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**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION**

Meeting #9

Friday, November 11, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Present: D. Blair, D. Drignei, S. Dykstra, M. Hartson, G. Sanders, J. Youngquist

1. Committee approved Minutes #8, November 4, 2011.
2. Committee approved the request from the Department of Communication and Journalism to **add** a new course:

COM 150 Introduction to Communication Studies (4)

The centrality of communication to human experience including key concepts essential to understanding the processes and practices of communication, the theoretical models and traditions of the discipline and the historical development of the field.

3. Committee approved the request from the Department of Communication and Journalism to make the following changes to catalog copy:

**a. Requirements for the liberal arts major in communication, B.A. program**

**Change to:**

To earn the Bachelor of Arts degree and with a major in communication, students must complete a minimum of 40 credits of which 20 credits must be at the 300 level or above, plus *language* corequisite courses. *Requirements include:*

1. COM 150, 201, 303, and 385 with a grade of 2.0 or better.
2. 4 credits in a capstone course (491, 495, or 399) with a grade of 2.0 or better.
3. One course from the Interpersonal group: COM 304, 305, 306, 325, 327
4. One course from the Media group: COM 287, 375, 387
5. One course from the Rhetoric/Critical Cultural group: COM 311, 388, 389, 401, 411
6. At least 8 credits in COM electives from among all COM course offerings.
7. Language corequisite (choose from one of the following):
  1. American Sign Language at the university level (COM 114-115). COM 114-115 will also satisfy the elective requirement (see #6 above) for the major in communication.
  2. An introductory two-semester sequence in a modern foreign language (4 credits of which will satisfy the university general education language requirement).
  3. One semester of a modern foreign language at the 115 level or higher (will satisfy the university general education requirement).

Students using this catalog to meet communication requirements may also use any course subsequently approved as satisfying requirements in a particular group and published in a later catalog.

Communications majors interested in careers in public relations or advertising are encouraged to *minor in Public Relations or Advertising*. (See the *Journalism Program section of this catalog*.) These courses do not count toward the major, but could count toward a minor in advertising or public relations.

#### **Requirements for the liberal arts minor in communication**

To earn a minor in communication, students must complete a minimum of 20 credits in communication including:

1. *COM 150*
2. *COM 201 or 202*
3. At least 8 credits from the Interpersonal, *Media, or Rhetoric/Critical Cultural group as defined by the major*.
4. At least 4 *additional communication credits*.

At least 12 credits in communication courses must be at the 300-400 level.

4. Committee deferred the request from the Department of English to **add** new courses:

ENG 217 Introductory Workshop in Dramatic Writing for the Screen and Television (4)  
Entry level creative writing workshop in screen and television writing. Prerequisite: WRT 160 with a grade of 2.0 or greater.

ENG 388 Workshop in Dramatic Writing for Television (4)  
Creative writing workshop with an emphasis on writing for television.  
Prerequisite: ENG 217.

5. Committee approved the request from the Department of English to **end date** the following courses:

ENG 314 Folklore in Literature  
ENG 340 Studies in Contemporary Literature  
ENG 375 Studies in Modern Literature  
ENG 397 Special Topics in Literature and Language

6. Committee approved the request from the Liberal Studies Program to make the following changes to catalog copy:

#### **Requirements for the liberal arts major in liberal studies, B.A. program**

The degree requirements include an 8 credit foundation, a core that is a minimum of 28

credits, a relevant methods course, and an 8 credit capstone experience:

1. LBS 100 and LBS 200 with a minimum grade of 2.5 in each course. LBS 100 and LBS 200 must be completed prior to junior standing.
2. The program core consists of either:
  - a. An interdisciplinary College of Arts and Sciences concentration that requires at least 28 credit hours, of which 20 credits must be 300-level or above.\*
  - b. A combination of minors from two intellectually distinct areas. Together the minors must have at least 20 credits at the 300-level or above; each minor must require at least 8 credit hours at the 300-level. Both minors must be in the College of Arts and Sciences unless an exception request is approved.\*
3. A discipline-specific methods course that is relevant to program core.\* This course must be approved by the program adviser.
4. LBS 495 and 496 with a minimum grade of 3.0 in each course.

\*To count toward the liberal studies major, program core courses and methods courses must be completed with a minimum grade of 2.0.

The Liberal Studies Executive Committee maintains a current list of concentrations and minors that meet the above requirements. Concentrations and minor combinations approved to date are listed below. Additional minor combinations will need pre-approval by the committee.

#### **Approved Minor Combinations**

Advertising: Communication and graphic design  
Art therapy: studio art and psychology  
Biological psychology: biology and psychology  
Biomathematics: biology and statistics  
Biology and music  
Communication and English  
Cognitive science: philosophy and psychology  
Forensic science: chemistry and anthropology  
Studio Art and history

#### **Approved Concentrations**

Concentration in American studies  
Concentration in archaeology  
Concentration in environmental studies  
Concentration in French studies  
Concentration in pre-medical studies (only if biology minor is also declared)  
Concentration in religious studies  
Concentration in urban studies

7. Committee approved the request from the Department of Linguistics to make the following changes to catalog copy:

Remove the requirement to complete LIN 201 *with a grade of 3.0 or higher* from the following two programs:

**Requirements for the teaching English as a second language minor in linguistics**

To earn a Teaching English as a Second Language minor in linguistics, student must complete a minimum of 24 credits to include: LIN 201, ALS 317, 375, 418, 419, and 438.

