

AUC Curriculum Committee - Final
April 25, 2024 3:30pm-5pm HAMM314
Remote attendance option:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/btn-hhoj-jzy>

Members in attendance:

Barbara Cormier
John Crawley
Christine Devine
Liz Gordon (secretary for the meeting)
Campbell Greeley (student)
Jennifer Hanselman
Aruna Krishnamurthy
Mathangi Krishnamurthy
Sara Levine
Ben Lieberman
Monica Maldari
Jannette McMenemy
Charles Roberts
Jessica Robey
Olivia Rossetti
Peter Staab
David Svolba
Heather Urbanski
Hong Yu

Members absent:

William Cortezia
Matthew Messina

Guests:

Min Li
Lyndsey Benharris
Meghan Krell
John Ludlham
Collin Syfert

1. Approve [minutes](#) from April 17, 2024
Motion: Hong Yu
Second: John Crawley
Vote: 16/0/2

2. Proposals for consideration

- a. [AUC #68 CV designation for HMSV 1100: Introduction to Human Services](#) (Megan Krell)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

Megan Krell: This course is rooted in understanding communities at all levels (local, state, federal), socioeconomic considerations, focused on policy/government and how those impacts people.

Vote: 18/0/0

- b. [AUC #69 DP designation for HMSV 2005](#) (Megan Krell)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

Megan: This course focuses on social and cultural diversity in human services, students will explore their own biases and background and that affects work in human services.

Vote: 18/0/0

- c. [AUC #70 AIA Designation for HMSV 2500](#) (Megan Krell)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

Megan: This course focuses on interview techniques, a skill-based course; students integrate information and local, state, global perspectives, how techniques impact individuals, enhance microlevel skills. Requires integration of prior knowledge and skills, integrating feedback to improve their interviewing skills.

Q: Why not trying for IHIP designation?

Megan: This is a skill based, but the upper level HMSV courses are more fitting for IHIP

Vote: 18/0/0

- d. [AUC #72 Remove EXSS 4040 \(Fitness Management\) from clinical exercise physiology concentration](#) (Jason Talanian)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

Monica Maldari: Remove fitness management course from one concentration (one of 3), since that course is more geared towards students who want to work in/open a gym while the clinical exercise physiology concentration is to prepare students for work as OT, PT, etc. This would allow more flexibility in curriculum for these students.

Q: This course is currently in the core for all three concentrations, so it would have to be moved to the concentration list rather than be listed in the core.

Friendly amendment to move EXSS4040 to fitness and wellness concentration and strength and conditioning concentration, and remove from core.

Add catalog description showing changes in curricula

Vote: 18/0/0

- e. [AUC #73 Remove COMM 2003 as a Production Elective](#) (Jeff Warmouth)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

Jeff Warmouth - remove from game design COMM 2003 from list of productive elective, it's already a required gen ed course but also listed as electives within game design.

This is essentially cleaning up a mistake from changes put through last year

Add catalog description (was originally put through as ANR)

Vote: 18/0/0

- f. [AUC #74 Assessing the Children's Collection: A Library Development Project](#)
(Lyndsey Benharris)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

Lyndsey: NECHE noted need for electives in education; this course would fill a gap in teacher education for teacher candidates to curate their own library. Has been taught twice as Topics, with Renee Fratantonio. Course is timely due to book challenges right now.

Q: No prereqs but 4000 level?

Lyndsey - 4000 level mostly because they're taking it in their junior or senior year

Friendly amendment - change to 3000 level, add prereq of junior or senior standing

Vote: 17/0/0

- g. [AUC #75 Critical Literacy for All Learners](#) (Lyndsey Benharris)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

Lindsey: Course focuses on Critical literacy. Currently offered as a grad course for 4+1 program. Opportunity to provide another elective. Higher level because it can focus on difficult conversations regarding school policies, students find the course challenging.

Friendly amendment - add prereq of junior or senior standing

Vote: 18/0/0

- h. [AUC #80 Adding IHIP Designation to BIOL 3060: Biochemical Techniques](#) (Billy Samulak)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

Billy: Students complete independent research projects, collecting own data, semester long project, paper and poster or similar, so qualifies as IHIP.

Q: Clarify if this is seeking MAJ or IHIP for gen ed

Billy: This should serve as a capstone option for BIOL majors, and capstone courses are all IHIP. This should be MAJ for their IHIP. Can also be used as an elective if not for their capstone.

