

**Liberal Arts
Curriculum Committee Meeting Report
4 September 2009**

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I. College of Liberal Arts

1. **Modify the Program of Study for the Religious Studies Minor**

Religious Studies18 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 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 3240 Ancient Israel/Palestine~~

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

Rationale: HIST 3240 has been deleted and replaced by HIST 3225.

Effective term: Fall 2010

A. Art, Music, & Theatre-no items

B. Criminal Justice, Social, & Political Science

1. Create the following course:

POLS 5300U/G Marxism, Socialism, and Democracy 3-0-3

Prerequisite: POLS 1150 or POLS 1200 or POLS 2290 or POLS 2200 or HIST 1112

Graduate Prerequisite: None

Description: Classical and critical readings of Marxist texts. Examination of history of communist regimes, revolution, and social democratic governments. Evaluation of significance for contemporary democratic theory and practice. Graduate students must complete a research project requiring in-depth textual study and review of scholarly literature.

Rationale: The course establishes a regular offering in an important area of study and is normative in B. A. Political Science programs. The course complements existing offerings in the major.

Effective Term: Fall 2010

CURCAT:

Major Department: CJSPS

Can the course be repeated for additional credit: No

Maximum number of credit hours: 3

Grading Mode: Normal

Instructional Type: Lecture

2. Modify the Program of Study for the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science:

B. Major Field Courses

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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 5100U - Politics and the Visual Arts

POLS 5300U Marxism, Socialism, and Democracy

POLS 5535U - Public Leadership and Ethics in Theory and Practice

Rationale: The course complements existing offerings in the major.

Effective Term: Fall 2010

3. Modify the Program of Study for the Minor in International Studies Bachelor of Arts in Political Science:

Two additional Comparative Politics/Area History Studies /International Economics from the list below (6 hours).

ANTH 4401 - Special Topics in Anthropology

ECON 3450 - Environmental Economics

ECON 4400 - Seminar in Third World Economic Development

ECON 5200U - International Trade

ECON 5310U - International Financial Institutions
 ENGL 5215U - Literature of the Non Western World
 FREN 5030U – Special Topics in Francophone Literature
 GEOG 5550U - Geography of South Asia
 HIST 3110 - History of Latin America Since 1850
 HIST 3150 - History of Africa
 HIST 3210 - Modern China
 HIST 3220 - History of Japan
 HIST 3230 - History of the Middle East
 HIST 3300 - Modern Russia
 HIST 3330 - Modern Germany
 HIST 3360 - Modern East Central Europe
 HIST 3560 Modern Europe
 HIST 4900 - Seminar in Non Western History
 HIST 5100U - Topics in Latin American History
 HIST 5250U - Topics in Asian History
 HIST 5300U - History of Russian and Soviet Foreign Policy
 HIST 5480U - Topics in European History
 HIST 5500U - Topics in British History
 HIST 5540U - Topics in U.S. Foreign Relations
 POLS 3340 - Politics and Ideology in Contemporary Europe
 POLS 3420 - Governments of the Middle East
 POLS 4400 - Independent Study in Comparative Government
 POLS 5260U - Media and Politics in Latin America
POLS 5300U – Marxism, Socialism, and Democracy
 POLS 5430U - Governments of Africa
 POLS 5440U - Latin American Politics
 POLS 5460U - Governments of East Asia
 POLS 5490U - Political Transformation of the Former Soviet Union
 POLS 5510U - Third World National Security
 POLS/CRJU 5520 - Comparative Judicial Systems
 POLS 5530U - Global Environmental Politics
 POLS 5560U - Comparative Foreign Policy
 SOCI/POLS 5450U - Political Sociology of Nationalism
 SPAN 3111 - Civilization and Culture of Spain
 SPAN 3120 - Civilization and Culture of Latin America

Rationale: The course complements existing offerings in the minor.

Effective Term: Fall 2010

C. Economics

1. Create the following course:

ECON 3210 Marketing **3-0-3**

Prerequisite: ECON 2106

Description: Marketing functions, the activities of producers, wholesalers, retailers and other intermediaries, the channels of

distribution, integration of the marketing functions, price policies and government regulation.

Rationale: This course will be required for the new business track in the economics major and is likely to serve students in other disciplines such as theater management who would find knowledge of marketing to be a valuable addition to their skills.

