

ASC Curriculum and Assessment Annual Report 2014-2015:  
Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee (ASCC) & ASC Graduate Curriculum Committee

For activities from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

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## **A. Curricular and Assessment Initiatives**

### **Course Updates**

- On 2-6-15, Associate Executive Dean Steve Fink reminded the ASCC that undergraduate students who are not seniors and/or are not in the Honors Program and/or do not have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 cannot be enrolled in a 6000-level course and above without both permission from the instructor and an approved petition to the Graduate School. No undergraduate program should require graduate level courses.
- That same day, Associate Executive Dean Steve Fink also informed the ASCC that the Office of Academic Affairs was in the process of auditing some 3,000 courses that had not be offered in the last three years with the intent of putting them in limbo or withdrawing them or keeping them on the books whenever there is a good reason to do so. On 3-6-15, Associate Executive Dean Steve Fink informed the ASC Graduate Curriculum Committee of this same matter.
- Professor Janice Aski, Chair of the Arts and Humanities Panel, developed a simplified syllabus template with the intention of enabling units to use it instead of the fuller syllabus requirement for course approval (for certain new course requests and not for actual use in the classroom). The template was reviewed and its pros and cons discussed by all the Panels of the ASCC as well as the ASC Graduate Curriculum Committee. It was decided that the Template would not be broadly adopted for now. The Arts and Humanities would pilot its use during academic year 2015-16.

### **Global Option**

The university has developed a framework for a curricular program that enables undergraduate students to acquire a substantial international experience in their major without adding time to degree. This experience is then documented in a student's transcript. Several Colleges have already adopted a Global Option certificate for their programs (e.g., Social Work, EHE, Business, John Glenn).

- On 2-6-15, Vice Provost William Brustein and Dr. Esther Gottlieb (Sr. Advisor for International Affairs) visited the ASCC to start a conversation with the ASCC about whether a college-wide adoption of the Global Option is recommended for ASC and if so how to do so--given the diversity of majors in the College.
- The conversation was subsequently pursued by an ad-hoc subcommittee under the leadership of ASCC Chair, Meg Daly. The sub-committee met twice in SP15 and agreed that, should the ASC proceed with a Global Option model, STEM units would most benefit from such a framework—and perhaps should be limited to these units. No decision was made and further conversations will need to happen.

### **Regional Campus Majors**

On 4-17-15, the ASCC hosted a forum on new, interdisciplinary regional campus majors and met with representatives from the Mansfield campus of proposed majors in Environmental Studies and Emerging Media and the Arts.

### Team-Teaching Proposals

The College issued two calls for undergraduate team-teaching proposals in SP14 and then again in AU14. The initial call was for courses to be taught first in AU14 or SP15 and the second call for courses to be taught first in AU15 or SP16.

- In July 2014, the ASCC met and reviewed the initial six proposals. Five proposals were approved for funding:
  - Art/Classics “Odysseus in the Oculus Rift”
  - Communication/Spanish “Language, Culture and Communication in Latino Health”
  - English/History “Modernist Thought and Culture, 1880-1945”
  - History/Microbiology “HIV: From Microbiology to Macrohistory”
  - Molecular Genetics/(Public Health) “Introduction to Genomic Data Analysis”
- In February 2015, the ASCC met and reviewed five proposals. Four proposals were approved for funding:
  - Earth Sciences/EEOB/History “Climate Change: Mechanisms, Impacts and Mitigation”
  - History/Religious Studies “Religion and Law in Comparative Perspective”
  - Linguistics/Philosophy “Natural Language Metaphysics”
  - Spanish/(City and Regional Planning) “Latino Urbanism and the Reinvention of the American City”

### Assessment of General Education

#### Autumn 2014

- The Assessment Panel reviewed the following GE Assessment reports submitted:
  - Course Set S1 reports (Visual & Performing Arts and Cultures & Ideas)
  - History GE departmental report
  - GE Service Learning reports
  - GE Education Abroad reports
- The Panel selected the GE categories to focus on for Course Set S2, selected high enrollment courses to request GE assessment reports from, and met with representatives from those units (Historical Studies, Literature, Writing & Communication Level 2).
- The Panel selected the next GE departmental reports to request and met with the units (Psychology, Center for Life Sciences Education, and Spanish & Portuguese).
- The Panel reviewed and approved the GE Social Sciences: Individuals and Groups assessment scoring rubric from the Department of Psychology to be used for their GE departmental report.
- The Assessment Panel Chairs met with units that submitted GE assessment reports that did not provide all requested information and requested revised reports to be submitted Summer 2015.

