

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**  
**Curriculum Committee Meeting Report**  
August 24, 2012

**Members Present:** Mark Finlay, Rick McGrath, Jason Taltock, and Alison Hatch.

Guest: Tom Cato, Peter Mellen

I. College of Liberal Arts

- A. Art, Music, & Theatre
- B. Criminal Justice, Social, & Political Science

**1. Create the following course:**

**POLS 4330 – Liberalism and the Modern State** **3-0-3**  
**Prerequisite: POLS/HIST 1100 or HIST 1112 or POLS 1200 or POLS 2100**  
**Description: Historical and conceptual development in the theory and practice of liberal democracy from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present.**

Rationale: This course fills a gap in the political science curriculum.

**Effective Term: Fall 2013**

**CURCAT:**

**Major Department: Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science**  
**Can Course be repeated for additional credit? No**  
**Maximum Number of Credit Hours: 3**  
**Grading Mode: Normal**  
**Instruction Type: Lecture**  
**Course Equivalent: None**

**2. Delete the following course:**

~~POLS 5535U Public Leadership and Ethics in Theory and Practice 3-0-3~~

Rationale: This course served the MALPS program.

**Effective Term: Fall 2013**

**3. Modify the Program of Study for the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science**

**A. General Requirements**

Core Areas A, B, C, D, and E ..... 42 hours  
Area F ..... 18 hours  
MATH 2200 - Elementary Statistics

POLS 2200 - Introduction to American Government

One of the following:

POLS 1150 - World Politics

POLS 1200 - Ethics in Government

~~POLS 2100 - Introduction to Political Science~~

POLS 2290 - Foundations of International Relations

Nine hours of a foreign language sequence numbered 1002 or above

Physical Education..... 3 hours

B. Major Field Courses .....36 hours

**POLS 2100 – Introduction to Political Science**

**Ten** courses from the following with at least one course from each area:

*American Political Institutions*

POLS 3150 - American Supreme Court

POLS 3160 - Judicial Politics and Strategies

POLS 3190 - Military Law

POLS 3980 - African Americans & the American Political System

POLS 3990 - Special Topics in Political Science

POLS 4100 - Independent Study in American Government

POLS 4110 - American Presidency

POLS 4150 - American Supreme Court

POLS 4160 - American Congress

POLS 4170 - Constitutional Law and the Federal System

POLS 4171 - Constitutional Civil Liberties

POLS 4190 - Environmental Laws and Regulations

CRJU/POLS 5500U - Law and Legal Process

*Political Theory*

POLS 3320 - American Political Thought

POLS 3340 - Politics and Ideology in Contemporary Europe

POLS 3350 - Classics of Political Thought

POLS 3360/SOCI 3360 - Social Theory

POLS 3990 - Special Topics in Political Science

POLS 4300 - Religion and Political Thought

**POLS 4330 – Liberalism and the Modern State**

POLS 5100U - Politics and the Visual Arts

POLS 5300U - Marxism, Socialism, and Democracy

~~POLS 5535U – Public Leadership and Ethics in Theory and Practice~~

*International Relations*

POLS 3990 - Special Topics in Political Science

POLS 4200 - Independent Study in International Relations

POLS 5110U - The Politics of Defense and National Security Policy

CRJU/POLS 5130U - Political Terrorism

POLS 5210U - International Law

POLS 5220U - Theory of International Relations

POLS 5230U - Constitutional Law of Foreign Policy  
 POLS 5250U - International Organizations  
 POLS 5270U - Intelligence and National Security Policy  
 POLS 5280U - Seminar in Global Politics  
 POLS 5290U - American Foreign Policy  
 POLS 5510U - Third World National Security  
 POLS 5530U - Global Environmental Politics  
 POLS 5560U - Comparative Foreign Policy

*Comparative Politics*

POLS 3990 - Special Topics in Political Science  
 POLS 4400 - Independent Study in Comparative Government  
 POLS 5260U - Media and Politics in Latin America  
 POLS 5280U - Seminar in Global Politics  
 POLS 5430U - African Politics  
 POLS 5440U - Latin American Politics  
 SOCI/POLS 5450U - Political Sociology of Nationalism  
 POLS 5460U - Governments of East Asia  
 POLS 5490U - Political Transformation of the Former Soviet Union  
 CRJU/POLS 5520U - Comparative Judicial Systems  
 POLS 5560U - Comparative Foreign Policy

