

MINUTES
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
CAS Undergraduate Curriculum Council
2024-25

MEETING: November 21, 2024 - 2:30 p.m., UC Memphis Room (340A)

PRESENT: J. Bahoh, J. Benford, C. Bowers, C. Goudsouzian, B. Graham, S. Jin, A. Johnson, J. Johnson, B. Kwoba, Y. Kwon, M. Laradji, W. Madlock, B. McCarty, C. Mickalites, R. Serino, B. Stigall, J. Wang

ABSENT: L. Feldman, R. Hood, S. Jun, W. Thompson

VISITORS: Jeff Leedham, Ebony Dawkins, Cody Clinton

PROXIES: Robert Kelz for Will Thompson (WLL)

PRESIDING: L. Menson-Furr; S. Warren, recording secretary

1. Welcome
2. Announcements and Updates from L. Menson-Furr
 - A. UUC Updates
 - a. All CAS proposals from the October meeting were approved at UUC
 - b. Utilize EAB's Resources (Feasibility Studies, etc.)
 - c. November 6, 2024- Virtual Workshop on AI (2:30-4:00)
 - d. AI for All Minor (Office of the Provost)
 - i. The committee members have been selected. CAS has two representatives.
 - ii. The "Call for Proposals" has been issued. A form in Curriculog is being developed for AI course proposals.
 - iii. Course design funds will be available to support courses that can be included in this minor's curriculum.
 - iv. The minor's home has not been identified at this time.
 - B. CAS Updates
 - a. There was discussion to move December's meeting date and modality. It was rescheduled to December 18 at 1:00 and will be on Teams.
 - b. S. Warren is available for Curriculum/Curriculog trainings and assistance with curriculum submissions. Please contact her to schedule. Tori Tardugno with the Registrar's Office is offering sessions as well; registration is through Learning Curve.
 - c. The Special Topics deadline for Summer and Fall is March 1.

- d. Senior Test: There is a new directive to test all seniors in CAS. 75% of seniors are needed to complete an online Gen Ed Assessment. Please contact R. Hood, R. Serino, or L. Menson-Furr to volunteer a class to participate. CAS can schedule computer labs if needed.
 - e. Syllabi—Please remind our colleagues to include a full listing of course materials/textbooks/readings on the syllabus. Syllabi directing students to locate readings/texts in Canvas cannot be approved.
3. Scholarship Updates and Announcements from R. Serino

R. Serino emailed the list of scholarship committee assignments prior to the meeting. If you will be leaving the CAS UG committee for the Spring, let him know as soon as possible so that the appropriate person will have access to the application system.
4. Curriculum Proposals' Discussion and Voting (full list of proposals starts on page 3)
 - a. Low Impact Proposals (Bulk Vote for BIOL, COMP, INTD, PHIL, PHYS, PSYC,): Motion to approve by C. Mickalites and seconded by A. Johnson. All were in favor and so approved.
 - b. Department of Biology: Motion to approve by C. Mickalites and seconded by J. Johnson. All were in favor and so approved.
 - c. Department of Computer Science: Motion to approve by C. Bowers and seconded by A. Johnson. All were in favor and so approved.
NOTE: Course revision to COMP 2700 was withdrawn
 - d. Department of Earth Sciences: Motion to approve by W. Thompson and seconded by L. Feldman. All were in favor and so approved.
 - e. Department of History: Motion to approve by R. Kelz and seconded by C. Mickalites. All were in favor and so approved.
 - f. Department of English: Motion to approve by J. Wang and seconded by J. Benford. All were in favor and so approved.
 - g. Department of History: Motion to approve by J. Benford and seconded by B. Stigall. All were in favor and so approved.
NOTE: New course HIST 3864 on hold pending further conversation with CCFA
 - h. Department of Interdisciplinary Studies: Motion to approve by R. Kelz and seconded by A. Johnson. All were in favor and so approved.
 - i. Department of Mathematics: Motion to approve by M. Laradji and seconded by J. Johnson. All were in favor and so approved.
 - j. Department of Philosophy: Motion to approve by B. Kwoba and seconded by J. Wang. All were in favor and so approved.
 - k. Department of Physics and Materials Science: Motion to approve by B. McCarty and seconded by B. Stigall. All were in favor and so approved.
NOTE: New course 2150 pending further conversation with CCFA

- I. Department of Political Science: Motion to approve by J. Bahoh and seconded by J. Wang. All were in favor and so approved.
 - m. Department of Psychology: Motion to approve by J. Wang and seconded by C. Mickalites. All were in favor and so approved.
 - n. Department of Sociology: Motion to approve by B. Kwoba and seconded by R. Kelz. All were in favor and so approved.
5. The next meeting is scheduled for December 18 at 1:00 via Teams.
Meeting adjourned at 3:42 PM.

