

The College of William and Mary
Educational Policy Committee

Yearly Report for 2006-2007

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The committee met 12 times during the fall and spring semesters to discuss undergraduate curricular changes.

Approved motions include:

- a. Summer school maximum credits per session was changed from 7 to 8 to allow for 2 4-credit courses per session.
- b. University Seminar courses (275W) for transfer students will carry the GER status of the equivalent freshman seminar courses (150W).
- c. New Undergraduate Majors in:
 1. Global Studies
 2. Chinese Language and Culture (under MDLL)
- d. New Undergraduate Minors in:
 1. Global Studies
 2. Judaic Studies (pending approval by CHIS)
- e. Study abroad registration change.

Study Abroad: All students who plan to study abroad must register with the Reves Center for International Studies. Pre-approval of transfer credits by an appropriate department chair, program director, or designee is required for all study abroad programs except the William and Mary faculty-led or faculty-assisted programs. Approved study abroad transfer credits count towards the graduation requirement of 120 academic hours. While abroad, students must enroll in at least 12 credits per semester in order to be considered full-time. A maximum of 18 credit hours per semester may be earned. Credits will be transferred only if a student has earned a grade of C or better (C- is unacceptable). Earned credits may count towards a major, minor, or any elective. Students cannot satisfy GER requirements abroad except on William and Mary faculty-led summer programs where the course in question is designated as a GER course in the course catalog. Also, students may petition the Committee on Degrees upon their return to have courses taken abroad considered for the fulfillment of GER 4 or 5. To be approved, the course must meet the criteria of the GER and must deal substantially with the country or region where the student is on the study abroad program. Grades are not posted on the William & Mary transcript nor calculated into a student's GPA unless the courses were taken on a William & Mary faculty-led or faculty-assisted program.

- f. Final reports of the GER5, GER7, and Freshman Seminar course assessments were received from the assessment working groups coordinated by Drs. Susan Bosworth and David Aday.

Approved New Courses.

AMST 350D, The Americans 1950 – Nation and Culture (Discussion Section).

ANTH 321, Encountering the Conquistadors.
ANTH 430, Material Life in African America.

ARAB 290, Topics in Arabic Dialects.
ARAB 401, Classical Arabic Literature.
ARAB 402, Modern Arabic Literature.

BIOL 106, Disease, Biomedicine, and Biomedical Research.

CSCI 320, Directed Study.

GBST 201, Introduction to European Studies.

GEOL 204, GIS in the Earth and Environmental Sciences.

GOVT 455, Seminar: Education Policy and Politics in the United States.

HIST 226, The American West.
HIST 228, The United States, 1945-1975: Society, Thought, and Culture.
HIST 237, 238, American Indian History.
HIST 311, 312, Topics in History.
HIST 313, Topics in Women's History.

GREK 203, New Testament Greek.

HISP 321, Cultural Studies Criticism through Poetry and Photography.
HISP 399, International Service – Learning and Internship.

INRL 300, International Relations in Disciplinary Perspectives.

PSYC 319, Cognitive Science.

THEA 332, Sex, Race, & Films: Dramatizing Diversity.

Approved Course Changes:

APSC 452, Networks in the Brain and Biology.

New title and catalog description. Cross-listed as CHEM 460.

ARAB 302, Advanced Arabic II.

Changed from 3 to 4 credits due to additional hour of discussion.

ARAB 309, Survey of Arabic Literature in Translation.

Addition of 4th credit option for advanced students.

ARAB 310, Topics in Arabic Literature in Translation.

Addition of 4th credit option for advanced students.

ART 325, Sculpture Plaster Stone.

Catalog description change.

ART 326, Sculpture: Wood Construction / Carving.

Catalog description change.

ART 420, Advanced Sculpture.

Catalog description change.

BIOL 205, General Botany.

New title and catalog description change.

BIOL 206, General Zoology.

New title and catalog description change.

BIOL 207, Insects and Society.

New course number is BIOL 110.

BIOL 209, Insects Biology Laboratory.

New course number is BIOL 111.

CHIN 309, Survey of Chinese Literature in English.

Addition of 4th credit option for advanced students.

CHIN 312, Special Issues in Chinese Poetic Tradition (In Translation).

Addition of 4th credit option for advanced students.

CHIN 316, Women in Chinese Culture and Literature (In Translation).

Addition of 4th credit option for advanced students.

CHIN 322, Twentieth-Century Chinese Literature in English.

Addition of 4th credit option for advanced students.

CLCV 101, Pompeii and Herculaneum.

New course number is CLCV 342. Catalog description change.

CSCI 412, Web Programming.

Course prerequisite change.

CSCI 423, Finite Automata and Theory of Computation.

Course prerequisite change.

CSCI 442, Compiler Construction.

Course prerequisite change.

DANC 111, 112, Modern I.

The course may be repeated and the 112 number will not be used or the spring.

DANC 115, Studies in Style.

Variable credit (1-2).

DANC 315, Group Choreography.

New course number is DANC 401.

ECON 383, Survey of Developmental Economics

New course number is ECON 483. Also, new prerequisite courses.

ENSP 440, Special Topics in Environmental Science and Policy.

Change number of credits to 1-4.

GEOL 320, Surface Processes: Landscapes and Water.

New course title.

GEOL 426, Paleobiology Seminar.

Change number of credits to 2 or 3.

GOVT 303, Survey of Political Philosophy: The Ancient Tradition.

Change in title and course description.

GOVT 304, Survey of Political Philosophy: The Modern Tradition.

Change in title and course description.

