Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting
Report for the Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting
Friday, September 23, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M., in Solms 209. The names of the members present are shown in bold; guests/substitutes are in italic:

Stephen Primatic, Art, Music, & Theatre; Judy Awong-Taylor, Biology;
Leon Jaynes, Chemistry & Physics; Corie Hammers, Criminal Justice, Social, & Political Science;
Richard McGrath, Economics; Dick Nordquist, General Studies; Jim Todesca, History;
Ellen Blossman, Languages, Literature, & Philosophy; Greg Knofczynski Mathematics;
James Handley, Military Science; Jonathan Roberts, Psychology;
Jose da Cruz, Criminal Justice, Social, & Political Science;
Zaphon Wilson, Criminal Justice, Social, & Political Science;
Bill Daugherty, Criminal Justice, Social, & Political Science;
Uzzie Cannon, Languages, Literature, & Philosophy.

The minutes of August 26, 2005 were approved.

I. College of Arts and Sciences
1. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
   Create the following course:
   AFAS 2000 Introduction to African American Studies 3-0-3
   Prerequisite: ENGL 1101
   Description: Introduction to the broad discipline of African Diaspora Studies, including the political, sociological, economic, and psychological experience of blacks in America from slavery to the present.

   Rationale: This course provides students the foundation necessary for the pursuit of an African American Studies minor. As is consistent with the interdisciplinary nature of African American Studies, the course will explore the Black experience from several perspectives: history, politics, economics, sociology, psychology, religion, the arts, and education.

   Effective Term: Spring 2006

   CURCAT:
   Major Department: Arts and Sciences
   Can the course be repeated for additional credit: no
   Maximum Number of Credit Hours: 3
Grading Mode: Normal
Instruction Type: Lecture

2. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
Create the following course:
AFAS 4000 Independent Study in African American Studies 3-0-3
Prerequisite: AFAS 1000 and the permission of the Coordinator of African American Studies and instructor
Description: An in-depth, closely supervised, instructor-approved study in the interdisciplinary areas associated with the African American Studies minor on a topic with African American emphasis.

Rationale: This course will allow students the opportunity to supplement his or her primary focus within the minor on a particular subject they may not have been covered in-depth with the current course offerings.

Effective Term: Spring 2006

CURCAT:
Major Department: Arts and Sciences
Can the course be repeated for additional credit: no
Maximum Number of Credit Hours: 3
Grading Mode: Normal
Instruction Type: Lecture

3. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
Create the following course:
AFAS 5000U Topics in African American Studies 3-0-3
Prerequisite: AFAS 2000 and the permission of the Coordinator of African American Studies.
Description: Special topics in African American Studies. Will be crossed listed with selected upper-level courses in the university curriculum when content of those courses address issues related to African American Studies. May be repeated for credit with different topics.

Rationale: This course allows undergraduate students more options in fulfilling the minor requirement because it is cross-listed with upper-level university courses that might address issues relevant to African American Studies. As a graduate course, it provides additional course options for MALPS students on the International Studies track since the course content may at anytime address international/global issues.

Effective Term: Spring 2006
CURCAT:
Major Department: Arts and Sciences
Can the course be repeated for additional credit: Yes
Maximum Number of Credit Hours: 6
Grading Mode: Normal
Instruction Type: Lecture

4. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
Create the following minor:
African American Studies ...........................................18 hours
AFAS 2000* - Introduction to African American Studies
Must include 9 hours of course work numbered 3000 or above
with no more than 6 hours from a single discipline and at least 6
hours from each of the following areas of concentration:
Humanities:
AFAS 4000* - Independent Study in African American Studies
AFAS 5000U/G* - Topics in African American Studies
ENGL 2050 - Africa and the Diaspora
ENGL 5350U - African American Literature
HIST 2100 - The African Diaspora
HIST 3150 - History of Africa
HIST 3900 - African-American History To 1865
HIST 3910 - African-American History Since 1865
HIST 5200U - Topics in African History
HIST 5650U - Topics in African-American History
MUSC 2010 - Understanding Jazz
Social Sciences:
AFAS 4000* - Independent Study in African American
Studies
AFAS 5000U* - Topics in African American Studies
POLS 3980* - African Americans and the American Political System
POLS 5430U - Governments in Africa
POLS 5510U - Third World National Security
POLS 5560U - Comparative Foreign Policy
PUBH 5570U - Women and Minority Health Issues
SOCI 3200 - Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Rationale: The purpose of African American Studies is to allow students of
any ethnic background to recognize and understand the important role African
Americans have played in defining and developing American society, to address
the implications of being “black” in America, and to experience the artistic
endeavors put forth by those of African descent. Its interdisciplinary focus
explores areas such as history, literature, politics, religion, the arts, and education
as they relate to the African American experience.
An African American Studies minor further helps students to successfully pursue graduate research or professional work in Social Work, Education, Law, Criminal Justice, Medicine, Business, and the Arts, all areas that serve African Americans. All in all, the minor makes students more “multiculturally” aware, thus poised to affect positive change in American society.

**Why an African American Studies Minor at Armstrong?**

- AASU has a 22% African American student population
- As an urban university in a city where the African American population is over 50%, it should conscientiously address the issues that this population faces.
- AASU is located in Georgia where many earlier enslaved Africans made significant political, economic, and social contributions; it would behoove us to help students recognize those contributions.

**Structure of the Minor**

This minor will consist of 18 hours of course work. Students will be required to complete each class with a C or better.

**Effective Term:** Spring 2006

*Pending approval*

A. General Studies
B. Art, Music, & Theatre
C. Biology

1. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
   Create the following course:
   **BIOL 4750 Tropical Field Biology 3-4-4**
   Prerequisite: BIOL 2010 and BIOL 2020 and BIOL 3020 and pre-approval by instructor.
   Description: Classroom lectures will cover the history, habitats, and ecology of the Florida Keys. In the field, students will design and conduct individual research projects that will be evaluated through oral and written presentations. Special laboratory fee required.

   **Rationale:** This 8-week, capstone summer course will cover the history, habitats, and ecology of the Florida Keys. Students will be required to design and investigate a research project while in the Keys and report on it as part of their final grade. The first six weeks of classes will be committed to classroom lectures, the 7th week will be spent in the Keys studying the regional ecology and conducting student research projects, and the 8th week will be devoted to student research presentations.

   **Effective Term:** Spring 2006
CURCAT:

Major Department: Biology
Can course be repeated for additional credit? No
Maximum Number of Credit Hours: 4
Grading mode: normal
Instruction Type: lecture

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

B. Major Field Courses ........................................................................................................47 hours
BIOL 2010 - Microbiology
(If used to satisfy area F, add a four credit hour elective from biology.)
BIOL 2020 - Plantae and Fungi
(If used to satisfy area F, add a four credit hour elective from biology.)
BIOL 3000 - Cell Biology
BIOL 3010 - Modern Biology Lab
BIOL 3020 - Zoology
BIOL 3700 - Genetics
BIOL 4200 - Vertebrate Physiology
BIOL 4700 - Ecology
BIOL 4800 - Seminar
Total of 18 credit hours from categories 1-3, with at least one 3 credit hour course
chosen from each of categories 1 and 2.
Category 1: Cell/Molecular/Physiology
  BIOL 3510 - Bacteriology
  BIOL 3520 - Medical Microbiology
  BIOL 3530 - Immunology and Serology
  BIOL 4000 - Cellular Physiology
  BIOL 4090 - Molecular Genetics
  BIOL 4300 - Microbial Physiology
  BIOL 4310 - Applied Microbiology
  BIOL 4400 - Virology
  BIOL 4510 - Principles of Development
Category 2: Botany
  BIOL 3150 - Horticulture
  BIOL 3200 - Flowering Plants
  BIOL 3230 - Anatomy of Seed Plants
  BIOL 4150 - Plant Physiology
  BIOL 4450 - Morphology of Vascular Plants
Category 3: Other
  BIOL 3300 - Entomology
  BIOL 3310 - Invertebrate Zoology
  BIOL 3400 - Human Physiology
  BIOL 3410 - Nutrition
  BIOL 3580 - Histological Technique
  BIOL 3750 - Natural History of Vertebrates
  BIOL 3770 - Developmental and Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates
  BIOL 3870 - Animal Histology
  BIOL 3920 - Parasitology
  BIOL 4010 - Evolution
  BIOL 4210 - Comparative Physiology
  BIOL 4220 - Endocrinology
  BIOL 4320 - Environmental Microbiology
BIOL 4550 - Marine Organisms
BIOL 4565 - Physiological Ecology
BIOL 4750 - Tropical Field Biology
BIOL 4910, -20 - Research I and II (only one research course may be counted as an elective)
BIOL 4950, -60 - Internship I and II (only one internship may be counted as a major elective)
BIOL 4970 - Special Topics (with permission of department head)