Low Impact Changes (November 2024)

BIOLOGY

BIOL 4005—Course Revision

- Course Repeatability (up to 5 credit hours) and Schedule Type
- Incorrect schedule type and course repeatability credit hours.

Interdisciplinary Studies

African and African American Studies Minor- UG Program Revision

- Updating course options.

African and African American Studies, (B.A.)- UG Program Revision

- Updating course options.

Environmental Studies Minor- UG Program Revision

- Updating course offerings.

Religious Studies Minor- UG Program Revision

- Adding elective choices from recent new course additions in other departments.

Social Justice Minor- UG Program Revision

- Updating course options.

Computer Science

COMP - 2150 - CS2: OOP and Data Structures- UG Course Revision

- Schedule type change: changing from a 4-credit lecture to a 3 lecture + 1 lab to give students more hands-on coding practice.

The Major (63 hours) Computer Science Shared Core- UG Program Revision

- Swapping COMP 4517 to replace COMP 1950 as the required ethics course, to be more in line with accreditation standards. this change will not add hours to the major, because of changes to other courses.
- Changing the ABET accreditation sentence in the program objectives at the request of our accreditation evaluators.

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy/Juris Doctor, (B.A./J.D.)- **UG Program Revision**

- Switching the place of the three Philosophy electives currently listed in year four of the 3+3 program with three general UD electives currently listed in year three. This will allow the Philosophy department to retain headcount in upper division electives and will keep the program consistent with 3+3 programs in other departments.

PHYSICS

PHYS 4021—**Course Revision**

- Add/Delete Prerequisite; Add/Delete Corequisite
- The content of PHYS 4021 is not strongly based on content gained from PHYS 2020 or PHYS 2120. Hence, making PHYS 2020 or PHYS 2120 a co-requisite should suffice.

PHYS - 4040 - Medical Physics – **Course Revision**

- The content of PHYS 4040 is not strongly based on content gained from PHYS 2020 or PHYS 2120. Hence, making PHYS 2020 or PHYS 2120 a co-requisite should suffice.

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology—B.A.—**Program Revision**

- Replacing old program objectives with recently adopted new objectives that reflect new APA recommendations.
- Removing the three paragraphs about the honors program. The Honors program information in the catalog is out of date. Rather than editing, we want to streamline the catalog page to contain a) program objectives, b) graduation requirements, and c) typical course sequences. This will also align the catalog page for the BA in Psych with the other PSYC degree pages in the catalog. Details about the honors program are available on our website.
- Adding a General Elective section to better clarify how to reach 120 hours for graduation.

- PSYC 4900, which was left out of our Typical 2- and 4-Year Sequences, is being added.

Psychology—B.S.—**Program Revision**

- Replacing old program objectives with recently adopted new objectives that reflect new APA recommendations.
- Adding information about and links to our optional concentrations.
- Adding Typical 2-year and 4-year course sequences.

Psychology—Behavioral Neuroscience Concentration, B.A.—**Program Revision**

- Replacing old program objectives with recently adopted new objectives that reflect new APA recommendations.
- While BIO 1110/1120 and CHEM 1110/1120 are both required, we traded their placement on the page so that CHEM courses appear first because they are prereqs for the BIOs.

Psychology—Behavioral Neuroscience Concentration, B.S.—**Program Revision**

- We are replacing old program objectives with recently adopted new objectives that reflect new APA recommendations.
- We are making changes for clarity and correction in the curriculum area. There are no curriculum changes. [I.e., a) Courses required for the BS in Psych are being pulled out of the concentration area and placed in their own block. b) We are editing/adding notes to better clarify how the concentration courses share with the major or BS. c) While BIO 1110/1120 and CEHM 1110/1120 are both required, we traded their placement on the page so that CHEM courses appear first because they are prereqs for the BIOs.]

Psychology—Cognitive Science Concentration, B.A.—**Program Revision**

- Replacing old program objectives with recently adopted new objectives that reflect new APA recommendations.

