

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 Primatec, *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 Studies18 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 Courses47 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.

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: GWST

Grading Mode: Normal

Instruction Type: Lecture

8. 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

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

9. 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 E42 hours

Area F18 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 Electives6 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.

Effective Term: Spring 2006

*** Pending approval**

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