

Educational Policy Committee Annual Report
April 1991 - April 1992

The Educational Policy Committee continues to be actively involved in departmental and program curricular changes resulting directly from assessment. In January the EPC approved a pilot project involving the Music department's complete revision of its curriculum into 4-credit courses, and therefore of its concentration and minor (see attachment). The EPC, at the request of the curriculum review steering committee and in preparation of its consideration of the Music department's proposal, drafted the following policy, that "additional credit may be assigned for significant academic exchange between the student and the instructor outside the classroom during the semester" (to complement wording on p. 42 of the current catalogue). A small committee consisting of the undergraduate dean and of members of the EPC, the music department, and the assessment steering committee will be formed to oversee this pilot project, to evaluate the above modified policy for awarding course credit, and to assess the impact on students, faculty, and the Music concentration. This committee will bring a full report to the EPC in two years.

Other departments made significant changes in course offerings for non-concentrators (Biology) and in their concentrations (Biology, Geology, Mathematics). Many changes were made in the area of international studies, including the French (MLL) and Russian/Soviet Studies concentrations. In addition, a new minor in Japanese Studies was approved, as well as a new concentration in Middle Eastern Studies. (See attachment.)

This spring another EPC pilot project, the freshman seminar program's involvement in satisfying the lower-division writing requirement, was approved by Arts and Sciences (on April 7) as a permanent feature of the undergraduate program. The Government, Modern Languages and Literatures, and Philosophy departments joined the program this year with the addition of a freshman seminar numbered 150W.

Finally, the EPC discussed, but has no recommendations for change in, the pass/fail policy, the length of the add/drop periods, credit transfer policies, the maximum hours of a variable credit course, minor declaration deadlines, the mythical "42-hour rule" for concentration requirements, and so on. Some questions have been or will be referred to the curriculum review steering committee for discussion and perhaps action in its final report.

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Attachment

American Studies

401/501. History of American Art, Architecture, and Material Culture before 1820.

(3) Staff.

April 29, 1991

New course

402/502. American Architecture: Domestic Forms.

(3) Staff.

April 29, 1991

New course

409. Popular Entertainment in 19th-Century America.

(3) B. McConachie.

13 April 1992

New title and course description

445/545. The Making of a Region: Southern Literature and Culture.

(S) Fall (3) Susan Donaldson.

January 27 & April 13, 1992

New course, sequence in area I

470. Topics in American Studies.

(3) Staff.

April 29, 1991

New course

Anthropology

310. Primate Behavior.

(S) Spring (3) B. King.

April 29, 1991

Change in course number

312. Comparative Colonial Studies.

(S) Fall (3) V. Sutlive.

April 22, 1991

New course

330. Caribbean Cultures.

(S) Spring (3) V. Kerns.

April 29, 1991

Change in course title

371. Health and Medicine in Cross-Cultural Perspective.

(S) Fall (3) Staff.

July 9, 1991

Change of course number and title (was 450, Anthropology and Medicine)

432. Comparative Colonial Archaeology.

(S) Spring (3) N. Barka.

March 16, 1992

Change of title

Applied Science

431. Introduction to Atmospheric Science: Chemistry & Radiation.

Fall (3) J. Levine.

April 6, 1992
New course

433. Introduction to Atmospheric Science: Structure & Dynamics.

Fall (3) Grose.

April 6, 1992

New course

434. Atmospheric Radiative Transfer I.

Spring (3) Barkstrom

April 6, 1992

New course

436. Geophysical Fluid Dynamics.

Spring (3) Grose

April 6, 1992

New course

481/581. Topics in Applied Science.

Fall (var.) Staff.

September 13, 1991

New course

482/582. Topics in Applied Science.

Spring (var.) Staff.

September 13, 1991

New course

Biology

100. Principles of Biology for Nonconcentrators.

(A) Fall (3) Staff.

December 6, 1991

New course

107. Freshman Honors Colloquium.

Fall (2) Staff.

December 6, 1991

New course

203. Principles of Biology: Molecules, Cells, Development.

(ALS) Fall (4) Staff.

December 6, 1991

New course

204. Principles of Biology: Organisms, Ecology, Evolution.

(ALS) Spring (4) Staff.

December 6, 1991

New course

205. General Botany.

(ALS) Fall (4) Staff. Prerequisites: Biology 203, 204.

