

April 11, 2011

**Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee
Four Hundred Eighty-Eighth Report**

At the March 28, 2011 meeting of the Curricular Affairs Committee and by electronic communication through April 8, 2011, the following matters were considered and are now presented to the Faculty Senate.

S E C T I O N I

Informational Matters

A. College of Arts and Sciences

1. Department of Communication Studies

CHANGE: Title for COM 310 to “Topics in Communication”

2. Department of English

a. CHANGE: Description for the following courses:

- 1) ENG 338 to “Study of literature written by Native Americans. This course may consider early texts and traditions as well as contemporary works. (Lec. 3, Project 3)”
- 2) ENG 347 to “Study of literature and culture in the United States during the decades leading to the Civil War (the period also known as the American Renaissance/American Romanticism). (Lec. 3, Project 3)”
- 3) ENG 374 to “Study of major trends in late 17th- and 18th-century verse, prose, drama, and fiction by such writers as Milton, Dryden, Behn, Congreve, Pope, Finch, Swift, and Johnson. (Lec. 3, Project 3)”
- 4) ENG 385 to “Analysis of the poetry, drama, or fiction of women writers. Emphasis on 18th-century, 19th-century, 20th-century, or contemporary authors. Course may be repeated for credit when taken with different emphasis. (Lec. 3, Project 3)”

b. CHANGE: Description, and method of instruction for ENG 396 to “Studies of maritime literature and culture. Guest lecturers and field trips. (Seminar)”

3. Department of Psychology

CHANGE: Prerequisite for PSY 301 to “Pre: 200 (300)”

CHANGE: Prerequisite for PSY 385 to “Pre: 113 and 200 (300), or equivalent.”

B. College of Engineering

1. Department of Electrical, Computer and Biomedical Engineering

CHANGE: Credits for ELE 391, ELE 392, and ELE 393 from 1-3 to "1-4"

2. Department of Mechanical, Industrial, and Systems Engineering

CHANGE: Title for MCE 372 to "Engineering Analysis" and prerequisite to "Pre: EGR 106, MTH 243, 244, or permission of instructor."

C. College of Human Science and Services

Department of Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design

CHANGE: Effective dates for prerequisites for the following courses:

1) TMD 226: 126 prerequisite should apply for Spring 2012

2) TMD 327: 126 prerequisite should apply for Fall 2012

D. College of Pharmacy

1) CHANGE: Prerequisite for BPS 301, BPS 303 and BPS 305 by adding "Open to CHE students in pharmaceutical track"

2) CHANGE: Prerequisite for BPS 311, BPS 313 and BPS 321 by adding "Open to BSPS students."

E. Online Courses

The CAC reviewed the online version of PHL 103 and notified Enrollment Services that "PHL 103 Introduction to Philosophy (Vaccaro)" may be scheduled for Summer 2011

SECTION II

Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation by the Faculty Senate

A. College of Arts and Sciences

1. Department of English

CHANGE: Course code for CLS 250 to ENG 250 and description to read "Intensive study of the evolution and transformation of a myth or theme in several national literatures. An introduction to a comparative and interdisciplinary approach. (Lec. 3, Project 3) May be repeated for credit as often as topic changes.

2. Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures

ADD: The following new courses:

- 1) **CHN 315 Intensive Advanced Composition and Conversation I (4)**
Intensive course in development of spoken and written Chinese. Advanced level discourse structures. (Lec. 4)
Pre: 206 or 216 or equivalent.
- 2) **CHN 316 Intensive Advanced Composition and Conversation II (4)**
Intensive course in development of spoken and written Chinese. Advanced level discourse structures. (Lec. 4).
Pre: 305 or 315 or equivalent.

3. Department of Psychology

- a. CHANGE: Level, number, credits, description and method of instruction for PSY 300 as follows:

PSY 200 (300) Quantitative Methods in Psychology (4)
Basic concepts and techniques of quantification in psychology. Emphasis on application of certain descriptive and inferential statistical tools in the analysis of psychological measurement of behavior. Practical applications using computer programs may be undertaken and/or other lab exercises. (Lec 3, Lab 2) Pre: 113, at least one college-level mathematics course, and sophomore standing.

- b. ADD: Minor in Psychology:

The minor in Psychology requires completion of 18 or more credits in psychology courses. These credits must include PSY 113. Only 3 credits in experiential courses for letter grades (i.e. PSY 305, 488, or 489) may count towards the minor. The quality point average in psychology courses must be at least 2.0 or above. At least 12 of the 18 credits must be in courses numbered 200 or above. At least half of the psychology credits (3 courses) must be taken at URI. General Education credits may be used for the minor, but no course may be used for both the major or minor field of study. Courses for the minor cannot be taken pass/fail or S/U.

- c. CHANGE: Credit requirements for the B.A. degree in Psychology to “a minimum of 32 credits in psychology courses (a maximum of 47 credits)”

B. College of Engineering

1. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

*CHANGE: B. S. curriculum as follows:

- Add CVE 400 as a requirement

*Changes reflect modified General Education requirements for the College of Engineering outlined in Faculty Senate Bill #09-10--5. See Appendices

- Specify that WRT 333 is required for (ECw)
- Move CHM 112, ELE 220, ISE 404, and MCE 341 from electives to required courses

The total number of credits increases by one to 124.

