

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
Curriculum Committee Meeting Report
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I. College of Liberal Arts

1. Create the following course:

SABR 2960 Study Abroad V-V-(1-15)

Prerequisite: None

Description: Offered as a part of a study abroad program.

Instruction related to countries visited and the academic discipline of the instructor.

Rationale: AASU needs a new generic study abroad course that is pass/fail and can be taught by an instructor from any academic discipline. The courses currently in use have been HUMN 2960 and SSCI 2960, both of which share the title of “Foreign Language and Culture.” That title is inappropriate because most of the study abroad-type courses have not involved any language study. In addition, we sometimes have people assigned to one of these courses even if it is outside of the field of expertise, sometimes even to faculty members who are neither social scientists nor humanities scholars. Thus one advantage of a SABR 2960 would be that the content would more closely match the professor’s area of expertise. For the type of content involved, it is more appropriate that this course be graded on a pass/fail basis.

Effective Term: Fall 2010

CURCAT

Major Department: College of Liberal Arts

Can course be repeated for additional credit? Yes

Maximum number of credit hours: V-V-(1-15)

Grading Mode: Pass/Fail

Instruction Type: Lecture

2. Delete the following courses:

~~**HUMN 2960 Foreign Language and Culture V-V-(1-15)**~~

~~**SSCI 2960 Foreign Language and Culture V-V-(1-15)**~~

Rationale: To be replaced by SABR 2960.

Effective Term: Fall 2010

- A. Art, Music, and Theater
- B. Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science
- C. Economics
- D. Gender and Women's Studies

1. Change/add prerequisite to the following course:

GWST 5700U Perspectives in Feminist Theory 3-0-3

Prerequisite: **ENGL 2100 or permission of instructor**

Rationale: This is a writing and research intensive course. Students need an introduction to research methods before entering this course.

Effective term: Fall 2010

- E. History

1. Create the following course:

HIST 3390 MODERN FRANCE 3-0-3

Prerequisites: HIST 1111 or HIST 1112 or permission of instructor

Description: History of France from Louis XIV through the present, emphasizing cultural, intellectual, and political developments of the period.

Rationale: This course will fill a gap in the European history course sequence. It expands the time period of French history to correspond with that offered in similar courses. It will replace HIST 5470 U/G.

Effective Term: Fall 2010

CURCAT:

Major Department: History

Can course be repeated for additional credit? No

Maximum number of Credit Hours: 3

Grading Mode: normal

Instruction type: lecture

2. Create the following course:

HIST 5490U/G TOPICS IN EUROPEAN INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY 3-0-3

Undergraduate Prerequisites: HIST 1111 or HIST 1112

Graduate Prerequisite: none

Description: Study of the evolution of ideas in European history such as liberty, nationalism, or equality, emphasizing primary sources and varied historical interpretations. May be repeated as topics vary.

Rationale: The course expands coverage of Europe, and its particular focus is underrepresented in the history department. In addition to fulfilling undergraduate requirements, graduate students will have to demonstrate fluency with primary sources and a solid understanding of historiography via additional papers and class presentations. It will replace HIST 3560.

Effective Term: Fall 2010

CURCAT:

Major Department: History

Can course be repeated for additional credit? Yes

Maximum number of Credit Hours: 6

Grading Mode: normal

Instruction type: lecture

3. Delete the following course:

~~**HIST 3560 MODERN EUROPE**~~ ~~3-0-3~~

Rationale: This course is being replaced with HIST 3390, the more focused study of France.

Effective Term: Fall 2010

4. Delete the following course:

~~**HIST 5470U/G FRENCH REVOLUTION AND NAPOLEON**~~ ~~3-0-3~~

Rationale: The attention to France in this course is superseded by the creation of the new HIST 3390, which allows students to study a longer period of French history.

Effective Term: Fall 2010

5. Change the course description and prerequisites for the following:

HIST 5700U/G: American Material Culture

Undergraduate Prerequisite: one course in American history or permission of instructor or department

Description: Introduction to the study of North American and Caribbean culture, ordinarily focused on the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Architecture, cemeteries, landscape, dress, music, art, foodways, status, gender, and ethnic identifiers may provide examples **methods of material culture analysis and key groups of American artifacts. Topics covered may include furnishings, fashion, cemeteries, industrial design, and consumerism.**

Rationale: Adding a course in American history to the undergraduate prerequisite ensures that students will have the fundamental knowledge required to succeed in the course. The new description more accurately reflects the current content of the course, clarifying the emphasis on research methods and delineating the specific areas of focus.

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