December 6, 1991

New number (was 201), changed prerequisites and semester

206. General Zoology.

(ALS) Spring (4) Staff. Prerequisites: Biology 203, 204.

December 6, 1991

New number (was 202), changed prerequisites

207. Insects and Society.

(AS) Spring (3) N. Fashing. (Offered alternate years.)

December 6, 1991

New course

208. Applied Botany.

(AS) Fall (3) M. Mathes. (Offered alternate years.)

December 6, 1991

New number (was 106), addition of (AS) designation

304. Human Physiology.

(AS) Spring (3) S. Broadwater.

March 16, 1992

Old 307; extra credit hour and AS designation added.

305. Human Physiology Laboratory.

(ALS) Spring (1) S. Broadwater.

March 16, 1992

Old 307; now has 304 as pre- or co-requisite.

402/502. Microbiology.

(S) Fall (4) C. Vermeulen.

December 6, 1991

Renumbering of 301.

413/513. General Ecology.

(S) Fall and Spring (4) S. Ware.

December 6, 1991

Renumbering of 311.

433/533. Developmental Biology.

(S) Spring (3) L. Wiseman.

December 6, 1991

Renumbering of 326.

434/534. Developmental Biology Laboratory.

Spring (1) L. Wiseman.

December 6, 1991

Renumbering of 327.

443. Molecular Genetics Laboratory.

Spring (2) G. Phillips. Prerequisite or corequisite: Biology 442.

December 6, 1991

New course

Changes in Biology Concentration (December 6, 1991):

1. An additional semester of "principles of biology," to result in the required introductory sequence of 203, 204, 205, and 206.

2. A division of the upper-level courses into two groups, one dealing with molecules, cells, and development (301, 302, 320, 324, 406, 409, 414, 415, 419, 424, 432, 435, 440, 442), and one dealing with organisms, ecology, genetics, and evolution (309, 311, 313, 315, 316, 410, 412, 416, 426, 428, 431). Students must take at least 6 credits from each group, with an additional ten credits chosen from either or both tracks, for a total of 38 credits.

3. Concentrators must complete laboratory work in at least 3 courses numbered 300 or above.

Other changes (December 6, 1991):

Two additional courses were created for non-concentrators: "Applied Botany" (207) and "Insects and Society" (208).

Chemistry

420. Biochemistry Laboratory.
Spring (1) P. Kane. Pre- or co-requisite: Chem/Bio 414
September 13, 1991
New course

Economics

400. Financial Markets.
(S) Spring (3) Staff.
November 8, 1991
Cross-listing with Business 430, Spring 92

English

210/211. Study of Language.
(A) Fall and Spring (3) Staff.
April 6, 1992
To be deleted after 1992-93.

220. Study of Language.
(A) Fall and Spring (4) Staff.
April 6, 1992
New course

Education

453. Students with Learning Disabilities.
Fall (3) C. Walther-Thomas.
September 13, 1991
Cross-listing with graduate course X53

Fine Arts

443. Independent Studio.
Fall and Spring (var.) Staff.
January 27, 1992
New course

Geology

301. Sedimentology and Stratigraphy.
(S) Fall (4) H. Macdonald.
February 24, 1992
New title (was Sedimentology)

305. Environmental Geology.
(AS) Fall (3) Staff.
February 24, 1992
Existing course to be allowed for concentration.

315. Environmental Geology Laboratory.
Fall (1) G. Johnson.
January 27, 1992
New course

402. Stratigraphy.
(S) Spring (4) K. Bick.
February 24, 1992
Delete from catalogue

404. Introduction to Geological Research.
Spring (1) H. Macdonald.

February 24, 1992

New course

Changes in Geology concentration (February 24, 1992):

1. A change in the core courses, now to include 19 hours: 101, 102, 201, 301, 404, 406/496
2. The choice of the Geology or the Environmental Geology option.
 - a) Geology: 202, 302, and 401 (12 credits), plus 6 credits from the following: 303, 304, 305, 306, 309, 405, 407, 408, and summer field camp. Total: 37 credits.
 - b) Environmental Geology: 103, 305, 315, and 408 (8 credits), plus 6 credits from the following: 202, 302, 304, 401, 407, or summer field camp. Total: 33 credits. Also required: Biology 413, General Ecology (was 311).
3. The addition of 206 & 252, Organic Chemistry, to satisfy the chemistry requirement, to read: Chem 103 & 151, General Chemistry I; and either Chem 308 & 354, General Chemistry II, or 206 & 252, Organic Chemistry.

