

**The College of William and Mary  
Educational Policy Committee**

Report for 2011-12 Academic Year

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**Main Actions**

- Offered ongoing feedback to reports from the Curriculum Review Committee
- Received FAS approval for change to minor requirements, which now calls for at least nine hours of credit to be earned in residence at the College
- Took action to clarify and ease enforcement of the College's existing policy regarding Incomplete grades. The clarified policy, which will appear in the undergraduate course catalog, reads: "An instructor may grant a one-semester extension of an incomplete in exceptional circumstances. After this extension, the "I" reverts to an "F" if sufficient work is not completed to warrant assignment of another letter grade by the instructor." This brings the catalog in line with the Faculty Manual, which specifies the one-semester extension policy.
- Took action to clarify and ease enforcement of the College's existing policy about grade changes. The clarification, which will appear in the catalog, reads: "No grades will be changed more than one year after initial issuance or after a student's degree is conferred, whichever comes first."
- Approved a proposal to change language in catalog to clarify that students may not take SAT 2 exams after beginning coursework at W&M.
- Advised Associate Provost for Academic Affairs on on-line course evaluations; EPC issued a statement indicating that from "the standpoint of educational policy, the committee has no objections provided that any department will be able to mandate that its evaluations will be completed in the classroom during the regularly scheduled class-meeting time."

- Approved new minor in Public Health
- Approved curriculum changes for St. Andrews joint degree program

### **New Course Applications Approved**

AFST 309 African Economic Development

AFST 314 Labor Markets and Entrepreneurship in a Comparative Perspective

AMES/EURS/LAS/RPSS 290 Topics in AMES/EURS/LAS/RPSS

AMES/EURS/LAS/RPSS 390 Topics in AMES/EURS/LAS/RPSS

AMES 480 Independent Study in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

AMST 207 Black Movement and Migrations

AMST 207 Interracialism: Race, Literature and Law

AMST 208 Introduction to American Studies: Dis/ability Studies

DANC 340 African-American and South African Movement Exchange

ENSP 305 Feminist Women Activists for Developing India (crosslisted with WMST 305)

EURS 480 Independent Study in European Studies

EURS 495-496 Senior Honors In European Studies

HISP 103 Accelerated Spanish I

HISP 325 Topics in Hispanic Cultural Studies

ITAL 103 Accelerated Italian 1

ITAL 203 Accelerated Italian 2

INTR 455 Pilgrimage Studies Seminar

INTR 456 Pilgrimage Studies Field Research

KINE 280 Introduction to Public Health

LAS 131 Survey of Latin American History to 1824 (crosslisted with Hist. 131)

LAS 132 Survey of Latin American History since 1824 (crosslisted with Hist. 132)

LAS 350 Latin American Cultures, Politics, and Society

LAS 400 Immersion Experience in Latin American Studies

LAS 440 Senior Topics in Latin American Studies

LAS 450 Seminar in Latin American Studies

LAS 480 Independent Study in Latin American Studies

LAS 495-496 Senior Honors in Latin American Studies

MSCI 391 Marine Science Mash-up  
 MSCI 490 Independent Research  
 MUSC E23 Music of India Ensemble  
 MUSC 481 Advanced Projects in Conducting  
 MUSC 482 Advanced Projects in Muscicology  
 MUSC 483 Advanced Projects in Ethnomusicology  
 MUSC 484 Advanced Projects in Theory and Composition

PHIL 308 Issues in Environmental Ethics

PHYS 101H-102H Honors General Physics  
 PHYS 101L-102L General Physics Laboratory  
 PHYS 107L-108L Physics for the Life Science Laboratory  
 PHYS 155 Freshman Research  
 PHYS 255 Sophomore Research  
 PHYS 355 Junior Research

RELG 316 Introduction to Islamic and Jewish Mysticism

RPSS 480 Independent Study in Russian and Post-Soviet Studies  
 RPSS 495-496 Senior Honors in Russian and Post-Soviet Studies

SOCL 240 Special Topics in Sociology  
 SOCL 205 Global Social Problems  
 SOCL 340 Special Topics in Sociology

WMST 305/ Feminist Women Activists for Developing India  
 ENSP 305

### **Course Change Applications Approved**

AMES 495-496 Change description of honors to reflect Global Studies entry in catalog  
 BIOL 115 Memory and Learning: A Practical Guide for Students (new title)  
 CLCV 494 Remedy oversight in original catalog listing  
 CSCI 415 New number; formerly CSCI 315  
 ENGL 220/ANTH 204 Study of Language (add LING 220 prefix)  
 ENGL 303 History of the English Language (add LING 303 prefix)  
 ENGL 304 Generative Syntax (add LING 304 prefix)  
 ENGL 307 Phonetics and Phonology (add LING 307 prefix)  
 ENGL 400 Meaning and Understanding in Western Cultural Thought (add LING 400 prefix)  
 ENGL 404/ANTH 411 Historical Linguistics (add LING 404 prefix)