#### Spring 2015

- The Assessment Panel finished reviewing the GE Service Learning and GE Education Abroad reports.
- The Panel developed GE category summary reports for GE Service Learning and GE Education Abroad. The reports were presented to ASCC by the Panel Chairs.
- The Panel made a recommendation to ASCC that GE status be withdrawn from courses if a GE assessment report is repeatedly not submitted.
- Feedback letters to be sent to units that submitted GE assessment reports were reviewed, revised, and sent.

- Based on a recommendation from ASCC, the Assessment Panel revised the GE Submission Guidelines for the GE Assessment Plan to include a template to make it clear that each GE expected learning outcome should be assessed using a specific assessment method for each expected learning outcome.
- The Panel selected the GE categories, courses, and departments to request GE assessment reports from during the 2015-2016 academic year.
  - Categories for Course Set S3:
    - Social Science: Individuals and Groups, Organizations and Politics, and Human, Natural, and Economic Resources.
    - Natural Science: Biological Science & Physical Science
  - Departmental reports:
    - Mathematics
    - Statistics

### **Freshman Seminars**

A separate report on Freshman Seminars will be submitted by the Freshman Seminars program.

## **B. Programs**

### **Undergraduate Curricular Requests Approved by ASCC:**

#### **Major Revisions**

##### **Bachelor of Art Education**

The Department of Arts Administration, Education & Policy is adding a third track to its Bachelor of Art Education. To the existing BAE with Licensure and the Licensure-Only post-degree tracks, the department is adding an Informal track. This option has actually always been available for students who once in the program realize they are not interested in public school teaching. However, the option was never formalized in DARS. The new track enables the Department to formalize the few course substitutions (site-specific internship and coursework applicable to community-based art education or museum education instead of teaching).

##### **Biology Major to be offered on Marion campus**

Both the B.S. and B.A., Pre-Health Professions Specialization, will be available on the Marion campus starting AU15.

##### **BSD programs (small changes)**

Revisions were reviewed as informational items but did not need formal vote by the ASC Curriculum Committee.

##### **Data Analytics BS**

A fourth specialization is added to the recently created Data Analytics BS: Social Science Analytics. (The other three specializations are Business, Computer Science and Engineering, and Biomedical Engineering.) The Social Science Analytics track contains a minimum of 19 hours (in addition to the core course requirements for all DA majors): one course in “overview of research methods,” three courses in “focused research methods” and “visualization and spatial analyses,” an independent research project,

and a capstone course in data analytics. Students are also required to complete the CITI Basic Human Research Course Training.

### **Earth Sciences BS**

At semester conversion, four subprograms were established in the Earth Sciences B.S. Since conversion, Earth Sciences has enjoyed a ~300% increase in the number of B.S. majors. However, 75% of the majors are in the Geological Sciences or Petroleum Geology & Geophysics subprograms, thus creating high student demand for certain core courses. The proposed changes are designed to

- provide alternative core courses in some of the subprograms (to reduce student demand for courses that are oversubscribed);
- reduce the variability in the number of courses with labs in the core of the subprograms;
- re-establish a requirement for a Senior Thesis for all students;
- add research and internship courses as electives to subprograms that previously did not have these options;
- increase the available courses in the core of the Geophysics subprogram, and reorganize those courses into more discipline-coherent groups;
- include core courses from the other 3 subprograms in the electives of the individual subprograms to enhance time-to-completion for students who change subprograms.

### **Music BA**

The BA is revised to create concentrations in Performance, Musicology, Theory, Composition, and Jazz Studies. There is also a no-concentration option for those students who prefer more flexibility.

### **Public Affairs BA**

Three specializations are added to the B.A. program: Education Policy, Policy Analysis and Evaluation, and Public Management. (The existing tracks are Nonprofit Management, Urban Policy and Management, and Community Organization and Civic Engagement.) The changes are motivated by student demand and will be supported by recent strong faculty hires in the designated fields. Each track consists of a minimum of 15 credit hours: a core of six credit hours and a minimum of nine credit hours of electives.

### **New Minors**

- Human Rights Minor
- Medical Humanities Minor
- Peace Studies Minor

### **Minor Revisions**

- Andean and Amazonian Studies Minor
- Design Minor (Track B)
- Italian Minor
- Latina/o Minor
- Physics Minor
- Professional Writing Minor

**Graduate Curricular Requests Approved by ASC Graduate Curriculum Committee:****New Graduate Programs****Demography G.I.S.**

The G.I.S. in Demography aims to provide graduate students with substantive and methodological demographic training that will allow them to critically engage with issues related to population. This G.I.S. includes at least 10 credit hours: a required one-credit core proseminar course, a required three-credit course in demographic techniques, and at least 10 hours of electives from across the university which contain significant demographic content and/or provide technical training necessary to advance research on demography. An initial enrollment of about 10 students per year is expected with the expectation that the program will grow.