Government

150. Freshman Seminar in Government.

(A) Fall and Spring (3) Staff.

March 16, 1992

New course

150W. Freshman Seminar in Government.

(A) Fall and Spring (4) Staff.

March 16, 1992

New course

334. Soviet Political System.

(AS) Fall (3) A. Henderson.

September 13, 1991

Change in course content

334. The Politics of Russia.

(AS) Fall (3) A. Henderson.

February 10, 1992

Change in course content and title (Soviet Political System)

335. Political Economy of Eastern Europe.

(AS) Spring (3) A. Henderson.

September 13, 1991

Change in course content and title (Comparative Communist Systems)

382-383. World Regional Geography I and II.

(A) Fall (3,3) B. Blouet.

January 27, 1992

New course. (Students may count a total of 3 courses in geography towards their concentration in Government: 381, Human Geography, 382 or 383, World Regional Geography, and 482, Geostrategic Thought.)

History

405C. Disease, Medicine and Society in Africa.

(S) Fall (3) I. Abdalla.

March 16, 1992

New course

406. Ethnicity and State in the African Context.

(S) Spring (3) I. Abdalla.

March 16, 1992

New course

Interdisciplinary Studies

351. Introduction to European Medieval Studies.

(AI) Fall or Spring (3) Staff.

July 9, 1991

New course

451. The Medieval Book.

(AI) Fall or Spring (3) Staff.

July 16, 1991

New course

452. Summer Seminar in Archival Skills for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

Summer (6) Staff.

July 16, 1991

New course.

International Studies

New Minor in Japanese Studies

December 6, 1991

Three-year language requirement in Japanese, Literature and Fine Arts (Area I) and Anthropology and History (Area II) courses. Also included are Honors 203 and Independent Study and Honors Thesis courses.

Concentration in Russian/Soviet Studies, revised

February 17, 1992

Principal changes include: requiring 33 instead of 30 credits; requiring rather than recommending certain History and Government courses; and adopting the "line" system of the other international studies concentrations (i.e., instructing students to choose one course from each of 11 "lines," thereby allowing students to modify their programs as they go along, without coming to the committee).

Concentration and Minor in International Relations, revised

March 16, 1992

Addition of Govt 328 to the options on lines 2/3 (of the core courses).

New Concentration in Middle-Eastern Studies

April 13, 1992

Three-year language requirement in Arabic, or two years each in Arabic and in French (or another regional language). Required courses in Religion, History, Government, Fine Arts and/or Arabic Literature. Electives and topics from Anthropology, International Studies, and the afore-mentioned departments. Total: 33 credits.

Kinesiology

394. Statistics and Evaluation.

Fall (3) R. McCoy.

April 15, 1992

New course title.

Change in concentration requirements: replace 400, Sport Psychology, with 322, Principles of Motor Learning.

April 6, 1992

Changes in catalogue copy and course schedule reflecting new department name approved April 6 & 15, 1992: "Physical Education" changed to "Kinesiology" when referring to the department, and "Physical Activity" when referring to the undergraduate proficiency requirement; courses numbered 100-199 now listed in class schedule with all other Kinesiology courses.

Mathematics

214. Discrete Mathematics.

Fall and Spring (3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

New course; students may not get credit for both 214 and CS240.

307. Abstract Algebra.

(S) Fall and Spring (3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

Change in course number from 407. No longer cross-listed with 500-level course. New prerequisite: 214.

311. Elementary Analysis.

(AS) Fall and Spring (3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

Change in course title from Elementary Real Analysis. New prerequisite: 214.

323. Introduction to Operations Research I.

(S) Fall (3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

Change in course number from 423. No longer cross-listed with 500-level course.

401-402. Probability and Statistics.

(S) Fall and Spring (3,3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

New prerequisite: 214.

403. Intermediate Analysis.

(S) Spring (3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

Revised content of existing course.

404. Intermediate Analysis.

(S) Fall and Spring (3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

Deletion of course.

405. Complex Analysis.

(S) Fall (3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

Offer only in Fall instead of Fall and Spring.