PSYC 3102—**Course Revision**

- Editorial Course Description Change and typo correction

PSYC 3108—**Course Revision**

- Editorial Course Description Change and typo correction

**CAS Undergraduate Submissions for 2025-26 catalog
November meeting vote**

BIOL

Undergraduate New Courses

BIOL - 4070 - Extreme Biology

BIOL - 4999 - Senior Biology Field Test

COMP

Undergraduate Course Revisions

COMP - 2700 - Discrete Structures - **WITHDRAWN- will resubmit next year**

Description change

Credit hour change from 4 to 3

COMP - 3410 - Computer Org/Architecture

Title change to Computer Organization and Architecture

Credit hour change to 4 to 3

Undergraduate Shared Core

The Major (63 hours)

Swapping COMP 4517 to replace COMP 1950 as the required ethics course, to be more in line with accreditation standards. this change will not add hours to our major, because of changes to other courses.

Changing the ABET accreditation sentence in the program objectives at the request of our accreditation evaluators.

ESCI

Undergraduate New Course

ESCI - 4424 - Paleoethnobotany

Undergraduate Course Closeout

ESCI - 4535 - Modular GIS

Undergraduate Program Revisions

Earth Sciences, Environmental Science Concentration (B.A.)

Adding ESCI 4204 to the concentration core, which has been missing in error.

Earth Sciences, Geology Concentration (B.A.)

Adding the option to meet field camp requirements with our UofM field camp or an equivalent opens options for our students to gain this critical learning experience through multiple options.

ENGL

Undergraduate Program Revision

English - Teaching English as a Second Language Licensure Track, (B.A.)

The addition of LITL 4239 was recently mandated for State of TN licensure.

The removal of the semester-by-semester plan was implemented because the arrangement of courses was not accurate, and the education courses mandated by the State change frequently. The order of courses to be taken is best achieved by meetings with the English Advisor.

HIST

Undergraduate New Courses

HIST - 3011 - Teaching Historical Thinking: An Introduction

HIST - 3671 - Memory & The American Civil War

HIST - 3864 - Selling Sound: A History of American Music – **ON HOLD**

INTD

Undergraduate New Course

AAAS - 3000 - Hip Hop and Sociology**

INTD - 4610 - Disability Studies**

Undergraduate Program Revision

Legal Thought and Liberal Arts Minor

Updating course options and slight restructuring of program.

MATH

Undergraduate Course Revision

MATH - 2702 - Intro Proof/Fundamental Math

Title change to Base Camp to Higher Mathematics

Course number change to 3702

Undergraduate Course Closeout

MATH - 2702 - Intro Proof/Fundamental Math

Closing out 2000 level due to level change to 3000

Undergraduate Shared Core Forms

Major Core (17 hours):

MATH 2702 is being replaced by 3702

Second Major in Mathematical Sciences (30 hours)

MATH 2702 is being replaced by 3702

The Major (53-54 hours)

MATH 2702 is being replaced by 3702

Typical 4-Year Mathematics Major Sequence

MATH 2702 is being replaced by 3702

Typical 4-Year Statistics Concentration Sequence

MATH 2702 is being replaced by 3702

PHIL

Undergraduate New Courses

PHIL - 3703 - Philosophy of Death
PHIL - 3704 - Philosophy of Nature
PHIL - 3705 – Evil
PHIL - 4020 - Internship in Philosophy

PHYS

Undergraduate New Courses

PHYS - 2150 - Physics of Acoustics and Music - **ON HOLD**
PHYS - 4013 - Relativity

POLS

Undergraduate Course Revisions

POLS – 1101 – Intro Ancient Political Thgt **
Title: change from Intro Ancient Political Thgt ** to Ancient Political Thought: An Introduction
POLS – 1102 – Intro Modern Political Thought **
Title: change from Intro Modern Political Thought ** to Modern Political Thought: An Introduction
POLS – 1301 – Intro to Comparative Politics **
Title: change from Intro to Comparative Politics ** to Comparative Politics

Undergraduate New Course

POLS – 1120 – Politics & Law: An Introduction

Undergraduate New Concentration

Political Science, Pre-Law Concentration (B.A.)

Undergraduate Program Revision

Political Science, (B.A.)
Replacing POLS requirement with new course, POLS 1120
New pre-law concentration

PSYC

Undergraduate New Course

PSYC - 3120 - Psychology of Prejudice and Discrimination

SOCI

Undergraduate New Course

SOCI - 2058 - Hip Hop and Sociology**

Undergraduate New Combination Degree
Sociology/Juris Doctor (B.S./J.D.)