

**MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM AND POLICY COMMITTEE  
OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS,  
MEETING NO. 360, 24 MARCH 2005  
VENTRESS HALL**

**Present:** Dr. Glenn Hopkins (Dean), Professor Jan Murray (Associate Dean), Dr. Ronald Vernon (Associate Dean), Dr. Holly Reynolds (Assistant Dean), Dr. Charles Ross (African American Studies), Dr. Murray Nabors (Biology), Dr. Charles Hussey (Chemistry), Dr. Mark van Boening (Economics), Dr. Joseph Urgo (English), Dr. Mary Carruth (Gender Studies), Dr. Bob Haws (History), Dr. Michael Metcalf (International Studies), Dr. Samir Husni (Journalism), Dr. Tristan Denley (Mathematics), Lt. Col. Joseph Blackburn (Military Science), Dr. Scotty Hargrove (Modern Languages), Dr. Steve Brown (Music), Lt. Chris Gilmore for Captain Tim Howington (Naval Science), Dr. Michael Harrington (Philosophy and Religion), Dr. Tom Marshall (Physics), Dr. Rich Forgette (Political Science), Dr. Michael Allen (Psychology), Dr. David Swanson (Sociology/Anthropology), Dr. Charles Wilson (Southern Studies), Dr. Scott McCoy (Theatre Arts), and Dr. Lucien Cremaldi (Category I representative). Dr. Dan O'Sullivan was also present.

**Absent:** LTC Kevin Petesch (Aerospace Studies), Dr. Nancy Wicker (Art), Dr. Aileen Ajootian (Classics), Conrad Cunningham (Computer Science), Dr. R. P. Major (Geology), Dr. Fred Laurenzo (Category II representative), and Dr. Tim Nordstrom (Category III representative)

The following course additions, changes, and deletions were approved by the committee.

MODERN LANGUAGES

**ADD: FR 323. LA CHANSON FRANCOPHONE.** A study of French-speaking cultures inside and outside of France as expressed through song. Prerequisite: FR 304. (3)

PSYCHOLOGY

**CHANGE: PSY 319. BRAIN SCIENCE AND BEHAVIOR.** Structures and functions of the nervous system as it relates to a variety of behaviors and mental processes such as sensation, movement, sleep, hunger, learning, mental disorders, language, and consciousness. Prerequisites: PSY 201 OR BISC 102 OR BISC 160. (3).

**TO: PSY 319. BRAIN SCIENCE AND BEHAVIOR.** ~~Structures and functions of the nervous system as it relates to a variety of behaviors and mental processes such as sensation, movement, sleep, hunger, learning, mental disorders, language, and consciousness.~~ Survey of brain mechanisms that underlie sensation and perception, motivation and emotion, learning and memory, and various clinical disorders. Prerequisites: PSY 201 OR BISC 102 OR BISC 160. (3).

## II. OTHER CATALOG CHANGES

### MATHEMATICS

*On page 137 of the 2005-2006 Undergraduate Catalog:*

CHANGE: “University Core Curriculum. All baccalaureate degree programs offered by The University of Mississippi require the satisfactory completion of 6 hours of English composition, 3 hours of college algebra or quantitative reasoning or a more advanced mathematics course, 6 hours of laboratory science, and 15 hours of humanities, social/behavioral sciences, and fine arts (to include at least 3 hours of course work from each area). The mathematics core course may not be taken by correspondence. The curricula for the various degree programs in the college and schools include these core requirements.”

TO: “University Core Curriculum. All baccalaureate degree programs offered by The University of Mississippi require the satisfactory completion of 6 hours of English composition, 3 hours of college algebra or quantitative reasoning or statistics (taken from the Department of Mathematics) or a more advanced mathematics course, 6 hours of laboratory science, and 15 hours of humanities, social/behavioral sciences, and fine arts (to include at least 3 hours of course work from each area). The mathematics core course may not be taken by correspondence. The curricula for the various degree programs in the college and schools include these core requirements.”

(Note: This change must be approved by I.H.L.)