ENGL 405/ANTH 412 Descriptive Linguistics (add LING 405 prefix)  
 ENGL 406/ANTH 413 Language and Society (add LING 406 prefix)  
 ENGL 410 Language Attitudes (add LING 410 prefix)  
 ENGL 415 Linguistic Anthropology (add LING 415 prefix)  
 ENGL 418/ANTH 418 Language Patterns: Types and Universals (add LING 418 prefix)  
 ENGL 464 Language and Culture (approved for crosslisting with ANTH 464)  
 ENGL 464 Topics in Linguistics (add LING 464 prefix)  
 ENGL 474 Research Seminar in Linguistics (add LING 474 prefix)  
 ENGL 481 Independent Study in Linguistics (add LING 481 prefix)

GOVT 330 Politics of European Integration (new title)  
 GOVT 455 Education Policy and Politics in the U.S. (added prerequisite or instructor permission)  
 GOVT 494 Independent Study (change to variable credit)  
 GOVT 498 Internship (change from P/F to graded)  
 GOVT 499 DC Summer Institute (delete course; combined into GOVT 498)

HIST 171 The Middle East to 1800 (title change)  
 HIST 172 The Modern Middle East since 1800 (title change)  
 HIST 181 African History to 1800 (new title and description)  
 HIST 182 African History to 1800 (new title and description)

INTR 204 GIS in the Earth and Environmental Sciences (replaces listing as ENSP 204 and GEOL 204)  
 INTR 499 Washington Semester Internship (adds 3-credit summer component)

KINE 295 Health-related Exercise Prescription" (new title and description)  
 KINE 303 Human Anatomy (changed prerequisite)  
 KINE 304 Human Physiology (changed prerequisite)  
 KINE 360 Physiology of Aging (removed prerequisites)  
 KINE 385 Foundations of Epidemiology (new title and description)  
 KINE 485 Cellular/Biochemical Effects of Exercise (new title)

MDLL 345 Methods in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (changed description)  
 MDLL 346 Foreign Language Acquisition Processes: Theory and Practice (changed description)  
 MDLL 347 Material Development and Curriculum Design in Foreign Language/English as a Second Language (changed description)

PHIL 253 Kant and His Successors (changed prerequisite)  
 PHIL 321 Existentialism (removed prerequisite)  
 PHIL 403 Advanced Topics in Value Theory (new title and description)  
 PHIL 415 Advanced Topics in Metaphysics and Epistemology (new title)

PHYS 101-102 General Physics (separates lecture from lab)  
 PHYS 101H-102H General Physics Honors (separates lecture from lab)  
 PHYS 107-108 Physics for the Life Sciences (separates lecture from lab)

PSYC 470-02	Service Learning in Developmental Psychology (previously a topics course; new description and title)
THEA 300	Fundamentals of Design for the Theatrical Arts (changed prerequisite)
THEA 310	Scene Design (changed description)
THEA 317	Playwriting (changed description)
THEA 417	Advanced Playwriting (changed description)

### **Curriculum Change Applications Approved**

AMES	updated East Asia track requirements
American Studies	added course to core requirement
Art History	removed prerequisites from a menu of courses
Classical Studies	allow Hebrew credits to count toward major; tweak core requirements
Dance	deleted course that never taught
Global Studies	streamlined catalog entry for honors work
Interdisciplinary Studies	created Minor Health Minor
Joint Degree Program with St. Andrews	detailed changes are available in the EPC Archives; contact current EPC chair for such details
Kinesiology and Health Sciences	redefined and simplified required courses
Latin American Studies	revised curriculum for major; revised curriculum for minor
Modern Languages	revised placement guidelines
Physics	revised curriculum to reflect creation of honors courses
Religious Studies	revised requirements for the minor
Theater	adjusted catalog description to reflect oral advice given to students

### **GER Applications Approved**

AMST 207	Black Movement and Migrations (GER 5)
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ANTH 313/WMST 313	Gender and Postcoloniality (GER 7)
ANTH 350-01	Peoples and Cultures of Mesoamerica (GER 4B)
ANTH 350-02	Diasporas (GER 4B)
ANTH 350-05	Peoples, Cultures, and Prehistory of Polynesia (GER 4B)
ANTH 458/558	Archaeology of the Caribbean (GER 4B)
ART 340/INTR 350/ENSP 249	Emergent Dialogues (GER 6)
DANC 340	African-American and South African Movement Exchange (GER 5 and GER 6)
ENGL 210	Jane Austen: From Novel to Film (GER 5)
ENGL 210	Immigration & Gender in Contemporary Irish Literature & Film (GER 5)
ENGL 210	The Classical Tradition in English Literature (GER 5)
ENGL 417/AFST 306	Caribbean Diaspora (GER 4B)
ENSP 305/WMST 305	Feminist Women Activists for Developing India (GER 7)
GOVT 153W	Freshman Seminar: Introduction to Comparative Politics (GER 3)
HIST 211-01	Nubia: An African Kingdom in American Thought, 1767-2012 (GER 4A)
KINE 295	Health-related Exercise Prescription (GER 2B)
MATH 110	Calculating the Art of the Possible in Sicily (GER 1)
PHIL 308	Issues in Environmental Ethics (GER 7)
PHIL 309	Philosophy and Public Policy (GER 7)
PHYS 101H	Honors General Physics (GER 2A)
SOCL 205	Global Social Problems (GER 3)
SOCL 337	Immigration, Assimilation, and Ethnicity (GER 3)
SOCL 361	Social Movements and Social Change (GER 3)
THEA 460	Solo Performance Art (GER 6)
WMST 305/ENSP 305	Feminist Women Activists for Developing India (GER 7)