**Film Studies M.A.**

The new graduate program in cinema studies intends to be multicultural, international, and fully interdisciplinary. It draws on the strengths of the Wexner Center for the Arts, the Journal of Short Film, and the world-class film scholars who teach in various departments of the College of Arts and Sciences. The structure of the M.A. includes a 12-hour foundation, a minimum of 18 hours of electives, completion of a thesis, as well as proficiency in one foreign language. The new M.A. prepares students for another advanced degree or careers in film distribution, film programming, archival work, or arts management. The program expects to enroll 5 students every year.

**Humanities, Culture, and Medicine M.A.**

The new master's housed in the Department of English is proposed in cooperation with faculty from the Departments of Classics, Comparative Studies, French and Italian, and History. This deeply interdisciplinary minor considers medicine and medical practice through the lens of the humanities and social sciences. The M.A. requires 30 credit hours: one required English core course, 9 credit hours in English, 9 credit hours outside of English, 6 electives in any participating department, and 3 credit hours of capstone/thesis project. The M.A. is excellent preparation for medical school and more specialized study in Ph.D. programs. The estimated enrollment is of 10 to 12 students per year.

**Graduate Program Revisions****Earth Sciences PhD (small changes)**

Revisions were reviewed as informational items but did not need formal vote by the ASC Graduate Curriculum Committee.

**Latina/o G.I.S.**

The revisions are:

- Change name of G.I.S. from "Latino Studies" to "Latina/o Studies."
- Correct discrepancy that emerged at conversion and make the core course in Introduction to Latina/o Studies a 4-credit course as it should have been all along (it was a 3-credit course).
- Eliminate the 3 tracks in the G.I.S.
- Remove all 4000-level courses from the G.I.S.
- Add several new graduate courses.
- Add the option of taking Directed Reading or Independent Study in any department.

- Allow for new courses that may be created to be added provisionally by the Faculty Coordinator until next formal revision of the G.I.S.

### **C. Courses**

From July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, **428** undergraduate and graduate course requests were processed through the College of Arts and Sciences. Details for course requests with the greatest curricular import are given below (pp. 6-13). No details are provided for more routine requests (e.g., addition of a campus of offering, creation of cross-listing, change to prerequisites, corrections of typos).

#### **General Education Courses**

##### **New General Education Courses: 43**

<b>Course Bulletin</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>GE categories</b>		
ANIMSCI	3140E	NAT SCI-BIO		
ANTHROP	1100	SOC SCI-ORG/POL	CULT/IDEA	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES
ANTHROP	3340	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES		
COMM	2704	SOC DIV-US		
EALL	2284	CULT/IDEA		
EARTHSC	1911	HIST STUDY	NAT SCI-BIO	NAT SCI-PHYS
ENTMLGY	2400H	NAT SCI-BIO		
FILMSTD	2270.02	VPA		
GERMAN	2250	LIT	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	
GERMAN	2254	LIT		
GERMAN	2451	VPA		
HEBREW	2367.01	WRIT-COM 2	VPA	
HISTART	2003H	VPA	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	
HISTART	3010H	VPA		
HISTORY	2001H	HIST STUDY	SOC DIV-US	
HISTORY	2002H	HIST STUDY	SOC DIV-US	
HISTORY	2204H	HIST STUDY	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	

HISTORY	2720	HIST STUDY		
HISTORY	2797.02	HIST STUDY		
HISTORY	3214	HIST STUDY	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	
HISTORY	3680	HIST STUDY	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	
HISTORY	3798.03	HIST STUDY	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	EDUCATION ABROAD
HISTORY	3798.04	HIST STUDY	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	EDUCATION ABROAD
ITALIAN	1101.02	FOREIGN LANGUAGE		
ITALIAN	1102.02	FOREIGN LANGUAGE		
ITALIAN	1103.02	FOREIGN LANGUAGE		
JEWSHST	4798.02	EDUCATION ABROAD		
LING	2052H	QUAN-MATH/LA		
LING	2797.01	EDUCATION ABROAD		
MDRNGRK	2240	CULT/IDEA		
NELC	2798.01	EDUCATION ABROAD		
NELC	3625	CULT/IDEA	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	
PHILOS	1338	CULT/IDEA		
PHILOS	2465	LIT		
POLITSC	4123	HIST STUDY	SOC SCI-ORG/POL	
PSYCH	1200	SOC SCI-IND/GRP	SOC DIV-US	
RELSTDS	3680	HIST STUDY	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	
RUSSIAN	2345	CULT/IDEA	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	
RUSSIAN	3530	CULT/IDEA		
SLAVIC	4800	SOC SCI-IND/GRP		
SOCIOL	4000E	SERVICE LEARNING		
SOCIOL	4000S	SERVICE LEARNING		
SPANISH	2504	SOC DIV-US		