GOVT 305, Contemporary Political Philosophy.

Change in title and course description.

GOVT 311, European Political Systems.

New Prerequisite course: GOVT 203. Catalog description change.

GOVT 312, Politics and Developing Countries.
New prerequisite course: GOVT 203.

GOVT 405, Seminar: Studies in Political Philosophy: Themes and Problems.
Change in title and course description.

GOVT 406, Seminar: Studies in Political Philosophy: Theorists and Movements.
Change in title and course description.

GOVT 491, Seminar: Topics in Government.
Catalog description change.

GOVT 498, Internship.
Catalog description change.

HISP 381, Issues in Mexican Culture: Borders, Markets, and Shifting Identities.
New course number is HISP 322.

HISP 382, Issues in Mexican Culture: On-site research.
New course number is HISP 323.

HISP 390, Life on the Hyphen.
New course number is HISP 361.

HIST 191, 192, Global History.
Catalog description change.

HIST 211, The World of Thomas Jefferson,
New course number is HIST 215.

HIST 280, West Africa Since 1800.
Catalog description change.

HIST 369, 370, The History of England.
Catalog description change.

HIST 490, History of Vernacular Architecture.
New course number is HIST 410. Cross-listed as AMST 470.

ITAL 307, Italian Civilization in English.
Addition of 4th credit option for advanced students.

ITAL 309, Dante and the Medieval Tradition.
Addition of 4th credit option for advanced students.

ITAL 310, Italian Cinema and Post-War Italian Culture.
Addition of 4th credit option for advanced students.

ITAL 312, Italian Renaissance Literature in Translation.
Addition of 4th credit option for advanced students.

ITAL 316, 20th Century Italian Women Writers.
Addition of 4th credit option for advanced students.

ITAL 320, Imitations of Life: Italian Autobiographies.
Addition of 4th credit option for advanced students.

JAPN 310, Modern and Contemporary Japanese Literature (in English translation).
Addition of 4th credit option for advanced students.

KINE 335, Play, Sport, & Culture.
Cross-listed with SOCL 360.

MDLL 490, Intensive Foreign Language Institute for Teachers.
New course title and catalog description.

MUSC 401, Contemporary Music Theories, Styles and Techniques.
New course number is MUSC 302.

PHYS 476, Modern Astrophysics.
Catalog description change.

RELG 308, Religion and Architecture.
New Course number is RELG 349. Also, catalog description change.

RELG 322, Medicine and Ethics.
Credit change from 4 to 3.

RELG 391, Theory and Method in the Study of Religion.
Approved for the major writing requirement.

RUSN 303, Advanced Russian I : Conv/Comp/Reading.
Catalog description change.

RUSN 304, Advanced Russian II : Conv/Comp/Reading.
Catalog description change.

SOCL 332, Marriage and the Family.
New title and catalog description.

SOCL 494W, Senior Project.
New title and catalog description.

GER Course Additions (and Removals):

GER1:

Math 110, Coding Theory.

GER2:

BIOL 106. Disease, Biomedicine, and Biomedical Research.

GER2 Lab:

GER3:

SOCL 312 / WMST 312, Comparative Sociology. (Removal of GER3 status).

GER4a:

HIST 226, The American West since 1890.

GER4b:

ANTH 321, Encountering the Conquistadors.
HIST 238, American Indian History.

GER4c:

HIST 192, Global History Since 1500.
THEA 332, Sex, Race, Plays, & Films: Dramatizing Diversity.

GER5

ENGL 210, Topics in Literature: America.
ENGL 210, The Romance of the Road.
ENGL 210, Things that They Did in the Dark.
ENGL 210, The Gothic.
ENGL 275W, Literature and Medicine.

MUSC 375, Music and Film. Cross-listed with AMST 350 and FILM 401.

GER6:

THEA 313, Introduction to Stage Lighting.

GER7:

Approved Undergraduate Curricular Changes:

Art and Art History

Approved changes to the required courses for the Art majors in the 2D track.

Approved changes to the content of ART 325, 326, & 320.

Biology

Approved cross-listing in Biology of three Applied Science courses: APSC 451 (Cellular Biophysics and Modeling), APSC 452 (Network Biology), and APSC 454 (Bioinformatics and Molecular Evolution).

Advanced Placement (AP) credit will be awarded as 'Biology Elective.'

Classical Studies

Approved request to have additional Latin Placement wording in the Catalog for clarification of student placement.

Environmental Science and Policy

Approved request to change course prefix from ENST to ENSP.

Global Studies

European Studies – Add GBST 201 and reduced the number of electives in the major.

European Studies – Added a minor.

European Studies – Catalog description changes.

Government

Removal of one of the three options to satisfy the major computing requirement.

International Relations

Approved changes to the major requirements.

Latin American Studies – Global Studies

Approved addition and deletion of courses for the major. See catalog for details.

Military Science

A proposal to increase the number of credits for Military Science courses from a total of 8 credits (with 6 counting toward the 120 to graduate) to a total of 20 credits (with 12 counting toward the 120 to graduate) was not approved. The Committee voted instead to recommend to the Faculty of Arts & Sciences that it approve an alternate proposal that includes a total of 12 Military Science credits with 8 counting toward the 120 to graduate.

Religious Studies

Approved RELG 391 and 495/496 for the major writing requirement.

GER Reviews

The Office of Planning and Assessment and the Office of the Dean for Educational Policy coordinated a review of GER5, GER7, and Freshman Seminar courses. EPC reviewed and approved their reports during the spring of 2007. GER 3 and 6 reviews were conducted during the 2006-2007 school year.