D. Chemistry & Physics

E. Criminal Justice, Social, & Political Science

1. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
   Delete the following courses:
   SOCI 3450 — Political Sociology of Nationalism ——— 3-0-3
   SOCI 3950 — Research in the Social and Behavioral Sciences 3-0-3

   Rationale: SOCI 3450 was already renumbered as SOCI 5450U, and
   SOCI 3950 is a holdover from the era when sociology was housed with
   the psychology department.

   Effective Term: Spring 2006

2. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
   Create the following course:
   LWSO 2000 — Introduction to Law and Society 3-0-3
   Prerequisites: Any two introductory courses (1000 or 2000 level) from ANTH, CRJU, GWST, PHIL, PSYC, or SOCI
   Description: Exposure to and readings in social and governmental issues focused on their interaction with the
   American legal system.

   Rationale: To provide a common foundation for students pursuing the
   Bachelors Degree in Law and Society.

   Effective Term: Fall 2006

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

3. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
   Create the following course:
   POLS 3980 — African Americans & the American Political System 3-0-3
   Prerequisite: POLS 1100 or POLS 2100 or POLS 2200 or HIST 1100
   Description: Overview of black politics in the United States from Reconstruction to present
Rationale: As more attention is focused on black political participation in Savannah, the state and nation, this course addresses black political development from theory to application in local, state and national political systems. This course is included in the proposed minor in African American Studies.

Effective Term: Fall 2006

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

4. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
Create the following course:
SOCI 3300 Social Stratification 3-0-3
Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 or POLS 1150
Description: Examines the social structure and various forms of social inequality. Examples include class, race, ethnicity, and gender in contemporary society.

Rationale: A critical course in the discipline that complements existing program.

Effective Term: Spring 2006

CURCAT:
Major Department: Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science
Can course be repeated for additional credit? No
Maximum numbers of Credit Hours: 3
Cross-Listed Courses: None
Grading Mode: Normal
Instruction Type: Lecture

5. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
Create the following course:
SOCI 3490 Comparative Societies, Politics and Institutions 3-0-3
Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 or POLS 1150
Description: On-site examination of society and social institutions of other countries. Course intended for study abroad programs only.

Rationale: Provides students with the opportunity to investigate other cultures first hand.
Effective Term: Spring 2006

CURCAT:
Major Department: Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science
Can course be repeated for additional credit? Yes
Maximum numbers of Credit Hours: 6
Cross-Listed Courses: None
Grading Mode: Normal
Instruction Type: Lecture

6. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
Create the following course:
SOCI 3600 Media and Society 3-0-3
Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 or POLS 1150
Description: Study of media’s impact on society and the social construction of reality.

Rationale: Has been taught as special topics class and should be among the regular offerings. Also can complement other programs.

Effective Term: Spring 2006

CURCAT:
Major Department: Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science
Can course be repeated for additional credit? No
Maximum numbers of Credit Hours: 3
Cross-Listed Courses: None
Grading Mode: Normal
Instruction Type: Lecture

7. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
Create the following course:
SOCI 5600U/G Sociology of Gender 3-0-3
Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 or POLS 1150 or GWST 1101
Description: Examines the social construction of gender and gender inequality in society.

Rationale: A critical course in the discipline that complements existing program. Also can complement other programs.

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A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
Create the following course:

**SOCI 3800  Sociology of Sexuality**  3-0-3

**Prerequisites:** SOCI 1101 or POLS 1150 or GWST 1101

**Description:** Examines the social construction of sexuality, including social influences upon sexual scripts and normative ideas regarding sexuality.