**Certificate in teaching English as a Second Language**

Students may earn a certificate in teaching English as a second language (TESL) by completing the following courses: LIN 201, ALS 418 and 419.

8. Committee approved the request from the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures to make the following changes to catalog copy:

**Competency examinations**

*Competency exams may be requested for courses offered in languages taught by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. The languages are Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese and Spanish. Consult the department chairperson for more information. Competency exams test on knowledge of both language and culture.*

9. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance to **add** new courses:

THA 328 Sound Design (2)

Study of the process of designing sound for the theatre, including the equipment and mechanics. Topics include music, sound effects, recording techniques, and amplification. Corequisites: THA 120 and THA 124.

THA 416 Stage Combat III (2)

Continued advanced methods of creating the illusion of violence onstage, leading to fight choreography. Prerequisite: THA 316.

10. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Philosophy to **add** new courses:

PHL 200 Fact, Value, and Knowledge (4)

Intermediate examination of central issues and problems of metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics: mind, knowledge, will, action, and conflict. Focus on the methodology of philosophy, including key skills in writing and reasoning.

Prerequisite: PHL 101, 102, 103 or 107.

11. Committee approved the request from the Department of Philosophy to make the following changes to catalog copy:

a. **Requirements for the liberal arts major in philosophy, B.A. program**

To earn the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in philosophy, a student must complete a minimum of 44 credits in philosophy, including:

1. One semester of logic (*PHL 107 or 370*).
2. *Two courses in history of Western philosophy: PHL 204 and 206.*
3. *Two courses chosen from among the following: PHL 311, 313, 314, 316, 318, 319, 320, and 321.*
4. *Two courses chosen from among the following: PHL 305, 308, 325, 329, 330, 331, 333, 335, 340, 345, 437, and 475.*
5. At least 24 credits in PHL courses numbered 300 or above.
6. PHL 465 satisfies the university general education requirement for the capstone course in the major.

A student may substitute other courses for any of the above with the permission of the department chairperson. Students planning to apply for graduate work in philosophy should meet with a faculty member to discuss additional appropriate course work.

*Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies degree, or a Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Studies degree, may complete a Philosophy Minor as part of their coursework.*

- b. **Delete** the following programs and all mention of requirements for them in the catalog:

**Modified major in philosophy with a concentration in linguistics, B.A. program**  
**Modified major in philosophy with a minor in South Asian studies or a concentration in religious studies, B.A. program**

12. Committee approved the request from the Department of Political Science to **delete** the *course prerequisite* for the following courses:

PS 325    Public Opinion  
PS 341    Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

13. Committee approved the request from the Department of Political Science to make changes to catalog copy as follows:

a. **Requirements for the liberal arts major in political science, B.A. program**

**B. At least one 4-credit course selected from each of the three fields of political science (12 credits)**

**1. American politics:**

**Add:** *PS 319    Politics and the Internet*

**2. Comparative and international politics:**

**Add:** PS 365 *International Conflict and Security*

PS 367 *Globalization and International Economic Institutions*

**Delete:** PS 413 *International Law*

**Change to:**

**C. The remaining 12 credits are elective courses with the following restrictions:**

only 4 credits of PS 362 and no more than a total of 12 credits from PS 390, 459 and 490 will be accepted in the major.

**b. Requirements for the liberal arts major in international relations, B.A. program**

**A. Core (24-26 credits)**

**Add:** ECN 202 *Principles of Global Macroeconomics* (4 cr) or ECN 210 *Principles of Economics* (6 cr)

A capstone course selected from:

PS 472 *Seminar in International Relations*

PS 476 *Seminar in the Comparative Study of Political Systems*

**B. Electives in political science (12 credits)**

**Add:** PS 365 *International Conflict and Security*

PS 367 *Globalization and International Economic Institutions*

**Delete:** PS 331 *Politics in Canada and the Commonwealth*

PS 413 *International Law*

**C. Electives in economics, history, philosophy (6-8 credits)**

**Change ECN 200 to:**

ECN 201 *Principles of Microeconomics*

**c. Requirements for the liberal arts major in public administration and public policy, B.S. program**

**Change to:**

**A. Core (12 credits)**

**Delete:** PS 351 *Public Administration Financial Analysis*

**B. Sequence of departmental courses: (26 credits)**

**Add:** PS 351 *Public Administration Financial Analysis*

**C. Co-requisite course (4-6 credits)**

**Change to:**

ECN 202 *Principles of Global Macroeconomics* or ECN 210 *Principles of Economics*  
(this 6-credit course may be used in lieu of ECN 202)