408. Advanced Linear Algebra.

(S) Fall (3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

Offer in Fall instead of Spring.

412. Introduction to Number Theory.

(S) Fall (3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

Offer in Fall instead of Spring. New prerequisite: 214.

416. Differential Geometry.

(S) Fall (3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

New course.

428. Functional Analysis.

(S) Spring (3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

New course.

430. Abstract Algebra II.

(S) Spring (3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

New course.

432. Combinatorial Theory.

(S) Spring (3) Staff.

February 3, 1992

New course.

Changes in Mathematics concentration.

February 3, 1992

1. Math 111, 112, 211, 212, 214, 307, 311.
2. 4 courses above 400-level and another course above 300-level labeled Mathematics or Applied Science 441-442.
3. CS 141 is also required.

Modern Languages and Literatures

MLL 150. Freshman Seminar.

Fall and Spring (3) Staff.

September 13, 1991

New course.

Arabic 101-101D & 102-102D. Beginning Arabic.

Fall and Spring (4,4) Staff.

December 13, 1991

New courses.

Arabic 411. Independent Study.

Fall and Spring (3) Staff.

December 13, 1991

New course.

Chinese 301D-302D. Advanced Chinese Drill.

(AS) Fall and Spring (4,4) X. Jian.

September 13, 1991

New drill hours for 301-302 and one new credit.

French 301. Introduction to French Literature.

(AS) Fall and Spring (3) Staff.

April 29, 1991

Revised content of existing course.

French 302. Introduction to French Literature.

(AS) Spring (3) Staff.

April 29, 1991

Delete course.

French 455. Seminar in Literary Theory.

(AS) Spring (3) M. Houle.

April 29, 1991

New course.

French. Changes in concentration and minor.

April 29, 1991

33 hours of coursework for concentration, configured as follows:

1. French 301, 305, and either 307 or 308 or 309.
2. Four advance literature courses, two chosen from among the following: 311, 312, 321, 322, 331, 332 [pre-1800 literature]; and two from the following: 341, 342, 350, 351, 352, 355, 385, 431, 455 [post-1800

literature, francophone literature, literary theory].

3. One seminar (French 450).

4. Three courses in either language, civilization, film or literature numbered 300 or above.

French 306, Advanced Conversation, no longer counts towards the concentration in French.

Change in minor: deletion of 302.

Japanese 301D-302D. Advanced Japanese Drill.

(AS) Fall and Spring (4,4) Staff.

September 13, 1991

New drill hours for 301-302 and one new credit.

Japanese 301-302. Advanced Japanese I.

(AS) Fall and Spring (4,4) Staff.

February 24, 1992

New title.

Japanese 401-402. Advanced Japanese II.

(S) Fall and Spring (3,3) Staff.

February 24, 1992

New course.

Music

111. Perpsectives on Hearing Music.

(A) Fall and Spring (4) Staff.

January 29, 1992

New course.

113. Musical Traditions and Ideas: Western Art Music.

(A) Fall and Spring (4) Staff.

January 29, 1992

New course.

171. Musical Traditions and Ideas: American Vernacular Music.

(A) Fall (4) Cockrell.

January 29, 1992

New course.

173. Jazz.

(A) Fall (4) Gutwein.

January 29, 1992

New number (was 369) and revised content of existing course.

181. Introduction to Electro-Acoustic Music.

(A) Spring (4) Gutwein.

January 29, 1992

New course.

201. Common Practice Tonal Theory.

(A) Fall (4) Staff.

January 29, 1992

New title and revised content of existing course.

207. Composition.

(A) Fall, Spring (4) Staff.

January 29, 1992

New title and revised content of existing course.

211-212. Introduction to Western Music History and Literature.

(A) Fall and Spring (4,4) F. Lendrim.
January 29, 1992
New title and revised content of existing course.

220. Topics in Musical Performance.
(A) Fall and Spring (Var.) Staff.
January 29, 1992
New course.

301. Nineteenth-Century Tonal Theory.
(AS) Spring (4) Staff.
January 29, 1992
New title and revised content of existing course.

