

Meeting of the College Academic Council

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

210 Strong Hall

December 11, 2007 - 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2007 CAC MINUTES

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES & ADVISING (CUSA) Submitted by Carol Miner, Presented by Chris Crandall

- A. Curricular Changes for Approval: ATMO 506, ATMO 531, BIOL 660, ITAL 430, ITAL 440, LA&S 400, PUAD 435, PLSH 312
- B. Degree Requirements/Policy Changes for Approval: Delete ENGL 316 as HL
- C. New Business: General Education Task Force Recommendations

Motion approved unanimously: For the B.G.S degree, replace the current Junior/Senior Concentration with a CLAS approved minor, (with one abstention) co-major or major.

Motion approved: For the B.A. degree, reduce the number of principal courses required in each area (Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences) from three to two courses.

Motion failed: Add one year of foreign language study for the B.G.S. degree.

Motion failed: Increase the required number of junior/senior hours equal to the amount of the reduction in the General Education hour requirements.

- D. Report of Action
 - a. Curricular Changes: LA&S 101
 - b. Degree Requirements/Policy Changes
 - 1. Change to Polish Concentration of Slavic Major
 - 2. Change to Polish Studies Minor
 - 3. Change to Russian Concentration in Slavic Major
 - 4. Change to Slavic Cultures in Transition Minor

III. OTHER BUSINESS— Amendment of the previously approved College +/- Grading Policy.

- On May 8, 2007, the CAC voted unanimously to adopt a plus/minus grading system that included a grade of A+. The grade of A+ is not permitted under the current University-approved grading system and hence required approval by the University Senate. The issue of adding the A+ grade was taken up by the Senate but was not approved when considered in a recent vote. To comply with the University-approved grading system, the CAC will discuss amending the College's +/- grading policy that was adopted on May 8, 2007, to drop the grade of A+ from the grading system

I. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2007 CAC MINUTES

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November 13, 2007

Minutes

Committee Members in attendance include: John Staniunas, Jim Hartman, Ray Hummert, Terry Slocum, Stuart Day, Holly Storkel, Christie Jones, Rick Ingram, Chris Haufler, Frank Gong

Others in attendance include: Joseph Steinmetz, Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Juliet Kaarbo, Chris Crandall, Paul D'Anieri, Rob Weaver, Danny Anderson, Karen Ledom, Abby Lee.

