork credits include independent study, independent honors project, and internship in philosophy.

2. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:

a. TABLE COMPARING OLD AND NEW PROGRAMS: There is no change in the number of hours required for our majors or minor. The only changes are:

i. Rather than allowing a choice between PH 101 Informal Logic: Methods of Critical Thinking and PH 221 Symbolic Logic I, the new PH/Pre-Law major will require PH 101.

ii. Rather than requiring PH 324, 325, 420 and 421, the new programs will require students to take either 324 or 325 and either 420 or 421 and also to take at least one other course from 324, 325, 326 and 410 and at least one other course from 330, 420, 421, and 460.

iii. PH and PH/Pre-Law majors will be restricted to no more than four (rather than to no more than three) 100-200 level courses. PH minors will continue to be restricted to three 100-200 level courses.

iv. In the new programs, the restriction on 300-400 level PH courses of junior or senior standing or instructor permission will apply only to non-PH students. Under the old programs, it applied to all students, including our majors and minors.

All other requirements remain the same. The total hours required remains 124.

There are no changes in the PH minor requirements although the wording and format have been updated and clarified.

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

3. RATIONALE FOR CHANGES:

Change i. Rather than allowing a choice between PH 101 Informal Logic: Methods of Critical Thinking and PH 221 Symbolic Logic I, the new PH/Pre-Law major will require PH 101. --Rationale: The faculty member who conducts the LSAT logic workshops maintains that PH 101 is better preparation for the LSAT and for the course work required in law school.

Change ii. Rather than requiring PH 324, 325, 420 and 421, the new programs require students to take either 324 or 325 and either 420 or 421 and also to take at least one other course from 324, 325, 326 and 410 and at least one other course from 330, 420, 421, and 460. [Students may still choose to take all four of the formerly required courses (PH 324, 325, 420 and 421). -- Rationale: According to the American Philosophical Association [APA]:

"The major in philosophy should serve, among other things, to provide those who may wish to enter this profession [philosophy] with a good start in that direction.

At most colleges and universities, however, this cannot be the primary purpose of the major in philosophy, because it is not realistic to suppose that very many students will follow this path. The primary purpose of the major in philosophy is better conceived as a valuable and indeed paradigmatic "liberal education" major. Its basic purpose should be to introduce interested students to philosophy in ways that will serve them well--both professionally and personally--whatever they may go on to do after graduation. Provision must be made for those who aspire to graduate study and careers in philosophy, but they must be recognized to be the exception rather than the rule...A flexible broadly-gauged undergraduate program is thus to be desired for both purposes" ("The Philosophy Major," APA approved 1992).

Also, the recent agreement with Widener Law School requires us to ensure that IUP students can complete the PH/Pre-Law major in three years (See p. 8). With our duties in the honors college, liberal studies, etc., we may have difficulty doing so without increased flexibility in our major programs. Moreover, the APA also reminds PH departments that students often come to the PH major late and so "The (PH) major should be so structured that it can be completed within a period of 3 years or less. (This provides a further reason to avoid any rigid sequencing of courses, and to keep specific prerequisites for advanced courses to a minimum.)"

The proposed changes will make our major programs more flexible, giving us and the students more choices in scheduling courses and allowing us to continue to provide viable programs in PH and PH/Pre-Law which students can--when necessary--complete in three years. The proposed changes will enhance our ability to serve students with a wider range of career and life goals, thus bringing our major programs more in line with the above APA statement.

Changes iii. & iv. affect restriction (2) under both majors. At present, restriction (2) under both majors reads as follows:

(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.

Change iii. PH and PH/Pre-Law majors will be restricted to no more than four (rather than to no more than three) 100-200 level courses. PH minors will continue to be restricted to no more than three 100-200 level courses. — Rationale: At present our majors and minors can count no more than three 100-200 level PH courses. This is appropriate for PH minors who have no required courses and may count only five PH courses: it forces them to take at least two 300-400 level PH courses. Majors, in contrast, must take a logic course (PH 221 or 101) and PH 222 ethics, so according to the current restriction (2), they can count only one other 100-200 level PH course.

When the required ethics course was PH 405 Justice and Human Rights, restriction (2) gave majors a choice of two other 100-200 level PH courses. When we changed the ethics requirement from PH 405 to PH 222, we did not modify restriction (2), and thus inadvertently reduced the number of 100-200 level PH electives from two to only one—an unforeseen and unintended decrease in flexibility. The proposed change in restriction (2) restores the earlier more flexible policy of allowing students a choice of two other 100-200 level PH courses.

Change iv. In the new programs, the restriction on 300-400 level PH courses of junior or senior standing or instructor permission will apply only to non-PH students. —Rationale: The APA recommends that PH undergraduate majors take the history of PH courses in their sophomore year if possible. It also recommends keeping specific prerequisites for advanced courses to a minimum. So for 300 and 400 level PH courses, we wish to change the prerequisite to "either philosophy major or minor status, junior or senior standing, or permission of the instructor."

PART III. IMPLEMENTATION:

1. Once the program revisions are approved, students currently in either major program will have a choice to remain under the old or to switch to the new program requirements. Indeed, except for the new PH/Pre-law logic requirement, students satisfying the old requirements will thereby automatically satisfy the new more flexible requirements.

