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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

Minutes #2

September 28, 2015

217 Varner Hall

**MINUTES**

Present: G. Cassano, M. Craig, S. Dykstra, P. Graves, D. Kidger, A. Knutson, E. Shesko, R. Stewart

1. Committee approved Minutes #1, September 21, 2015.
2. Committee discussed and deferred the College of Arts and Sciences policy on course cross-listing.
3. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Art and Art History to **add** the following *new course*:  
  
SA 203 Introduction to Sculpture (4)  
Introduction to the technical, conceptual, and expressive possibilities of sculptural art forms and practice.
4. Committee deferred the request from the Cinema Studies Program to **add** the following *new course*:  
  
CIN 367 Narrative Filmmaking (4)  
Different forms and conventions of narrative filmmaking. Relevant aesthetic concepts and technical skills will be put into practice through the production of original short-form narrative films.  
Prerequisite: CIN 265.
5. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Communication and Journalism to **add** the following *new major program*:  
  
**Bachelor of Arts Major in Public Relations and Strategic Communication**
6. Committee approved the request from the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance to **change** the *course descriptions* for:  
  
MUA 100 Voice (1 to 2)  
*Admission to music program through audition.*  
  
THA 422 Designer's Portfolio (2)  
Advanced designers prepare portfolio and resumes for entry into the professional field of theatre production.  
Prerequisites: THA 320 and THA 321 or THA 322 and *sophomore* standing.
7. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Political Science to make the following **changes** to *catalog copy*:

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

The major requires a minimum of ~~40~~ 44 credits in political science as outlined below. Credit toward the major will only be allowed for courses completed with a grade of 2.0 or higher.

A. Core

- PS 100 – Introduction to American Politics (4)
- PS 114 – Issues in World Politics (4) or PS 131 – Comparative Politics (4)
- ~~PS 303 – Research Methods and Statistics (4) (should be taken in the sophomore year and no later than the junior year)~~
- PS 250 – Research Process in Political Science (4)
- PS 255 – Data Analysis in Political Science (4)...

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

The major requires a minimum of ~~42-46~~ 46-50 credits, with a possible ~~58-62~~ 62-66 depending upon a student's competency in foreign language. Credit toward the major will be allowed only for courses completed with a grade of 2.0 or higher.

A. Core

- PS 114 – Issues in World Politics (4)
- PS 131 – Comparative Politics (4)
- ~~PS 303 – Research Methods and Statistics (4) (should be taken in the sophomore year and no later than the junior year)~~
- PS 250 – Research Process in Political Science (4)
- PS 255 – Data Analysis in Political Science (4)...

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

Students must complete a minimum of ~~42~~ 46 credits for the major. Credit toward the major will be allowed only for courses and corequisites completed with a grade of 2.0 or higher.

A. Core courses

PS 100 - Introduction to American Politics (4)  
PS 114 - Issues in World Politics (4) or PS 131 - Comparative Politics (4)  
PS 250 – Research Process in Political Science (4)  
PS 255 – Data Analysis in Political Science (4)...

8. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Psychology to **change** the *course title* and *description* for the following courses:

PSY 302 *Evolution, Science, and Superstition* (4)

Overview of the methods and products of science as contrasted with superstition and supernaturalism, *with a focus on the evolved psychology that motivates scientific and supernatural thinking*. Focus on differentiating critical thinking and scientific evidence-based beliefs and practices from beliefs and practices that are not evidence-based and do not depend on critical thinking, such as tarot card readings, palm readings, astrology and supernaturalism.

Prerequisite: PSY 250 with a grade of 2.0 or higher.

9. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Psychology to **create** a combined Bachelor of Arts/Master of Science degree.
10. Committee deferred the request from the Women and Gender Studies Program to allow students to both major in women and gender studies and minor in LGBTQ studies.
11. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Writing and Rhetoric to **add** the following *new course*:

WRT 260 Writing Across the University: Language and Disciplinary Culture (4)  
Interdisciplinary examination of diverse strategies for writing and research in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Introduces theories of language as social and cultural action. Students build upon prior knowledge and increase their effectiveness as writers and researchers. Includes individual, collaborative, and field based research projects.  
Prerequisite: WRT 160 or equivalent with a grade of 2.0 or higher.

12. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Writing and Rhetoric to **end date** the following course:

WRT 460 Writing Across the University: Language and Disciplinary Culture (4)

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