Barbara notes that this is not currently listed as a capstone option in catalog

Friendly amendment - add BIOL3060 to the list of capstone options for BIOL (all concentrations)

Note that it's cross-listed in CHEM, but is not a capstone option for chemistry because all chem students take just one required capstone course (rather than choosing from a list of options)

Barbara notes that, like the other MAJ in Bio, this has to be done manually - will not be automatic in degreeworks because it's one of several options. If all capstones have MAJ IHIP (they already have IHIP for gen ed), this would be automatically done in degreeworks

Vote: 18/0/1

i. [AUC #67 SPCH 2XXX Environmental Communication](#) (Collin Syfert)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

Aruna Krishnamurthy- overview of course

Q: language in rationale/justification versus course description - "environmental controversies" or "environmental issues"

Discussion that controversies is an important aspect of this course in particular; preserve "controversies" in description

Vote: 19/0/0

Gen ed designations CV, IHIP

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

Aruna: Paul Weizer supports the CV designation focused on public discourse about issues affecting society

Vote: 19/0/0

j. [AUC #76 PHIL 2xxx Environmental Ethics with ER designation](#) (David Svolba)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

David: Course focuses on issues in environmental ethics, our ethical obligations to non-human animals, the natural world, climate change, environmental justice; will be course in sustainability studies minor, also good option for environmental science majors

Q: no preqs listed, but ENGL1200 is typical for these types of courses.

Adding ENGL1200 might be barrier for students to take in the second semester so ENGL1100 is a better option

Friendly amendment - add ENGL1100 as prereq

Vote: 17/0/0

Gen ed designation ER

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crowley

Vote: 17/0/0

- k. [AUC #77 Creation of Environmental Sociology \(SOC 2XXX\) course](#) (Min Li)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crowley

Min: The course discusses the role of power, culture, environmental outcomes, social and environmental movements, env justice, others. Currently running as a topics course (20 students enrolled), serves many majors

Q: SOC1100 is prereq, so will that limit students in the sustainability studies minor (this will be an elective)

Friendly amendment to add Intro to Sustainability studies as a prereq (SOC1100 OR Intro to SS)

Vote: 17/0/0

Gen ed designations CV and DP:

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crowley

Min: CV designation, promotes civic learning via connection with local organizations, local organic farms, interactions with community orgs, one topic is environmental movements/civic activities. DP: incorporated into course b/c not just domestic issues but also international, gender and racial topics as well

Vote: 17/0/0

- l. [AUC #81 Sustainability Studies Minor](#) (Jessica Robey)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crowley

Jessica -

Friendly amendment: correct the vote count for departmental vote to 4/0/0

This minor serves to connect a number of courses with the sustainability theme, interdisciplinary in nature. Other SS programs (at other institutions) typically housed in a single department, but this fits well within the IDIS structure, invites collaboration. Could also be a minor for the idis major. Structure: two core courses then students select two from each of two clusters.

Friendly amendment to update the numbers for GEOG/HIST2056 to GEOG/HIST2204; ECON/HIST2140 to ECON/HIST2201 (numbers of courses changing through ANR)

**Friendly amendment to add to the Natural Sciences and Technology list:
BIOL2300 Ecology and BIOL3100 Conservation Biology**

Q: on #45, regarding library resources, TBD is indicated - recommend reaching out to librarians to make sure students have the resources that they need for the minor.

Jessica - home departments for the courses within the minor are likely to have those resources

Q: Econ History seems like an outlier in its cluster

Jessica: Economics is an important aspect of sustainability, currently working with econ and business faculty to eventually broaden offerings in those areas

ultimate goal is to expand categories and make the minor more interdisciplinary

Q: prereqs, especially for natural sciences could be barrier for completion - how to ensure there are enough courses with fewer barriers to entry

Jessica: working with departments to have Intro to SS added as a prereq for some courses

Vote: 17/0/0

- m. [AUC #78 Create a Public Health Independent Study course](#) (Liz Gordon)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

Liz: This independent study would give students the opportunity to do an independent study in public health. This is a good alternative for students who can't complete an internship.

Vote: 17/0/0

Gen ed designation: IHIP

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

IHIP Designation request: this should fit requirement because it is student/faculty research

Vote: 17/0/0

- n. [AUC #79 Gen Ed Designations for Environmental Policy](#) (Liz Gordon)

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: John Crawley

Liz: request to add gen ed to environmental policy course, requesting CV, PL and IHIP since it is team taught (with John Ludlham..present)

Vote: 17/0/0

3. Items from the floor: none

4. Adjournment:

Motion: Hong Yu
Second: John Crawley
Vote: 17/0/0