Effective Term: Spring 2010

CURCAT:

Major Department: Economics

Can the course be repeated for additional credit: No

Maximum number of credit hours: 3

Grading Mode: Normal

Instructional Type: Lecture

2. Create the following course:

ECON 3220 Management 3-0-3

Prerequisite: ECON 2106

Description: Contemporary management of organizations with an emphasis on the fundamentals of organizational behavior. Topics include organizational structure, leadership, communication, motivation, group dynamics, decision -making, planning and controlling the roles and functions of managers are integrated throughout all these topics.

Rationale: This course will be required for the new business track in the economics major and is likely to serve students in other disciplines such as theater/arts management who would find knowledge of general management to be a valuable addition to their skills.

Effective Term: Spring 2010

CURCAT:

Major Department: Economics

Can the course be repeated for additional credit: No

Maximum number of credit hours: 3

Grading Mode: Normal

Instructional Type: Lecture

3. Create the following course:

ECON 3230 Finance Principles 3-0-3

Prerequisite: ACCT 2101

Description: The basic concepts and analytical tools of finance in both corporate finance and investments. Topics include risk and return, financial institutions, efficient markets, valuation theory, capital budgeting, portfolio theory, cost of capital, and international finance.

Rationale: This course will be required for the new business track in the economics major and is likely to serve students in other disciplines such as theater/arts management who would find knowledge of general management to be a valuable addition to their skills.

Effective Term: Spring 2010

CURCAT:

Major Department: Economics

Can the course be repeated for additional credit: No

Maximum number of credit hours: 3

Grading Mode: Normal

Instructional Type: Lecture

4. Create the following course

ECON 5150U/G Survey of Economics for Educators 3-0-3

Pre-requisite: (U/G) Admission to Candidacy in the College of Education or holds current teaching certification

Description: Survey of macroeconomic, microeconomic, and personal finance topics relevant to the Georgia Performance Standards for teaching economics in grades K-12. Course examples will be drawn from classroom resources available to educators. Students will be expected to develop a portfolio of grade-level appropriate examples for future classroom use. Graduate students will be required to create and present a course module for an assigned topic.

Rationale: The Georgia Performance Standards for Economics requires that high school economics teachers pass an exam that is approximately 85 percent economics and 15 percent personal finance. To cover the material necessary for proper preparation, prospective high school teachers would currently need to take at least two economics courses for which there is little or no room available in their curriculum. This course provides a practical foundation for meeting educational needs for teachers K-12.

Effective Term: Spring 2010

CURCAT:

Major Department: Economics

Can the course be repeated for additional credit: No

Maximum number of credit hours: 3

Grading Mode: Normal

Instructional Type: Lecture

5. Modify the course description.

ECON 4520, -30, -40 Internship 3-0-3**Prerequisite: permission of instructor or department head****Description: Open to juniors or above. Applied economic setting using nonprofit agencies such as the Chamber of Commerce, as well as financial institutions and international businesses. Supervision by departmental instructors and agency officials. Students may use only one internship as part of their ~~eight~~ upper division economics classes. Open to transient students only with permission of department head.****Effective Term: Spring 2009**Rationale: To accommodate the Business Economics track

6. Modify the course description.

ECON 5111U/G Economics of Entrepreneurship I 3-0-3**A project based class focusing on the application of economic principles to real-world business formation and management. This course provides instruction in both the legal and logistical requirements of starting a business and serves as a forum for development of business ideas and practices. (~~Economics majors may only use this course under the Related Field Courses~~).****Effective Term: Spring 2010**Rationale: To accommodate the Business Economics track

7. Modify the course description.

ECON 5112U/G Economics of Entrepreneurship II 3-0-3**Continuation of Economics and Entrepreneurship I, this course will cover advanced business challenges including the financial requirements of starting businesses. Students will work in groups to develop a viable business plan that will be presented to local business owners for review. (~~Economics majors may only use this course under the Related Field Courses~~).****Effective Term: Spring 2010**Rationale: To accommodate the Business Economics track

8. Change requirements for the Certificate in Financial Economics

The Department of Economics offers a certificate program in financial economics. This program offers students the opportunity to obtain a broad understanding of various aspects of financial economics, ranging from capital

markets and financial institutions to foreign exchange markets. The Certificate in Financial Economics can be earned in one of two tracks. First, it can be taken in tandem with a formal undergraduate degree. The second option is the professional track, designed for non-degree students with a professional or occupational interest in financial economics. Individuals are eligible for this track upon presentation of proof of a valid undergraduate degree from an accredited institution. In either case, students should meet with an advisor in order to declare their interest in the certificate program and to plan their course of study. Under either track, the certificate will be awarded upon successful completion of all of the following courses with a grade of C or better in each.