2. *Department of Electrical, Computer, and Biomedical Engineering

- CHANGE: Total credits for B.S. curriculum in Biomedical Engineering to 122-123 credits
- CHANGE: Total credits for B.S. curriculum in Computer Engineering to 120-123 credits
- CHANGE: Total credits for B.S. in Electrical Engineering by including an additional electrical engineering design elective for a total of 122-124 credits
- ADD: **BME 391 Special Problems (1-4)**
Independent study of special engineering problems. Topic and number of credits determined in consultation with the instructor. (Independent Study)

C. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

Department of Geosciences

**CHANGE: Name of B.S. Degree to B. S. in Geology and Geological Oceanography with options in Geology and in Geological Oceanography.

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SECTION III

Report of the Curricular Affairs Committee on 400-Level Courses

At the March 28, 2011 meeting of the Curricular Affairs Committee, the following matters that are not for graduate credit were considered and are now presented to the Faculty Senate.

A. Informational Matters

1. College of Arts and Sciences

a. Department of Communication Studies

CHANGE: Prerequisite for COM 467 by deleting “Pre: 361.”

*Changes reflect modified General Education requirements for the College of Engineering outlined in Faculty Senate Bill #09-10--5. See Appendices.

**May require action by the RIBGHE.

b. Department of Psychology

CHANGE: Prerequisite for PSY 434 to "Pre: 200 (300) or equivalent.

c. Department of English

1) CHANGE: Title, description, and method of instruction for the following courses:

a) **ENG 446 Drama (4)**

Intensive studies in Drama. May include special topics in plays, performance, and playwrights. (Seminar) Not for graduate credit.

b) **ENG 447 Poetry (4)**

Study of major contributions and movements in poetry of any period. (Seminar) Not for graduate credit.

c) **ENG 469 The Novel (4)**

Focuses on generic considerations of the novel in relation to historical contexts such as national/cultural politics, philosophy, psychology. The "novel" is examined against the historical specificity of its production. (Seminar) Not for graduate credit.

d) **ENG 482 American & U.S. Authors to 1820 (4)**

Studies in works by one or two major American & U.S. authors to 1820. (Seminar) May be repeated once for a total of 8 credits, barring duplication of writers. Not for graduate credit.

e) **ENG 485 U.S. Authors after 1900 (4)**

Studies in works by one or two major United States authors. (Seminar) May be repeated once for a total of 8 credits, barring duplication of writers. Not for graduate credit.

f) **ENG 486 British Authors: 19th Century (4)**

Studies in works by one or two major British authors. (Seminar) May be repeated once for a total of 8 credits, barring duplication of writers. Not for graduate credit.

2) CHANGE: Description, and method of instruction for the following courses:

a) ENG 472 to "Studies in Shakespeare's drama and poetry. (Seminar) Not for graduate credit."

b) ENG 480 to "Studies in works by one or two major Restoration and Enlightenment authors. (Seminar) May be repeated once for a total of 8 credits, barring duplication of writers. Not for graduate credit."

c) ENG 487 to "Studies in works by one or two major world authors (excepting U.S. or British authors). (Seminar) May be repeated once for a total of 8 credits, barring duplication of writers. Not for graduate credit.

3) **CHANGE:** Description and method of instruction and delete prerequisite for ENG 489 as follows: “Studies of specific authors, literary movements, or comparative themes in texts reflecting the impact of colonization and imperialism. (Seminar) Not for graduate credit.”

2. College of Engineering

Department of Electrical, Computer and Biomedical Engineering

CHANGE: Credits for ELE 491, ELE 492, and ELE 493 from 1-3 to “1-4”

3. College of Human Science and Services

Department of Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design

CHANGE: Effective date for prerequisite of 126 for TMD 442 and 427 to Fall 2013.

4. College of Pharmacy

CHANGE: Prerequisite for BPS 485 and PHC 502 by adding “Open to CHE students in pharmaceutical track

B. Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation by the Faculty Senate

1. College of Arts and Sciences

a. Department of English

DELETE: The following courses:

a) **ENG 448 Traditions of the Novel in the Americas (4)**

b) **ENG 499 Senior Seminar (4)**

b. Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures

ADD: CHN 497, 498 Directed Study (1-3)

Designed particularly for the advanced student. Individual research and reports on problems of special interest. (Independent Study) Pre: acceptance of a project by a faculty member and approval of section head. Not for graduate credit.

2. College of Engineering

a. Department of Chemical Engineering and Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Systems Engineering

ADD: CHE 474 (or MCE 474) Nuclear Reactor Thermal-Hydraulics (3)

Analysis and design of stages of the nuclear fuel cycle including mining, milling, conversion, enrichment, fuel fabrication, fuel burn-

up, spent fuel interim storage, reprocessing, and aspects of high level waste. (Lec. 3) Pre: (MTH 244 and (MCE 341 or CHE 313)), or permission of instructor. Not for graduate credit.

b. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

ADD: **CVE 400 Civil Engineering Professional Licensure (1)**

Preparation of students to take the civil engineering oriented Fundamentals of Engineering examination. Overview of the civil engineering licensure process and importance. (Lec. 1) Pre: civil engineering major with senior standing. Not for graduate credit.

c. Department of Electrical, Computer and Biomedical Engineering

ADD: **BME 491 Special Problems (1-4)**

Independent study of special engineering problems. Topic and number of credits determined in consultation with the instructor. (Independent Study) Not for graduate credit.