- The meeting was called to order by Dean Steinmetz.
- CAC unanimously voted and approved the October 2007 CAC minutes
- CAC unanimously voted and approved the following curricular changes: BINF 709, LING 700, LING 709, LING 716, LING 722, LING 731, LING 737, LING 738 (All LING courses approved contingent on the addition of LEC or SEM to descriptions)
- CAC unanimously voted and approved the following curricular changes: AAAS 104, AAAS 310, AAAS 317, AAAS 360, AAAS 470, AAAS 565, AAAS 662, ABSC 405, AMS 250, AMS 292, AMS 300, AMS 317, AMS 320, AMS 322, AMS 350, AMS 515, AMS 540, AMS 565, AMS 590, AMS 652, AMS 653, AMS 680, AMS 682, AMS 690, ANTH 363, ANTH 523, ANTH 560, ANTH 662, ANTH 671, ANTH 673, ASTR 595, BIOL 509, CHEM 598, CRSB 104, CRSB 105, CRSB 108, CRSB 109, CRSB 204, CRSB 205, CRSB 208, CRSB 209, CRSB 380, CRSB 504, CRSB 508, CRSB 675, EALC 301, EALC 363, EALC 572, ECIV 104, ECIV 304, ECON 110, ECON 250, ECON 450, ECON 498, ECON 524, ECON 525, ENGL 308, ENGL 340, ENGL 507, ENGL 526, ENGL 567, ENGL 569, ENGL 570, ENGL 571, ENGL 572, ENGL 573, ENGL 574, ENGL 580, ENGL 587, ENGL 590, ENGL 592, ENGL 610, ENGL 620, ENGL 626, ENGL 627, ENGL 633, ENGL 640, ENGL 646, ENGL 648, ENGL 650, ENGL 655, ENGL 660, ENGL 664, ENGL 668, ENGL 679, EURS 329, EURS 604, EVRN 148, EVRN 149, EVRN 150, EVRN 320, EVRN 332, EVRN 410, EVRN 460, EVRN 615, GEOG 148, GEOG 149, GEOG 150, GEOG 395, GERM 400, GERM 408, GERM 416, GERM 560, HIST 160, HIST 329, HIST 393, HIST 492, HIST 696, HNRS 200, HWC 329, HWC 390, ITAL 303, ITAL 304, ITAL 499, JPN 233, JPN 333, JPN 386, LING 305, LING 307, LING 312, LING 314, LING 322, LING 331, LING 416, LING 420, LING 425, LING 427, LING 437, LING 438, LING 470, LING 539, LING 572, PHIL 508, PHIL 560, PHIL 562, PHIL 570, PHIL 590, PHIL 592, PHIL 605, PHIL 607, PHIL 608, PHIL 648, PHIL 650, PHSX 150, PHSX 611, POLS 492, POLS 494, POLS 495, POLS 512, POLS 631, POLS 632, POLS 635, POLS 640, POLS 642, PSYC 405, PSYC 483, PSYC 646, PSYC 689, PUAD 330, PUAD 331, PUAD 332, PUAD 333, PUAD 435, PUAD 436, PUAD 603, REL 510, SLAV 240, SLAV 241, SLAV 394, SLAV 506, SLAV 508, SLAV 558, SLAV 561, SOC 310, SOC 342, SOC 350, SOC 351, SOC 353, SOC 515, SOC 526, SOC 529, SOC 618, SOC 633, SPAN 170, SPAN 171, SPAN 270, SPAN 271, SPAN 370, SPAN 371, SPAN 390, SPAN 470, SPAN 471, SPAN 474, SPAN 475, SPLH 663, TH&F 405, TH&F 587, TH&F 680, WS 310, WS 317, WS 351, WS 363, WS 565, WS 583, WS 662, WS 689
- CAC unanimously voted and approved the new Environmental Studies Minor.
- CAC unanimously voted and approved the new HL Principal Course designation (ENGL 308), contingent on the removal of ENGL 316.
- CAC unanimously voted and approved the new Non-Western Culture designation (EALC 301).

- CAC discussed upcoming motions by CUSA regarding the General Education Task Force Committee's recommendations and the CLAS by-law revisions needed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.
- The next CAC meeting will be Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in 210 Strong Hall.

II. COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND ADVISING (CUSA)

A. Curricular Changes for Approval

ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE

- CHANGE: PREREQUISITE
ATMO 506 FORECASTING MODELS AND METHODS 3 N
(OLD) Introduction to basic numerical weather prediction methods. Computer programs are used to apply numerical methods to weather data and to evaluate dynamical processes on numerical grids. Meteorological graphics packages are used to analyze current weather data and numerical model output. Current operational numerical models and output products are discussed. Prerequisite: ATMO 505, MATH 122, and EECS 128 or EECS 258.
- ATMO 506 FORECASTING MODELS AND METHODS 3 N
(NEW) Introduction to basic numerical weather prediction methods. Computer programs are used to apply numerical methods to weather data and to evaluate dynamical processes on numerical grids. Meteorological graphics packages are used to analyze current weather data and numerical model output. Current operational numerical models and output products are discussed. Prerequisite: ATMO 505, MATH 122, and EECS 138 or EECS 168.
- CHANGE: NEW COURSE
ATMO 531 TOPICS IN ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE: _____ 1-3 N
An investigation of special topics in atmospheric science. May include topics in dynamic, physical or synoptic meteorology or climatology as well as related topics in earth and physical sciences. May be repeated if topic differs.

BIOLOGY

- CHANGE: TITLE
BIOL 660 LIMNOLOGY 3 N
(OLD) An introduction to the biological, chemical, and physical processes that characterize ponds, lakes, and reservoirs. Discussion of current research papers. Prerequisite: General ecology (BIOL 414 or equivalent) or permission of instructor.
- BIOL 660 LAKE ECOLOGY 3 N
(NEW) An introduction to the biological, chemical, and physical processes that characterize ponds, lakes, and reservoirs. Discussion of current research papers. Prerequisite: General ecology (BIOL 414 or equivalent) or permission of instructor.

