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November 14, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Provost Kelli Brown
Associate Provost Tom Ormond

FROM: Mark Huddle, Vice Chair, CoAS Curriculum & Instruction Committee
Sunita Manian, Interim Chair, CoAS Curriculum & Instruction Committee

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

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The College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum & Instruction Committee met on Friday, November 8, 2013. The committee considered and approved proposals from the Departments of Biological and Environmental Sciences; Chemistry, Physics, and Astronomy; English and Rhetoric; Government and Sociology; and History and Geography; and the PaLS program. 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 making BIOL4890 and GEOL4150 equivalent to ENSC; and six new courses: GEOL/ENSC3200, BIOL4155, GEOL/ENSC4460, BIOL/ENSC4785, BIOL/ENSC4795, and GEOL4951 (pages 2-33).
- The Department of Chemistry, Physics, and Astronomy proposed changes to the BS in Physics (pages 34-41).
- The Department of English and Rhetoric proposed four new courses: ENGL4023, ENGL4024, ENGL4025, and ENGL4468; and changes to the BA major in English with Concentration in Creative Writing (pages 42-75).
- The Department of Government and Sociology proposed a new course, SOC12100, an addition to Area F for the BA in Sociology (pages 76-81).
- The Department of History and Geography proposed the addition of BIOL2800 and MFLG courses to Area F for the BA in Geography; and a new course, GEOG4310 (pages 82-90).
- The PaLS program proposed a Pre-law Concentration in the existing BA in Philosophy; and four new courses: PHIL3000, PHIL4675, PHIL4680, and IDST3000 (pages 91-108).

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: COAS C&I Committee
From: Sunita Manian
Date: October 29, 13
Re: B.A. in Philosophy with Pre-Law Concentration

The Philosophy program currently offers several courses that are typically recommended for students interested in Law School: Survey of Philosophy; Logic and Critical Thinking; Ethical Theory; Social and Political Philosophy; Environmental Ethics; Philosophy of Law.

Studies also show that Philosophy majors rank first among all majors in law school acceptance rate: 82.4%. Philosophy majors rank first among all majors in LSAT score (see for example <http://webs.purduecal.edu/philosophy/graduate-school-preparation/>). One of our recent graduates is currently pursuing a law degree at the University of Chicago.

Giving our students the opportunity to pursue a Philosophy major with a pre-Law concentration would be attractive to potential philosophy majors and prepare our majors more adequately to pursue a post-graduate degree in Law. We therefore propose to offer a Pre-Law concentration within the Philosophy major.

Students will continue to take Survey of Philosophy and Logic and Critical Thinking in Area F. To complete the Pre-Law concentration, of the 8 upper division courses that students are currently required to take for the major, students will be required to take the following Philosophy courses:

PHIL 4675 Philosophy of Law
PHIL 4340 Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 4410 Ethical Theory
PHIL 4680 Environmental Ethics

B.A. in Philosophy: Pre-Law concentration

AREA F: 18 hours

PHIL 2010	Survey of Philosophy	3
PHIL 2250	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
	Foreign Language	0-9
	Any 1000-2000 level courses in ARTS, ECON, HIST, IDST, MUSC, POLS, PSYC, RELI, RHET, SOCI, or THEA	3-12

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (24 semester hours)

Required courses:

PHIL 4675	Philosophy of Law	3	3
PHIL 4340	Social and Political Philosophy	3	
PHIL 4410	Ethical Theory	3	
PHIL 4680	Environmental Ethics	3	

Take any 4 additional upper (3000-4000) level courses with a PHIL prefix with the approval of the advisor.