ECON 2105 - Principles of Macroeconomics	3 hrs
ECON 3230 – Finance Principles	3 hrs
ECON 5300U - Money and Banking	3 hrs
ECON 4100 - Financial Economics: Portfolio Analysis	3 hrs
ECON 4150 - Money and Capital Markets	3 hrs
ECON 5310U - International Finance	3 hrs
One additional course at the 3000 level or above as approved by the Head of the Economics Department.	3 hrs

Rationale: The new course is appropriate for the certificate and requiring it alleviates the problem of finding a suitable fifth course.

9. Change requirements for the Minor in Economics

Minors

Economics **15 hours**

ECON 2105 or 2106

Twelve credit hours selected from: ECON 3050, 3060, 3100, **3210, 3220, 3230**, 3450, 3470, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 4100, 4150, 4400, 4410, **4450**, 4451, 4460, 4500, 4550, **5010U, 5020U, 5030U**, 5200U, 5300U, 5310U, 5400U, 5630U.

Rationale: The new courses are appropriate for the minor.

Effective Term: Fall 2010

10. Add the business track as the third track of the economics major. Add detail to Area F. Change the general and international tracks of the economics major. Add new courses to list of choices for existing tracks.

Rationale: The number of Pre-Business students is growing. These students all intend to finish degrees at other institutions, primarily because we have no business degree. Many of these students came to AASU because they would rather be here, but we are losing them. The applied nature of this program is very likely to keep many of these students at AASU. This would be a very attractive major to absorb some of the growth expected with

the completion of the new student housing and the imposition of campus residency requirements.

Resource Needs

With the addition of administrators to the teaching faculty, there are faculty members on campus capable of teaching most or all of the new courses. We might need two adjunct faculty members plus additional sections of accounting depending on the growth of the program.

PROGRAM FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS

A. General Requirements

Core Areas A, B, C, D, and E 42 hours

Area F 18 hours

ECON 2105 - Principles of Macroeconomics

ECON 2106 - Principles of Microeconomics

MATH 2200 - Elementary Statistics

MATH 1950 - Applied Math or MATH 1161 - Calculus I

Six credit hours from one of the following areas:

Accounting (**required for business track**)

ACCT 2101 - Principles of Financial Accounting

ACCT 2102 - Principles of Managerial Accounting

Foreign language sequence (1002 and 2001) (required for international track)

Mathematics

MATH 2072 - Calculus II

MATH 2083 - Calculus III

Information Technology

CSCI 1150 – Fundamentals of the Internet and World Wide Web

ITEC 1310 – Programming in Visual Basic

Physical Education 3 hours

Track I: General Economics

B. Major Field Courses 33

hours

- ECON 3050 - Intermediate Macroeconomics
- ECON 3060 - Intermediate Microeconomics
- ECON 3700 – Econometrics
- ECON 4900 - Economic Methods and Senior Thesis

Twenty one credit hours drawn from at least three of the following categories:

Global

- ECON 3100 - Multinational Economic Enterprises
- ECON 4400 - Seminar in Third World Economic Development
- ECON 4450 – Comparative Economics
- ECON 5200U - International Trade
- ECON 5310U - International Finance

Quantitative

- ECON 3600 - Mathematical Economics
- ECON 3800 - Quantitative Consumer Research

Applied

- ECON 3470 - Economics of Health
- ECON 3500 - Managerial Economics
- ECON 4451 - Industrial Organization
- ECON 4460 - Economic Analysis of the Law
- ECON 5400U - Economics of Labor

Financial

- ECON 3230 – Finance Principles**
- ECON 4100 - Financial Economics: Portfolio Analysis
- ECON 4150 - Money and Capital Markets
- ECON 5300U - Money and Banking

Public Policy and Economic History

- ECON 3450 - Environmental Economics
- ECON 4410 - Regional Economics
- ECON 4500 - Public Finance
- ECON 4550 - Public Choice
- ECON 5630U - Economic History of the US

Internships and Specialized Courses

- ECON 3950 - Research in Economics
- ECON 3960 - Research in International Economics
- ECON 4520, -30, -40 - Internship (with permission of department head)(maximum of one internship may count toward degree)

ECON 5010, -20, -30 Special Topics in Economics

C. Related Field Courses 9

hours

- ITEC 1050 - Introduction to Computer Concepts or CSCI 1060 - Computer Concepts and Applications

Six credit hours of upper division courses from the following fields:

- anthropology, **communication**, economics, **English (3720, 5710, 5740, 5750 only)**,
- geography, information technology, mathematics, philosophy, political science,
- psychology, or sociology.