**C. Capstone course:** POLS 4950 - Political Research Methods or CRJU 3100 - Research Methods

**D. Electives** ..... 24 hours

Including a minimum of 15 hours of upper division courses

Total Semester Hours 123 hours

**E. Exit Exam:** Area Concentration Achievement Test in Political Science

Rationale: POLS 2100 serves as a foundation course for political science majors, providing an introduction to the scope of the discipline. This course also plays a key role in our program assessment plan. Highlighting of the capstone course will eliminate confusion.

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**4. Modify the Program of Study for the Minor in Legal Studies**

Minors

Legal Studies ..... 18 hours

~~POLS 3180~~, **POLS 4171**, CRJU/POLS 5500U, and any four of the following:  
 HSCC 3110, LWSO/POLS 4190, POLS 3150, POLS 3160, POLS 3190, POLS 4170,  
 POLS 4171, POLS 4172, CRJU/POLS 5520U, CRJU 4500, or CRJU 4510

Rationale: To reflect the change in course numbering of the Constitutional Civil Liberties course which was changed from POLS 3180 to POLS 4171.

**5. Modify the Program of Study Bachelors of Arts in Law and Society**

PROGRAM FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LAW AND SOCIETY

B. Major Field Courses ..... 36 hours

In addition to the required courses, select six courses in one of three specialized tracks:

Required Courses

CRJU 3100 - Research Methods *or*

POLS 4950 - Political Research Methods

CRJU/POLS 5500U – Law and Legal Process

POLS 3150 – American Supreme Court

LWSO 2000 – Introduction to Law and Society

ENGL 4700 ~~3800~~ – Advanced Composition\*

ENGL 5730 – Rhetoric\*

*\*Substitutions possible in consultation with program coordinator.*

Rationale: Reflects new number of ENGL Course

**Effective Term: Spring 2013**

- C. Economics
- D. Gender and Women’s Studies
- E. History
- F. Languages, Literature and Philosophy

**1. Create the following course:**

**ENGL 3150 Mythology**

**3-0-3**

**Prerequisite: ENGL 2100.**

**Description: An introduction to the major characters, plots, and themes of mythological narratives.**

Rationale: World literatures from the earliest eras to the present often make reference to mythological stories and figures. A knowledge of these mythological systems and of the nature of myth-making will enhance a student’s appreciation of literature, human cultures, and the making of non-scientific meaning. This course, while focusing primarily upon Classical (Greek and Roman) myth, could be adapted to other mythologies (Norse, Asian, etc.); hence, its title has no modifier. This course would benefit not only English majors but also students of history, sociology, anthropology, religion, and psychology as a useful upper-level elective.

**Effective Date: Spring 2013**

**CURCAT:**

**Major Department: Languages, Literature, and Philosophy**

**Can course be repeated for additional credit? No**

**Maximum number of Credit Hours: 3**

**Grading Mode: Normal**

**Instruction Type: Lecture**

**2. Modify the following course:**

ENGL ~~4700~~ **3800** Advanced Composition 3-0-3

Prerequisite: ENGL 2100 or permission of department head.

Description: Advanced study of expository and argumentative techniques, **grammar and style**. Crosslisted as LING ~~4700~~ **3800**.

Rationale: Course will emphasize more of the mechanics of writing and be required for students in the Professional Communication degree program.

**Effective Date: Fall 2013**

**CURCAT:**

Major Department: Languages, Literature, and Philosophy

Can course be repeated for additional credit? No

Maximum number of Credit Hours: 3

Instruction Type: Lecture

**3. Modify the following course:**

GRMN 2001 Intermediate German I 3-0-3

Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL 1101 and GRMN 1002.

Description: Continuation of GRMN 1002. **Emphasis on the culture of the German-speaking world with** continued development of reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills.

