

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

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The Faculty of Arts and Sciences has charged the Educational Policy Committee with conducting “a continuing study of the undergraduate educational program, regularly reviewing the educational policies and procedures of the faculty.”

Main actions of the committee during the 2009-2010 academic year included:

- Review and approval of the report of the ad hoc St. Andrews Review Committee. In particular, EPC concluded that the GERs would be satisfied by students participating in the program, especially if proper and careful advising were part of the program.
- Approval of the minor in Marine Science (a proposal put forward by the departments of Biology and Geology and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.
- Creation of INTR 499, a standing course for internships associated with the Washington Semester.
- Review of the assessment of GER 4. The general conclusion is that the objectives of GER 4 are being met.
- Rejection of Proposal to change GER 4 course distribution. Given the small number of 4B courses, the Dean for Undergraduate Studies proposed changing the distribution of GER4A, B, and C. The net effect of the change would be not to require a GER4B course. The committee rejected the proposal under the rationale that such a change is best discussed in the context of the upcoming review of the curriculum.
- Made a minor clarification to the catalog section describing GER 4 or 5 credit for study abroad courses not taught by W&M or W&M affiliated faculty.

NEW COURSE APPLICATIONS APPROVED

ANTH 422	<i>Applied Anthropology</i>
ANTH 459	<i>Tsenacomoco: Native Archaeology of the Chesapeake</i>
APSC 450	<i>Computational Neuroscience</i>
APSC 456	<i>Random Walks in Biology</i>
ARAB 307	<i>Arab Civilization in Transition: Self, Culture, and Society in the Modern Period</i>
ARAB 308	<i>Bridging Heritage and Modernity: Modern Forms and Classical Themes in Arabic Literary Writing</i>
ARTH 255	<i>The Art of East Asia</i>
BIOL 318	<i>Conservation Biology</i>
BIOL 445	<i>Advanced GIS for Biologists</i>
BIOL 460	<i>Advanced Seminar in Biology</i>
CHEM 309L	<i>Instrumental Analysis Laboratory</i>
CHIN 320	<i>Chinese Popular Culture</i>
CHIN 403	<i>Advanced Reading and Writing I</i>
CHIN 404	<i>Advanced Reading and Writing II</i>
CSCI 135	<i>Web Design</i>
FILM 300	<i>Global Film Festival Internship</i>
FREN 290	<i>Themes and Issues in the French/Francophone World</i>
GOVT 151W	<i>Freshman Seminar: American Politics</i>
GOVT 153W	<i>Freshman Seminar: Comparative Politics</i>
GRMN 203	<i>Preparation for Study Abroad</i>
GRMN 391	<i>Independent Research Abroad</i>
GRMN 491	<i>Advanced Independent Research Abroad</i>
HISP 287	<i>Introduction to Spanish Phonetics</i>
HISP 324	<i>Medieval and Early Modern Hispanic Literature</i>
INTR 499	<i>Washington Semester Internship</i>
KINE 190	<i>Principles of Outdoor Leadership</i>
KINE 385	<i>Epidemiology in Public Health</i>

MATH 300	<i>Writing in the Mathematical Sciences</i>
MSCI 398	<i>Marine Science Seminar</i>
MSCI 460	<i>Oceans and Climate</i>
PHYS 256	<i>Practical Computing for Scientists</i>
RELG 337	<i>African Ritual and Religious Practice</i> (Permanent cross-list with ANTH 337)
RELG 367	<i>Tibetan Religion</i>
RELG 380	<i>Buddhist Philosophy</i>
SPCH 205	<i>Oral Interpretation of Literature</i>
SPCH 411	<i>Independent Studies</i>
THEA 220	<i>Millinery</i>
THEA 260	<i>Introduction to Musical Theatre</i>
THEA 360	<i>Musical Theatre Performance</i>

COURSE CHANGE APPLICATIONS APPROVED

AFST 303	Permanent cross-list of HIST 236
AFST 365	Permanent cross-list of ENGL 365
AFST 366	Permanent cross-list of ENGL 366
AFST 386	Permanent cross-list of FREN 386
AFST 414	Permanent cross-list of ENGL 414A
AFST 417	Permanent cross-list of ENGL 417B
ARAB 311	Change title and description
ARAB 402	Change title and description
BIOL 112	New description
BIOL 203	Split into separate lecture (BIOL 225) and lab (BIOL 226)
BIOL 204	Split into separate lecture (BIOL 220) and lab (BIOL 221)
BIOL 314	Renumbered as BIOL 456 with new description
BIOL 316	Renumbered as BIOL 457
BIOL 404	New title and description
BIOL 406	Renumbered as BIOL 310 with new prerequisites
BIOL 407	New description and prerequisites
BIOL 409	New description and prerequisites
BIOL 415	New prerequisites
BIOL 419	New prerequisites
BIOL 433	New prerequisites
BIOL 437	New prerequisites
BIOL 442	New prerequisites