**GE Courses Withdrawn: 2**

Course Bulletin	Course Number	GE Categories
ARTEDUC	3367	SOC DIV-US
BIOLOGY	1103	NAT SCI-BIO

**Changes to GE Courses that affect GE category/ies, course bulletin listing, course number, or otherwise significantly impact the status of the course<sup>1</sup>: 46**

Course Bulletin	Course Number	GE Categories			Change
ANIMSCI	2200.01	NAT SCI-BIO			Add option for distance education
ANTHROP	3304	NAT SCI-BIO			Add GE status to previously non-GE course
ANTHROP	3597.01	CROSS-DISC SEM	SOC SCI-IND/GRP	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	Change course number (from 4597.01), add SOC SCI-IND/GRP and DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES, and change title
ANTHROP	3597.02	CROSS-DISC SEM	SOC SCI-IND/GRP	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	Change course number (from 4597.02), add SOC SCI-IND/GRP and DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES
ANTHROP	5602	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES			Add GE status to previously non-GE course
ASTRON	1101	NAT SCI-PHYS			BA-only course becomes BA/BS course
BSGP	2000	CULT/IDEA			Add GE status to previously non-GE course
BSGP	2010	CULT/IDEA			Add GE status to previously non-GE course
CLASSICS	2500H	LIT			Change course listing (from Modern Greek)
ENGLISH	3271	CULT/IDEA			Change course number (from 2271) and change title
ENGLISH	3271	CULT/IDEA			Add option for distance education
ENGR	5797.13	HIST STUDY	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES		Add GE status to previously non-GE course
ENR	2100	NAT SCI-BIO			Add option for distance education
ENTMLGY	2400H	NAT SCI-BIO			Change prerequisite
ESCE	2189S	SERVICE LEARNING			Add GE status to previously non-GE course

<sup>1</sup> Routine changes to courses (e.g., addition of campus of offering, correction of typos) are not included in this count.



ESCFE	3206	SOC DIV-US			Add GE status to previously non-GE course
FILMSTD	2270.01	VPA			Change course number (from 2270)
GEOG	2960H	NAT SCI-PHYS			Add GE status. GEOG 2960 acquired GE status in AU2012. Dept inadvertently did not request GE status for H version at the time.
HDFS	2350	SOC SCI-IND/GRP			Add option for distance education
HISTART	2003	VPA	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	HIST STUDY	Add HIST STUDY and changed title
HISTART	2003H	VPA	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES	HIST STUDY	Add HIST STUDY
HISTORY	2201	HIST STUDY			Add option for distance education
HISTORY	2270	HIST STUDY			Change course number (from 3278)
HISTORY	2353	HIST STUDY			Change course number (from 3358)
HISTORY	3252	HIST STUDY	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES		Change course number (from 2252)
HISTORY	3254	HIST STUDY	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES		Add DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES
HISTORY	3357	HIST STUDY			Change course number (from 3350)
HISTORY	5900	DATA ANLS			Add GE status to previously non-GE course
ITALIAN	1101.01	FOREIGN LANGUAGE			Change course number (from 1101)
ITALIAN	1102.01	FOREIGN LANGUAGE			Change course number (from 1102)
ITALIAN	1103.01	FOREIGN LANGUAGE			Change course number (from 1103)
POLITSC	3596	CROSS-DISC SEM	SOC SCI-IND/GRP		Change course number (from 3200)
POLITSC	3596H	CROSS-DISC SEM	SOC SCI-IND/GRP		Change course number (from 3200H)
POLITSC	3780	DATA ANLS			Add GE status to previously non-GE course
RELSTDS	2102.01	LIT	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES		Change course listing (from Comparative Studies)
RELSTDS	2102.01H	LIT	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES		Change course listing (from Comparative Studies)
RELSTDS	2102.02	LIT	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES		Change course listing (from Comparative Studies)
RELSTDS	2210	CULT/IDEA	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES		Change course listing (from Comparative Studies)