**D. Electives18
hours**

Track III: Business Economics

B. Major Field Courses33 hours

**ECON 3050 Intermediate Macroeconomics or ECON 3060 Intermediate
Microeconomics**

ECON 5300U – Money and Banking

ECON 3500 – Managerial Economics

ECON 5111 – Economics of Entrepreneurship I

ECON 3210 – Marketing

ECON 3220 – Management

ECON 3230 – Finance Principles

Twelve credit hours drawn from among the following courses:

ECON 3050 - Intermediate Macroeconomics

ECON 3060 – Intermediate Microeconomics

ECON 3700 – Econometrics

ECON 3800 - Quantitative Consumer Research

ECON 3100 - Multinational Economic Enterprises

ECON 4450 – Comparative Economics

ECON 4460 – Economic Analysis of the Law

ECON 5112 - Economics of Entrepreneurship II

ECON 5200U - International Trade

ECON 5310U - International Finance

ECON 3470 - Economics of Health

ECON 4451 - Industrial Organization

ECON 5400U - Economics of Labor

ECON 4100 - Financial Economics: Portfolio Analysis

ECON 4150 - Money and Capital Markets

ECON 3450 - Environmental Economics

ECON 4410 - Regional Economics

ECON 4500 - Public Finance

**ECON 4520, -30, -40 - Internship (with permission of department head)(maximum
of one internship may count toward degree)**

C. Related Field Courses 15 hours

**ITEC 1050 - Introduction to Computer Concepts or CSCI 1150 Fundamental of the
Internet and World Wide Web**

COMM 2280 Speech Communication

Nine credit hours of upper division courses from among the following fields/courses:

COMM 3060 Public Relations

COMM 5050U Interpersonal Communication in the Workplace

ENGL 3720 Business and Technical Communication

ENGL 5710 Writing for the Non-Profit Sector

ENGL 5740 Technical Editing

ENGL 5750 Publication Design

HSCA 3600 Financial Management for Health-Related Organizations

Rationale: This course expands our philosophy offers into contemporary philosophy, and will be of particular interest to students planning to attend graduate school in any discipline.

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:

ENGL 5350U/G Topics in African American Literature **3-0-3**

Prerequisite: ENGL 2100 or permission of department head

Description: Thematic approach to African American Literature, with emphasis on historical, philosophical, and/or cultural contexts. Topics such as religion, migration, the oral tradition, autobiography, popular culture, rhetoric, civil rights, slavery, sexuality, or literary theory. **May be repeated for additional credit when topics change.**

Rationale: An oversight when we first modified this course last year. All of our special topics courses are repeatable.

CURCAT:

Can course be repeated for additional credit? Yes

Maximum Number of Credit Hours: 6

4. Modify the following course number:

PHIL ~~2201~~ 2010 Introduction to Philosophy **3-0-3**

Prerequisites: ENGL 1101

Description [No change]: Basic themes, problems, vocabulary, and representative figures of philosophy. Includes an essay or projects involving documentation.

Rationale: The BOR Philosophy advisory committee at the request of the BOR has approved a uniform philosophy core course numbering system throughout the USG system to aid in more easily identifying transfer equivalencies. Modifying the course number above will bring this philosophy core course at Armstrong into compliance.

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 following course number:

**PHIL ~~2251~~ 2030 Introduction to Ethics and Contemporary Moral
Philosophy 3-0-3**

Prerequisites: ENGL 1101

Description [no change] Ethical traditions of Western culture and their application of historical perspectives to contemporary moral issues in medicine, business, and environmental relations.

Rationale: The BOR Philosophy advisory committee at the request of the BOR has approved a uniform philosophy core course numbering system throughout the USG system to aid in more easily identifying transfer equivalencies. Modifying the course number above will bring this philosophy core course at Armstrong into compliance.

CURCAT:

Major Department: Languages, Literature and Philosophy

Can course be repeated for additional credit? No

Maximum number of Credit Hours: 3

Instruction Type: Lecture