**d. Requirements for liberal arts minor in political science**

**Add** the following note to end of paragraph:

*Note: students majoring in international relations who wish to earn a minor in political science must complete a minimum of 12 additional credits in American Politics and/or political theory (see B.1 and B.2 under the political science major requirements above for choices).*

e. **Requirements for the liberal arts minor in international relations**

**Change to:**

**Core courses (12-14 credits):** PS 114, PS 314 and either *ECN 202* or *ECN 210*.

**Electives in political science (4 credit minimum, 8 credit maximum):** PS 308, 315, 317, 328, 329, 330, 332, 333, 334, 335, 338, 339, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 367.

f. **Requirements for the liberal arts minor in public administration and public policy**

**Change to:**

To earn a liberal arts minor in public administration and public policy, students must complete a minimum of 20 credits, including PS 350, PS 353, PS 453, and PS 454. One additional course, selected from the following, is also required: PS 241, *PS 301*, *PS 302*, PS 305, PS 307, PS 342. Credit toward the minor will be allowed only for courses completed with a grade of 2.0 or higher.

g. **Delete any reference to the *Paralegal Program*.**

14. Committee deferred the request from the Religious Studies Program to **add** a new course:

REL 331 Islam in the Modern World (4)

Description of Muslim societies and actors in the contemporary world. Examination of interaction between notions of modernity and Islam. Analysis of how Muslim societies try to adapt to modern and Western influences. Issues include womens' rights, democracy, and rise of radical groups.

15. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology to make the following changes to catalog copy for the Concentration in Archaeology:

**Concentration in Archaeology**

The concentration in archaeology prepares students for graduate study in archaeology. It is also helpful for students interested in an interdisciplinary approach to human cultural development viewed from historical, aesthetic and scientific perspectives. A minimum of 28 credits is required for this program:

1. AH 100, AN 101 and 222;
2. one of the following: AH 307, 308, 309, 310, 312, 314, 380; AN 282, 370, 371, 380, 384, 385, 392;
3. 8 credits in field methods (AN 383);
4. at least 4 elective credits. The following courses are recommended for those who wish to expand their background: AH 322, 326; HST 261, 306, 316, 367, 385, 431, *PHY 106*.

Students are reminded that professional conservation work requires knowledge in botany and chemistry. *New or special topics classes where appropriate may be petitioned to count toward graduation.* Students wishing to enroll in the archaeology concentration should file a minor and concentration authorization form with the coordinator.

16. Committee approved the request from the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance to make the following changes to catalog copy:

a. **Change to** the following in descriptive paragraph:

**Music Preparatory Division**

...Lessons are available on Oakland's main campus, *at Oakland's Anton/Frankel Center in Mt. Clemens*, at the...

**Affiliated Professional Organizations**

- Eisenhower Dance Ensemble (*in residence*)
- Patterson Rhythm Pace *Dance Company*
- *Mise en Place Dance*
- *Shifting Sol Dance Company*
- Meadow Brook Theatre Ensemble

b. **Reformat** catalog copy to divide the Music, Theatre, and Dance programs into three separate sections with each individual program's requirements and courses listed under the appropriate music, theatre or dance heading.

c. **Delete** the opening descriptive paragraph for the following sets of requirements:  
**Requirements for the major in Music Education, Bachelor of Music program (specialization in instrumental and general music)**

**Requirements for the major in Music Education, Bachelor of Music program (specialization in choral and general music)**

**Requirements for the major in Music Education and Performance, Bachelor of Music program (specialization in instrumental and general music)**

**Requirements for the major in Music Education and Performance, Bachelor of Music program (specialization in choral and general music)**

d. **Add** a third sentence to the opening descriptive paragraph for **Auditioned minor in music**:

*Only courses in which a grade of at least 2.0 has been earned will count toward the auditioned minor in music.*

e. Under Theatre Program, **change** the following text:

**Admission to the theatre degree programs**



**Delete** from the last sentence of the following paragraph: “if they can be admitted into a professional program in the department,” to read *as italicized below*:

Admission to the theatre degree programs at Oakland University (OU) is a two-tiered process... *The second step is the major standing audition, which determines whether students may continue in the program, and which degree program they may pursue.*

### **Major standing in theatre**

**Delete** after “student’s work” within the following sentence: “as an actor, as a major in musical theatre, or as a theatre designer/technologist,” to read *as italicized below*:

*Major standing is a comprehensive assessment of a student’s work in the classroom and in production, and will include:*

- Major standing audition or interview;
- Successful completion of all freshman level classes;
- *Presentation* of a portfolio where applicable. (**deleting** “Successful completion” for “presentation”)

3. submit an application for major standing (available in the department office, 207 Varner, or online at oakland.edu/mtd) to the *program director*; (**deleting** “department office” for “program director”)

**Change** “write a letter” to “send an email” in the text below:

**Notification:** *The theatre program director will send an e-mail to the students notifying them of the audition/interview results. A student should discuss results with his or her adviser (and applied instructor) as soon as possible thereafter.*

- f. Under **DANCE PROGRAM, Requirements for the major in dance, B.F.A. program**

**Change** DAN 470 to:

*DAN 470, 471*

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Information Item: The course number for new course MUA 271 – Percussion Techniques, approved October 14, 2011, was changed from 271 to 272 due to previous use of 271 (retired in 200410).