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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interim Provost Matthew Liao-Troth

FROM: Walter Isaac, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: Actions of the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting of February 8, 2013

Approved
Walter Isaac
2-26-13

The College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum & Instruction Committee met on Friday, February 8, 2013. The committee considered and approved proposals from the Departments of Biological and Environmental Sciences; Music; and the Philosophy and Liberal Studies program. Unless otherwise noted, changes are effective spring 2014. Prior to the committee meeting, the proposals were posted for review and approval by the CoAS faculty and dean.

- The Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences proposed the deletion of 4110L and three new courses, BIOL3050, 3051, and 3750 (pages 2-17).
- The Department of Music proposed a course description change for MUSC1200 (page 18).
- The Philosophy and Liberal Studies program proposed the inclusion of RELI1111 in Area C1 of the core. The program chair also presented as an informational item the revised information on a religion concentration within the existing BA in Philosophy (pages 19-21).

I submit these proposals now for your consideration and approval. The original proposals and the master course file change form are attached.

Thank you for considering our recommendations. Please call if you have any questions.

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Memo

To: Funke Fontenot, Chair, COAS C&I Committee

From: James Winchester

CC: Sunita Manian

Date: 2/15/2013

Re: B.A in Philosophy with a Religion Concentration

The Philosophy program currently offers several courses that deal with either religion or the intersection of philosophy and religion: Philosophy of Religion; Confucianism and Daoism; and Myth Magic and Psychoanalysis as well as courses in Buddhism and Hinduism. The Department of Government and Sociology offers an upper level course in Sociology of Religion. The History Department offers a course in the History of American Religion. There are also many students interested in Philosophy and Religion.

We propose to offer a concentration in religion. Students wishing to get this degree would take 4 upper division courses in Philosophy and 4 upper division courses in Religion. Students would continue taking Survey of Philosophy and Logic and Critical Thinking as part of their Area F requirements.

Although there is clearly a difference between the study of religious practice and the study of philosophical theories, Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism and Hinduism in particular straddle the border between religion and philosophy. Allowing our students to complete their degree along this track will increase the diversity of our curriculum. In particular, it will enable our students to obtain an increased understanding of the non-Western world. Finally, there is a great deal of student interest in the study of religion and this track will offer students a chance to pursue that interest in a more sustained way than is presently possible.

Given that these courses are already part of the course rotation, there will clearly be enough courses offered so that students can fulfill the requirements for the concentration within two years.

B.A. in Philosophy: Religion concentration

Students may complete a concentration in Religion as part of their Philosophy major by completing four of the following courses. These courses may be used toward the 12 hours of electives in the major.

RELI 3950 History of Buddhism in Asia

PHIL 4950 Philosophy of Religion

RELI 3950 South Asian Buddhism

RELI 3940 Hindu Religious Tradition

PHIL 4950 Confucianism and Daoism

RELI 3310 The Hebrew Bible

RELI 3950 Introduction to Hinduism

HIST 4405 Religion in American History

SOCI 4950 Sociology of Religion