**Rationale:** A critical course in the discipline that complements existing program.

**Effective Term:** Spring 2006

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A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:
Create the following major:

**Program for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Law and Society**

**Description:** The Law and Society major is an interdisciplinary major that includes the study of law as an academic discipline -- which is very different from the professional study of law -- but in close relationship with critical issues in society. The program of study is intended primarily to attract students who are drawn to (a) to public service at some level of government; (b) public service with non-profit or public assistance organizations; or (c) graduate studies in the Social Sciences or Liberal Arts.

**A. General Requirements**

Core Areas A, B, C, D, and E ............................42 hours
Area F .........................................................18 hours
MATH 2200 - Elementary Statistics
COMM 2280 - Speech Communication, or
   CRJU 1130 - Interpersonal Communication Skills
POLS 2100 - Introduction to Political Science, or
   POLS 2200 - Introduction to American Government
One Ethics course at the 1000 or 2000 level
Two introductory (1000 and 2000 level) courses from:
   ANTH, CRJU, ECON, PHIL, PSYC, SOCI, and GWST

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 3180 - Constitutional Civil Liberties
   LWSO 2000* - Introduction to Law and Society
   ENGL 4700 - Advanced Composition
   ENGL 5730 - Rhetoric

Track One: Government and Judicial Studies
   CRJU 3140 - Political Crimes
   CRJU 4510 - Advanced Criminal Law
   CRJU 5130U - Political Terrorism
   ECON 3450 - Environmental Economics
   ECON 4500 - Public Finance
   ECON 4550 - Public Choice
   ECON 5300U - Money and Banking
   HIST 3740 - Women in American History
   HIST 5540U - Topics in U.S. Foreign Relations
   HIST 5565U - Topics in the History of American Reform
   POLS 3160 - American Judicial Politics and Strategies
   POLS 3170 - Constitutional Law and the Federal System
   POLS 4150 - American Supreme Court
   POLS 4180 - Administrative Law

Track Two: Human Behavior and Law
   ANTH 3100 - Anthropology of Sex and Gender
   CRJU 3130 - Hate Crimes and Ordered Liberty
   CRJU 3160 - White-Collar and Organized Crime
   CRJU 3180 - Deviance and Social Control
   CRJU/SOCI 3510 - Family Violence
   CRJU 5200U - Alcohol, Drugs, and Criminal Justice
   CRJU 5300U - Juvenile Delinquency
   ECON 5400U - Economics of Labor
   HIST 3640 - American Social History
   PSYC 3110 - Theories of Personality
   PSCY 3280 - Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 5150U - Conflict Resolution
PSYC 5200U - Industrial and Organizational Psychology
SOCI 3200 - Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Track Three: Social Theory and Philosophy
CRJU 3110 - Critical Theories of Criminal Justice
ENGL 5815U - Literary Theory
GWST 5700U - Perspectives in Feminist Theory
PHIL 3150 - 20th Century Philosophy
PHIL 3200 - Technology, Society, and Human Values
PHIL 3330 - Philosophy of Religion
POLS 3300 - Political Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval
POLS 3310 - Modern Political Philosophy
POLS 3320 - American Political Thought
PSYC 3110 - Theories of Personality
PSYC 3280 - Abnormal Psychology
SOCI 3150 - Sociology of the Family

C. Approved Electives ........................................6 hours
   6 hours of approved electives at the 3000+ level

D. Free Electives..................................................18 hours

Rationale: While the major will undoubtedly attract some students who wish to attend law school, it is not intended as a pre-law major. The emphasis of the L&S program will not be on narrow legal training but rather on the way the legal institutions broadly interact with other social organizations to form a society. Collaterally, the program will integrate legal studies in the Department of Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science with a broader social perspective, including appropriate courses in law, political science, criminal justice, sociology, economics, psychology, philosophy, anthropology, gender and women’s studies, and history. The successful graduates will receive an education of breadth and depth that will prepare them for careers in public service or graduate education.

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* Pending approval

F. Economics
G. History
H. Languages, Literature, & Philosophy
I. Mathematics
J. Psychology
K. Honors Program
L. Women’s Studies