Rationale: While this course has always included German and Germanic culture, the description needs changing, now that the course is included in core area C-1

**Effective Date: Spring 2013**

**CURCAT:**

Major Department: Languages, Literature, and Philosophy

Can course be repeated for additional credit? No

Maximum number of Credit Hours: 3

Instruction Type: Lecture

**4. Modify the following course:**

LING ~~4700~~ **3800** Advanced Composition 3-0-3  
Prerequisite: ENGL 2100 or permission of department head.  
Description: Advanced study of expository and argumentative techniques, **grammar and style**. Crosslisted as ENGL ~~4700~~ **3800**.

Rationale: Modification coincides with that for ENGL 4700.

**Effective Date: Fall 2013**

CURCAT:

Major Department: Languages, Literature, and Philosophy  
Can course be repeated for additional credit? No  
Maximum number of Credit Hours: 3  
Instruction Type: Lecture

**5. Modify the Program of Study for Religious Studies**

**Religious Studies ..... 18 hours**

RELI 2100 — World Religions

This minor requires the completion of RELI 2100 plus five upper level (3000+) undergraduate

courses either from the list below or as approved by the minor program coordinator:

ANTH 4000 Sorcery, Demons, and Gods

ENGL 3141 Bible as Literature

**ENGL 3150 Mythology**

ENGL 5215U Literature of the Non-Western World

ENGL 5440U Early English Literature

ENGL 5480U Literature of the English Renaissance

ENGL 5485U Milton

HIST 3225 History of the Ancient Near East

HIST 3440 Europe in The Middle Ages

HIST 5450U Topics in Medieval History

PHIL 3120 Medieval Philosophy

PHIL 3330 Philosophy of Religion

POLS 4300 Religion and Political Thought

SOCI/POLS 5450U Political Sociology of Nationalism

RELI 4000 Special Topics in Religious Studies

Other Special Topics courses as approved by coordinator

**6. Modify the degree program for Track II Professional Communication, p. 144 of 2011-12 Catalog**

B. Major Field Courses.....36  
hours

- ENGL 3700 Introduction to Communications
- ENGL 3710 Freelance Writing and Publication
- ENGL 3720 Business and Technical Communication
- ENGL 3800 Advanced Composition**
- ENGL 4990 Internship (3-9 hrs)
- ~~ENGL 5730U Rhetoric~~

Twelve semester hours from one of the following categories:

- Technical Communication
- ~~ENGL 4700 Advanced Composition~~
- ENGL 5710U Writing for nonprofits
- ENGL 5730U Rhetoric**
- ENGL 5740U Technical Editing
- ENGL 5750U Publication Design
- COMM 3060 Public Relations

[Remainder of degree program remains the same as previously.]

Rationale: Program assessment for the English/Professional Communication program revealed a weakness in students' overall writing ability. Substituting Advanced Composition, with its new emphasis on grammar and style, for Rhetoric as a required course should improve writing ability.

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**7. Modify the degree program for English, p. 144 of 2011-12 Catalog**

Literature and Culture Courses

Two courses selected from

- ENGL 5200U Postcolonial Literature
- ENGL 5215U Literature of the Non-Western World
- ENGL 5225U Literature of the Western World
- ENGL 5280U Literature and the Environment**
- ENGL 5340U Literature by Women
- ENGL 5350U **Topics in** African American Literature
- ENGL 5380U Southern Literature
- ~~ENGL 5550U Contemporary Literature~~
- FILM 5025U Popular Culture Theory/Criticism
- FILM 5510U Film and Literature

[Remainder of degree program remains the same as previously.]

Rationale: Correcting errors. 5280 should have always been in this category. Category was not changed with course title was changed for 5350. 5550 is in “historical period” category and should never have been in cultural studies.

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H. Gender and Women’s Studies

**Addendum**

The College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee recommends the following change to the language on page 67 of the catalog:

"To earn a minor in conjunction with a degree, students must complete all requirements (as specified) at Armstrong **unless substitutions are granted by the department head or program coordinator**. Specific course requirements for earning a minor are listed under each department. **A minor must contain 15 to 18 semester hours of coursework with at least 9 hours of upper-division coursework. Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas A through E may not be counted as coursework in the minor. Core Area F courses may be counted as coursework in the minor.**"

Rationale: The alteration of the first sentence is to allow department heads and program coordinators more flexibility with our minors, particularly when assessing the transcripts of transfer students. The addition of the third and fourth sentences are intended to help students and advisors have ready access to the USG policy on minors.