BIOL 447	New prerequisites
BIOL 448	Renumbered as BIOL 312 with new title, description, and prerequisites.
CHEM 309	Changed credits from 4 to 3 consistent with separation of lab
CHEM 320	Change credit from 1 to 0-1
CHIN 401	New title, description, prerequisites
CHIN 402	New title, description, prerequisites
CSCI 141	New title and description
FREN 210	New title
FREN 305	New title
FREN 315	New title and description
FREN 321	New title and description
GEOL 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 437	Changed credits to 1-3
GEOL 427	Changed credits from 2 to 1-2
GRMN 333	New title and description
HISP 387	New title, description, prerequisites
HISP 483	New description
ITAL 201	Elimination of drill and reduction of credits
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JAPN 310	Change in credits from 3 to (3-4). 4 credits if class conducted in Japanese
JAPN 402	Change description
KINE 360	New prerequisites
KINE 450	New prerequisites
KINE 455	Allowed to fulfill major writing requirement
KINE 455	New prerequisites
MATH 132	Removal of co-requisite
MDLL 490	New title, description, credits
MSCI 330	New number, title, description
MSCI 331	Changed from a specific topic for MSCI 498 to a fixed number

MUSC 101	New description
PHIL 231	Removal of prerequisites
PHIL 232	Removal of prerequisites
PHIL 252	Removal of prerequisites
PSYC 415	New title
PSYC 470	Change of credits from 3 to 1-4
PHYS 475	New number and description
RELG 355	New title and description
SOCL 427	Changed title and description
SPCH 311	Change of title and description
THEA 301	Renumbered as THEA 201
THEA 303	Renumbered as THEA 203
THEA 303	Changed credits from 2 to 3
THEA 305	Renumbered as THEA 205
THEA 313	Renumbered as THEA 213
THEA 319	Changed credits from 1 to 3
THEA 479	Credit change from 3 to 1-3

CURRICULUM CHANGE APPLICATIONS APPROVED

AFST	Change in requirements for major and minor
ARTH	Change in requirements for 2D art focus
	Delete ART 312, ART 355, ART 444
BIOL	Change in major requirements
	Change in minor requirements

CHEM	<p>Changes consistent with splitting CHEM 309 into lecture and separate laboratory</p> <p>Elimination of departmental honors levels</p>
CSCI	<p>Change in AP credit</p>
GBST	<p>Change in major computing requirement</p> <p>Russian and Post-Soviet Studies added HIST 373 to list of courses for the major</p>
HISP	<p>Change in description of practicum</p> <p>Change in core requirement for major</p>
MATH	<p>Change to allow ECON 408 in the probability and statistics area of the applied mathematics concentration</p> <p>Changes in the department's major writing requirement as needed given approval of MATH 300</p> <p>Change in rules for enrollment in MATH 104</p> <p>Exclude MATH 150 from minor</p> <p>Change required EDUC courses for PRE-College Teaching Track</p>
MDLL	<p>Change in placement policies for Arabic, Chinese, and Japanese</p>
MSCI	<p>Creation of interdisciplinary minor in Marine Science (proposed by GEOL, BIOL, and VIMS)</p> <p>Include BIOL 404 as an elective for the minor</p>
PSYC	<p>Change in minor requirements</p>

SOCL

Change to limit the number of credits in independent study courses that will count towards the major to 6

THEA

Change in major writing requirement

GER APPLICATION APPROVALS

AMST 350	<i>Introduction to Asian Pacific American Studies</i>	GER 4C
ANTH 350	<i>Archaeological Perspectives on African Cities, States, and Empires</i>	GER 4B
ANTH 350	<i>Africa: Politics, History, Culture</i>	GER 4B
ARTH 330	<i>Buddhist Art of India, Nepal, and Tibet</i>	GER 4B
CHIN 320	<i>Chinese Popular Culture</i>	GER 4B, 5
CLCV 319	<i>The Birth of the Novel in Antiquity</i>	GER 5
CLCV 329	<i>Greek and Roman Historiography</i>	GER 5
CLCV 342	<i>Pompeii and Herculaneum</i>	GER 5
CLCV 352	<i>Classical Athens</i>	GER 5
GEOL 407	<i>Geological and Environmental Perspectives of the Galway Bay Region (one-time offering)</i>	GER 2A
GOVT 312	<i>Politics of Developing Countries</i>	GER 4B
KINE 185, 186	<i>Ballroom Dance I & II</i>	GER 6
PSYC 312	<i>Personality Theory</i>	GER 3
PSYC 314	<i>Social Psychology</i>	GER 3
PSYC 315	<i>Foundations of Learning and Memory</i>	GER 2B
RELG 150	<i>Islam: Historical Evolution & Contemporary Debates</i>	GER 4B
RELG 342	<i>Comedy, Tragedy, and Religion</i>	GER 5
RELG 360	<i>Gods and Goddesses of India</i>	GER 4B
RELG 367	<i>Tibetan Religion</i>	GER 4B
RELG 380	<i>Buddhist Philosophy</i>	GER 7
SPCH 205	<i>Oral Interpretation of Literature</i>	GER 6
SPCH 309	<i>Argumentation and Debate</i>	GER 6

THEA 220 *Millinery*
THEA 260 *Introduction to Musical Theatre*

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