FRENCH

- CHANGE: NEW COURSE
ITAL 430 DANTE'S MASTERPIECE 3 H W
Detailed study of Dante's epic poem with a close reading of the Inferno. Prerequisite: ITAL 300 or demonstrated knowledge of Italian.
- CHANGE: NEW COURSE
ITAL 440 ITALIAN RENAISSANCE AND EARLY MODERN LITERATURE 3 H W
Detailed study of selected masterpieces of the Italian Renaissance from the 13th to the 18th centuries. Prerequisite: ITAL 300 or demonstrated knowledge of Italian.

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

LA&S 400 (OLD)	CHANGE: COURSE DESCRIPTION TEACHING AND TUTORING WRITING 3 U This course explores the techniques necessary to work with writers and teaches writing across all disciplines. Students will learn about tutoring and teaching writing through collaborative techniques and interpersonal dynamics. They will learn more about themselves as writers as they begin to build a repertoire of writing strategies useful to their studies, in the workplace, and in their personal lives. Meets with LA&S 700. LEC
LA&S 400 (NEW)	TEACHING AND TUTORING WRITING 3 U Students explore theories and strategies of teaching and tutoring writing across academic disciplines. They learn more about themselves as writers as they build a repertoire of writing techniques useful in their studies, in the workplace, and in their personal lives. By observing and consulting in the writing center, they understand how reflection leads to responsible/responsive and engaged practice.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PUAD 435	CHANGE: NEW COURSE GENERATING, ALLOCATING AND MANAGING PUBLIC RESOURCES 3 S Explores topics in public budgeting, finance and financial management. These activities play a central role in public management. The intent of this course is to understand the role these activities play in local governments and to see how policy and management are shaped and influenced by budgets, financial reports, and tax policy.
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SLAVIC LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

PLSH 312 (OLD)	CHANGE: COURSE DESCRIPTION CREDIT HOURS POLISH LANGUAGE AND CIVILIZATION IN POLAND: SUMMER PROGRAM 3-9 H W Polish grammar, conversation, and composition with select aspects of Polish civilization. Available only to participants in the Summer Language Institute in Krakow, Poland.
PLSH 312 H W (NEW)	POLISH LANGUAGE AND CIVILIZATION IN POLAND: SUMMER PROGRAM 8 H W Polish grammar, conversation, and composition with select aspects of Polish civilization. Available only to participants in Polonicum, Warsaw University.

B. Degree Requirements/Policy Changes for Approval

Delete ENGL 316 as HL

ENGL 316 Introduction to Major American Writers

DESCRIPTION

Outstanding works of American literature, studied in chronological sequence and with some attention paid to the characteristics of the various periods of American literary history embraced.

JUSTIFICATION

CUSA and CAC have approved English 308 as an HL course, pending the removal of one of our existing HL courses. The English Department voted to remove English 316 because it does not introduce or train students in the methodologies of the discipline and is therefore not especially in keeping with the spirit of principle course requirements.

D. Report of Action

a. Curricular Changes

LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

LA&S 101

CHANGE: NEW TOPIC
LEARNING COMMUNITIES SEMINAR: GENDER MATTERS: WOMEN
CREATING A LIFE OF MEANING 1

Explores current issues related to women and gender that affect college women's choices and opportunities. Focuses on issues from a personal perspective, examining historical influences that have shaped current attitudes and beliefs about women and gender and the opportunities women have to pursue their dreams and fulfill their potential. This class integrates the academic areas of women's studies and film. Learning goals include expanding understanding and knowledge in the following areas: the role of media in forming one's attitudes about women and gender; past and present influences on women's access to higher education and employment, and issues related to women and diversity. In addition, students apply this information to their own lives and career goals.

b. Degree Requirements

- 1. Change to Polish Concentration of Slavic Major

PROPOSAL

Polish Studies Major

Current		Proposed	
PLSH 208	Intermediate Polish II (3)	PLSH 208	Intermediate Polish II (3)
PLSH 504	Advanced Polish I (3)	PLSH 504	Advanced Polish I (3)
PLSH 508	Advanced Polish II (3)	PLSH 508	Advanced Polish II (3)
PLSH 675	Readings – (3)	PLSH 675	Readings (3)
HIST 554	Poland from Kings to Communists to Solidarity and After (3)	SLAV 506	Survey of West Slavic Literatures and Civilization (3)