### SOUTHERN STUDIES

CHANGE: A MAJOR IN SOUTHERN STUDIES FOR THE B.A. DEGREE consists of HIS 331, 332; 24 hours from a minimum of four of the following departments: Afro-American Studies, Art, Economics, English, History, Music, Philosophy and Religion, Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology, Southern Studies, and Theatre Arts; and SST 101, 102, 401, and 402 for a total of 42 hours. The following courses may be applied toward the major: Afro-American Studies 201, 202, 306, 310, 325, 326, 329, 337, 420, 504, 593; Anthropology 309, 334, 337, 404; Art History 338, 348, 349,350,398; Economics 329,422; English 306, 312, 368, 422, 466, 568, 569, 593; History 307, 308, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337; Music 317, 318, 321; Political Science 317, 513; Religion 303, 503; Sociology 315, 334, 345, 351, 413; Southern Studies 301, 303, 406; Theatre Arts 521.

~~TO: A MAJOR IN SOUTHERN STUDIES FOR THE B.A. DEGREE consists of HIS 331, 332; 24 hours from a minimum of four of the following departments: Afro-American Studies, Art, Economics, English, History, Music, Philosophy and Religion, Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology, Southern Studies, and Theatre Arts; and SST 101, 102, 401, and 402 for a total of 42 hours. The following courses may be applied toward the major: Afro-American Studies 201, 202, 306, 310, 325, 326, 329, 337, 420, 504, 593; Anthropology 309, 334, 337, 404; Art History 338, 348, 349,350,398; Economics 329,422; English 306, 312, 368, 422, 466, 568, 569, 593; History 307, 308, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337; Music 317, 318, 321; Political Science 317, 513; Religion 303, 503; Sociology 315, 334, 345, 351, 413; Southern Studies 301, 303, 406; Theatre Arts 521.~~

A MAJOR IN SOUTHERN STUDIES FOR THE BA DEGREE consists of SST 101, 102, 401, 402, HIS 331, 332, plus an additional 24 hours taken from the following list of courses. Students must complete courses from a minimum of four of these departments: African American Studies (AAS 201, 202, 307, 310, 325, 326, 329, 337, 420, 504, 593); Art (ARHI 338, 348, 349, 350, 398); Economics (ECON 422); English (ENGL 310, 322, 323, 368, 373, 466, 467, 566); History (HIS 307, 308, 330, 333, 334, 335, 336,

337); Music (MUS 321, 517, 518); Political Science (POL 317, 318); Philosophy and Religion (REL 303, 503); Sociology and Anthropology (SOC - 334, 413, ANTH 309, 334, 337); and Southern Studies (SST 303, 334, 406, 534, 598).

### III. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Dean Hopkins made the following announcements
  - a. Dr. Samir Husni has been appointed the permanent chair of the Journalism Department.
  - b. There is no information on budgets.
  - c. There is the possibility for a summer retreat for department chairs. One possible topic is the implementation of the Distinguished Faculty Fellows program next year.
  - d. Dr. Vernon will be calling together a sub-committee to discuss a possible proposal to reduce the number of days at the beginning of the semester that a student may be absent before being administratively dropped from the class.
  
2. Dean Hopkins led a discussion on intersession courses. He urged the faculty to not be seduced by the money and requested that the departments have a discussion about what kinds of courses are more appropriate for the 2-week period. There was only anecdotal evidence of instructor and student performance, so he requested that the departments who participated in intersession discuss the issues.
  
3. Assistant Dean Reynolds made the following announcements:
  - a. Spring Visit Day will be Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and each department will need to send a representative to meet with prospective students.
  - b. She mentioned her work on collecting systematic data on scholarships in the College and thanked the department chairs for their help in this task. The scholarships will soon be on the College website for all students to easily search for scholarships in their major.
  - c. Transfer student orientation will be April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  
4. One committee member mentioned the subject of student disabilities accommodations for alternative test environments. There is a lack of space in some departments for allowing students to have an alternative test taking environment and the Office of Student Disabilities does not have space available for this purpose. After general discussion of this topic, the committee requested that Ms. Stacy Raycraft attend the April meeting to address this issue.