303. Modern Music Theories and Compositional Approaches.
(AS) Fall (4) Staff.
January 29, 1992
New course.

307. Composition.
(S) Fall and Spring (4,4) Staff.
January 29, 1992
New title and revised content of existing course.

309. Instrumentation and Orchestration.
(AS) Fall (4) W. DeFotis.
January 29, 1992
Revised content of existing course.

310. Problems and Methods in Music History.
(AS) Fall (4) Staff.
January 29, 1992
New course.

320. Conducting I.
(AS) Fall (4) L. Rexroth.
January 29, 1992
New course.

365. Topics in Music.
(S) Fall or Spring (4) Staff.
January 29, 1992
New number (was 360) and revised content of existing course.

370. American Popular Song.
(S) Spring (4) Cockrell.
January 29, 1992
Revised content of existing course.

373. Music in the United States.
(S) Fall (4) D. Cockrell, K. Preston.
January 29, 1992
New number (was 391) and revised content of existing course.

375. History of English Music.
(S) Spring (4) M. Freeman.
January 29, 1992
New number (was 393) and revised content of existing course.

379. Music Criticism.

(S) Fall (4) W. DeFotis.

January 29, 1992

New number (was 395) and revised content of existing course.

381. Medieval and Renaissance Music.

(S) Fall (4) Staff.

January 29, 1992

Revised content of existing course.

383. Music of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.

(S) Spring (4) Staff.

January 29, 1992

Revised content of existing course.

385. Music of the Nineteenth Century.

(S) Fall or Spring (4) Staff.

January 29, 1992

Revised content of existing course.

387. Music of the Twentieth Century.

(S) Spring (4) Staff,

January 29, 1992

Revised content of existing course.

391. Projects in Music.

(S) Fall or Spring (4) Staff.

January 29, 1992

New number (was 475,476) and revised content of existing course.

407. Composition.

(S) Fall, Spring (4) Staff.

January 29, 1992

Revised content of existing course.

420. Conducting II.

(S) Spring (4) L. Rexroth.

January 29, 1992

New number (was 340) and revised content of existing course.

465. Seminar in Music.

(S) Fall and Spring (4) Staff.

January 29, 1992

New course.

491. Senior Thesis in Music.

(S) Fall, Spring (4) Staff.

January 29, 1992

New course.

495-496. Senior Honors in Music.

Fall and Spring (4,4) Staff.

January 29, 1992

Revised content of existing course.

The new concentration in Music consists of 40 credits, 20 of which are core requirements: 111, Perspectives on Hearing Music, 201, Common Practice Tonal Theory, 310, Problems and Methods in Music History, and 6 credits in a single performance area, at least two semesters of which must be at the 300- or 400-

level, and 2 department ensemble credits. The remaining 20 credits constitute the concentration track, a sequence of courses designed by the student in consultation with his/her advisor. Four sample tracks would be Western European Art Music, Music of the United States, Composition, and Music Theory. All concentrators plan and carry out a senior project, which may be a thesis in music history, a composition, or a recital.

A minor in Music consists of 20 credits, of which 12 are three core courses (111, 113 or 171, and 201); and the remaining 8, electives.

(January 29, 1992)

Philosophy

150. Freshman Seminar in Philosophy.

(A) Fall and Spring (3) Staff.

January 20, 1992

New course.

150W. Freshman Seminar in Philosophy.

(A) Fall and Spring (4) Staff.

January 20, 1992

New course.

309/310. Interpretation & Rhetoric in Philosophy I & II.

(A) Fall and Spring (3,3) Becker.

April 29, 1991

New courses.

Religion

307. Topics in Religion.

Fall or Spring (3) Staff.

September 13, 1991

New course & area-sequence designations as follows: Hindu Mythology (S) Spring 1992; Religions of Greco-Roman World (AS), Spring 1992; Women in the Ancient Mediterranean World (AS), Fall 1992; Women and Religion in Asia (AS), Fall 1992.

Theatre & Speech

Speech 101/101L. Oral Communication Intensive Workshop.

Fall (1) A. Chaney.

July 9, 1991

New course approved for 1991-92.

Speech 380. Speech Education and Assessment.

Fall and Spring (var.) Staff.

July 9, 1991

New course approved for 1991-92.

Theatre 460. Topics.

Fall or Spring (var. 1-3) Staff.

January 27, 1992

Change in credit hours.

Women's Studies

390. Topics in Women's Studies.

Fall and Spring (3) Staff.

July 16, 1991

New course.

405. Feminist Theory.

Fall or Spring (3) Staff.

September 13, 1991

New course.