RELSTDS	2210H	CULT/IDEA	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES		Change course listing (from Comparative Studies)
RELSTDS	2370	CULT/IDEA	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES		Change course listing (from Comparative Studies)
RELSTDS	2370H	CULT/IDEA	DIV-GLOBAL STUDIES		Change course listing (from Comparative Studies)
RELSTDS	2670	CULT/IDEA			Change course listing (from Comparative Studies)
RELSTDS	3677	CULT/IDEA			Change course listing (from Comparative Studies)
SPANISH	2367S	WRIT-COM 2	SOC DIV-US		Change course number (from 2367). Change corresponds with addition of non-GE Service Learning status.
STAT	1350	DATA ANLS			Add option for distance education
TURKISH	1102	FOREIGN LANGUAGE			Change course number (from 1102.01)

### Non-General Education Courses

#### **New Undergraduate Non-General Education Courses (approved by ASCC) and Graduate Courses (approved by ASC Graduate Curriculum Committee) <sup>2</sup>: 72**

<b>Course Bulletin</b>	<b>Catalog Number</b>
ACCAD	4101
ANTHROP	3604
ANTHROP	7800
ART	"Filmmaking in Berlin" (Study Abroad)—offered under 5797
ART	"May Term in Siena. Pathways: The Influence of Ancient Art on Contemporary Art" (Study Abroad)—offered under 5797
ART	5881
ARTEDUC	5367
ARTEDUC	5797.02
BIOLOGY	1141
CHINESE	4301

<sup>2</sup> New course requests that do not need to be approved by faculty committee (e.g., creation of 4998 or 4999) are not included in this count.

CHINESE	4302
CHINESE	5670
CLASSICS	2798.02
CLASSICS	5881
EARTHSC	4798
ECON	5860
EEOB	8896.20
ENGLISH	3273
ENGLISH	4410
ENGLISH	4555
ENGLISH	"Literature and Culture of London" (Study Abroad)— offered under 4575
ENGLISH	6410
ENGLISH	6764
FILMSTD	4650
FILMSTD	5600
GEOG	5212
HEBREW	5100
HISTART	5060
HISTORY	3273
HISTORY	3704
HISTORY	7711
INTSTDS	4451
INTSTDS	4804
INTSTDS	4805
LING	5410
LING	7890.12
MATH	5421
MICRBIO	3704
MOLGEN	4502
MOLGEN	5300
MUSIC	2208.22
MUSIC	2208.80
MUSIC	7208.80
NELC	5101
NELC	5121
NELC	5125
NELC	5126
PHILOS	3310
PHILOS	3830
PHILOS	5610

PHILOS	8800
POLISH	3102
POLITSC	4305
POLITSC	4553H
POLITSC	7888
PSYCH	6650
PSYCH	6808
PUBAFRS	3110
PUBAFRS	3500
PUBAFRS	4000
PUBAFRS	4060
PUBAFRS	4510
RUSSIAN	5225
SOCIOL	4506
SPANISH	2208.22
SPANISH	2798.80
SPANISH	4570
SPANISH	5389
STAT	7605
STAT	8450
THEATRE	5835
WGSST	8896.20

**Changes to Existing Non-General Education Courses (approved by ASCC or ASC Graduate Curriculum Committee)<sup>3</sup>: 10**

Course Bulletin	Course Number	Type of changes
CHINESE	5670	Change course number (from 7670)
COMPSTD	6425	Increase number of credit hours
ENGLISH	4570	Change prerequisite
LING	5891	Reduce number of credit hours
PHILOS	5891	Reduce number of credit hours
PSYCH	3191	Add option for distance learning
PSYCH	5891	Reduce number of credit hours
SPHHRNG	3360	Add option for distance learning
SPHHRNG	5891	Reduce number of credit hours
SPANISH	6705	Increase number of credit hours

<sup>3</sup> Routine changes to courses (e.g., addition of campus of offering, correction of typos) that do not need to be approved by faculty committee are not included in this count.

**One-Time Offerings: 33**

<b>Course Bulletin</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Group Studies</b>	<b>Flex</b>	<b>Off Campus</b>	<b>Study Tour</b>
ACCAD	5194.01	2			
ANTHROP	2194	1			
ART	4503			1	
ARTSSCI	2194	1			
BIOLOGY	2194	1			
DANCE	5194	1			
EARTHSC	5194	2			
ECON	5194	2			
ECON	8194	3			
EEOB	3194	2			
EEOB	5194	1			
ENGLISH	5194	2			
FILMSTD	4194	1			
FILMSTD	5194	1			
FRENCH	2194	2			
HEBREW	5194	1			
ITALIAN	2194	1			
MOLGEN	5194	2			
MUSIC	5194	2			
POLITSC	6194.04	1			
POLITSC	8194.03	1			
RUSSIAN	5194	1			
SLAVIC	5194	1			