<p>4 electives (max. 1 from HIST):</p> <p>SLAV 240 Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and E-Central Europe</p> <p>SLAV 504 Introduction to East-Central European Culture and Society</p> <p>PHIL 580 Marxism</p> <p>GEOG 595 Geography of Eastern Europe</p> <p>ECON 560 Economic Systems</p>	<p>4 electives (max. 2 from HIST):</p> <p>PLSH 312 Polish Language and Civilization in Poland: Summer Program (8)</p> <p>SLAV 144 Survey of Russian Literature in Translation</p> <p>SLAV 340 Introduction to the Languages and Peoples of Russia and E-Central Europe</p> <p>SLAV 504 Introduction to East-Central European Culture and Society</p> <p>SLAV 514 Totalitarianism</p> <p>SLAV 635 Language, Culture and Ethnicity in Prehistoric E. Europe</p> <p>PHIL 580 Marxism</p> <p>HIST 377 Everyday Communism in E. Europe</p> <p>HIST 554 Poland from Kings to Communists to Solidarity and After</p> <p>HIST 557 Nationalism and Communism</p> <p>ECON 560 Economic Systems (Note: 2 prerequisite courses)</p>
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JUSTIFICATION

Making changes because new courses relevant to this concentration have been developed and some courses in the current catalogue are no longer being offered.

Note that the request for change from SLAV240 --> SLAV340 was made by Marc Greenburg.

2. Change to Polish Studies Minor

PROPOSAL

Polish Studies Minor

Current	Proposed
<p>PLSH 204 – Intermediate Polish I (3)</p> <p>PLSH 208 – Intermediate Polish II (3)</p> <p>3 hours in Polish culture at the 300 level or above</p> <p>9 hours in language, history, culture, or literature at the 300 level or above chosen from courses in the Polish Studies Concentration.</p>	<p>PLSH 204 – Intermediate Polish I (3)</p> <p>PLSH 208 – Intermediate Polish II (3)</p> <p>SLAV 506 - Survey of West Slavic Literatures and Civilization (3)</p> <p>9 hours in language, history, culture, or literature at the 300 level or above chosen from courses in the Polish Studies Concentration (maximum 1 from HIST)</p>

JUSTIFICATION

New course SLAV 506 is essential to the minor; the limit on HIST courses reflects a similar limit in the Polish Studies major.

3. Change to Russian Concentration in Slavic Major

PROPOSAL

Russian Major	
Current	Proposed
<p>RUSS208 6 credits</p> <p>RUSS504 or 512 3 credits</p> <p>RUSS508 or 516 3 credits</p>	<p>RUSS208 6 credits</p> <p>RUSS504 or 512 3 credits</p> <p>RUSS508 or 516 3 credits</p>
3 credits – Linguistics (200 +)	3 credits – Linguistics (200+)
3 credits – Literature (400+)	3 credits – Literature (400+)
9 credits – lit., linguistics, culture, etc chosen in consultation with the major advisor	9 credits – literature, linguistics, culture, and advanced language , etc chosen in consultation with the major advisor

JUSTIFICATION

The advanced language courses have always been an option for electives, but were not listed.

4. Change to Slavic Cultures in Transition Minor

PROPOSAL

Current	Proposed
Two courses chosen from: SLAV 140/141 SLAV 144/ 145 SLAV 148/ 149 SLAV 240/ 241	Two courses chosen from: SLAV 140/141 SLAV 144/ 145 SLAV 148/ 149 SLAV 240/ 241
Twelve hours of Slavic literature and culture courses at the 300 level or higher	SLAV 506 or SLAV 508
* Students should consult with an undergraduate advisor to make sure that their selection of Junior-Senior hours assures broad enough representation of different aspects of Slavic Literatures and Cultures.	9 credits of Slavic literature and culture courses at the 300 level or higher * Students should consult with an undergraduate advisor to make sure that their selection of Junior-Senior hours assures broad enough representation of different aspects of Slavic Literatures and Cultures.

JUSTIFICATION

SLAV 506 (new course) and SLAV 508 help fulfill the minor's design as *Slavic* rather than Russian.