2. The change in the PH/Pre-Law logic requirement will have no significant effect on faculty teaching loads. Several sections of both PH 101 and PH 221 are offered every semester, and that will continue under the new requirements.

There are no new courses. Current faculty already teach all of the PH courses listed under controlled electives. Four formerly required courses—PH 324, 325, 420 & 421—will become one of two from which majors must choose at least one. Some of these courses may thus be offered less frequently in the future, perhaps, every fourth, instead of every third, semester. In contrast, PH 326, 330, 410, and 460—courses which were formerly PH electives only, but are now in the lists from which students must choose at least two courses—may be offered somewhat more frequently, e.g., every fifth semester instead of every sixth. Overall, these differences should balance out fairly well. Indeed, these changes are designed to enable us to continue to offer our major programs despite our not having been authorized to hire additional faculty.

3. Other resources are the same as under the old curriculum.

4. We expect either no significant change or at best a small increase in the number of students in our programs. A small increase would be welcome. Generally, there will be sufficient space for any additional students in our upper-level courses.

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. The Pre-Law Committee has been informed of this proposal, which does not include any changes in the PH courses listed for the Pre-Law interdisciplinary sequence.

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

Major: 30sh

Required courses:
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 PH 222 Ethics 3sh
 PH 324 History of Philosophy I: Ancient and Medieval 3sh
 PH 325 History of Philosophy II: Renaissance and Modern 3sh
 PH 420 Metaphysics 3sh
 PH 421 Theory of Knowledge 3sh

Controlled electives:
 4 other PH courses (with restrictions) (2) (3) 12sh(2)

Other Requirements: 0

Free Electives: 33-41

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College: Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)	0-6
Major: Required courses: PH 101 Informal Logic: Methods of Critical Thinking (or PH 221 Symbolic Logic I) PH 222 Ethics PH 324 History of Philosophy I: Ancient and Medieval PH 325 History of Philosophy II: Renaissance and Modern PH 420 Metaphysics PH 421 Theory of Knowledge	30
Controlled electives: 4 other PH courses (with restrictions) (2) (3)	12sh(2)
Other Requirements:	0
Other Requirements: Pre-law Interdisciplinary Sequence Seven courses, including at least one from each of six areas: Business: AG201, AG202, BL235 Criminology: CR210, CR260, CR357 Economics: EC121, EC122, EC332 English: EN212, EN220, EN310 History: HI320, HI321, HI346 Political Science: PS358, PS359, PS361	6-21
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Major: Required courses: PH 101 Informal Logic: Methods of Critical Thinking PH 222 Ethics	30
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CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Individually Designed Philosophy Minor

As a minor, philosophy has much to offer in helping individuals of various backgrounds better understand the fundamental assumptions of their disciplines. For that reason, the minor in Philosophy will be individually designed to meet special career needs and personal interests. Selection of courses will be accomplished through discussions with and approval of the department advisor. The minimum requirement for a minor is 15 semester hours with the restrictions on the major applying to the minor also, except that no more than three non-classwork credits may be counted toward the minor. Students must expect careful planning in any program approved. For further explanation and suggestions, see department advisor.

Minor—Philosophy

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Individually designed minor worked out in consultation with advisor. No more than three 100-200 level philosophy courses may be counted toward the minor.

PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION [FOR CLARIFICATION ONLY—NO CHANGES IN CONTENT]:

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Minor—Philosophy

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(with restrictions)(1)(2)

15sh

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Those participating in the Widener University School of Law 3 + 3 Early Admissions Program must keep in mind that at least 95 sh of the above requirements, with the exception of the Free Electives, must be completed within three years. They should consult closely with their departmental pre-law advisor to ensure timely progress toward completion of the program. The following recommendations will assist such progress:

First Yr:	Major: PH101, PH222, and one other PH 100-200-level course	9 sh
	LS: EN 101, Mathematics, History, Literature, and Fine Arts requirements	16-17 sh
	Pre-law: EC121 (counts as both Social Science course and Pre-law)	3 sh
	Total	(28-29)
	Begin foreign language requirement (for LS Electives also).	
Sophomore:	Major: Four PH courses, at least two of which satisfy the area requirements	12 sh
	LS: EN202, Natural Science sequence, Health and Wellness requirement	14 sh
	Pre-law: Two courses from list.	6 sh
	Total	(32)
	Continue foreign language requirement if necessary.	
Junior:	Major: Three PH courses, also finishing the area requirement.	9 sh
	LS: EC122 (both LS elective and Pre-law) and two Social Science courses, one of which is Non-Western, Synthesis course (2nd sem.)	12 sh
	Pre-law: Three courses in addition to EC122	9 sh
	Total	(30)
	Finish foreign language requirement if necessary.	
	Total with foreign language requirement	96-99

Two "W" courses need to be selected from the above, and the foreign language requirement will satisfy 6-8 sh of the LS Electives. Additional foreign language credits will increase the total number of credits. Care must be taken that all restrictions within the major, Liberal Studies, and Pre-law requirements are met.