

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC)
MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 2015 **KEY: C = Comment; R = Response; Q = Question**
Presiding: Richard Singiser (Chair)
Present: Augustine Ayuls, Andrea Allen, Larry Booth, Pearl Change, Ron Fuqua, Anthony Giovannotti, Lou Jourdan, Kathryn Kemp, Jill Lane, Kara Mullen, Judy Ruvalcaba, Dina Swearngin, David Williams
Not Present: Jocelyn Steward, Catherine Matos, Rebecca Gmeiner, David Greenbaum, Byron Jeff
Recorder: Dee Tanner (Secretary)
Guest(s): Lisa Holland-Davis, Reza Kheirundish (Proxy for Georga Nakos), Mara Mooney, Susan Tusing

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
CALL TO ORDER	Rich called meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.	
OLD BUSINESS <i>Mara Mooney: College of Arts & Sciences</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11/13 meeting minutes approved. • Second reading requested at November meeting re: pre-req changes to POLS 3212, 4490, 4500, 4900. • Second reading requested re: POLS Course Title Changes: POLS 3360, 4421, 4425, 4426, 3390, 4500 • Course Description Changes- idea is to make descriptions of courses more in-line with USG system. Proposal to change the descriptions of the following courses: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. POLS 3212 2. POLS 3308 3. POLS 3320 4. POLS 3322 (changing to 3329) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes were approved without changes. • Second reading done. • Discussion re: concerns that the minimum grade for these pre-requisites is a D and not a C. Second reading done and POLS pre-reqs approved. Modifications: POLS 4900 is changed to “Directed Study” from “Independent study” to make this more in-line with all social sci. courses. Motion passes with modification. • Second reading done. • Motion passes unanimously. • Motion passes unanimously. Second reading waived.

5. POLS 3323
6. POLS 3326
7. POLS 3343
8. POLS 3350 (changing to 3325)
9. POLS 3360
10. POLS 3380
11. POLS 3382 (changing to 4310)
12. POLS 3385
13. POLS 3386 (changing to 4300)
14. POLS 3388 (changing to 4320)
15. POLS 3391 (changing to 4475)
16. POLS 4421
17. POLS 4425
18. POLS 4426
19. POLS 4453 (changing to 3328)
20. POLS 4470
21. POLS 4471 (changing to 3390)
22. POLS 4490
23. POLS 4500
24. POLS 4900

Deactivation of POLS Courses. Courses that have not been taught/ or been offered (and have not been offered in many years), but are still listed in the catalog. There has been little student interest in these courses and some are redundant. Proposal to deactivate the following courses:

- POLS 3324
- POLS 3340
- POLS 3370
- POLS 4412
- POLS 4420
- POLS 4422
- POLS 4427
- POLS 4428
- POLS 4429
- POLS 4452
- POLS 4454
- POLS 4455
- POLS 4480

- Motion passes unanimously. Second reading waived.

- POLS 4491
- POLS 4501

Other catalog Changes Proposed:

- Program Entrance Requirement: Proposal is to remove the requirement from the Academic Catalog that students have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to request a change of major to Political Science. None of the other programs have this an entrance requirement.
- Lower division list of electives: Proposal to change to a prefix model instead of a comprehensive list. This will allow students greater flexibility in course schedule planning and reduce the number of course substitutions that are needed.
- Upper division list of electives: Proposal is to add four additional prefixes to the list of upper division electives. ENGL, LGST, HSEM, STAB (Study Abroad).
- Removal of POLS 4701: This course does not exist in Banner and STAB (just approved) is used for study abroad course(s).
- Addition of Free Elective: This provision will allow students a free elective that excludes PHED activity courses, courses offered for institutional credit only, and career program courses.
- Removal of Course Sequence Suggestion: The course sequence suggestion chart in the Course Catalog is confusing to the students and causes stress. The proposal is to remove this chart from the catalog.

- Motion passes unanimously. Second reading waived.
- Motion passes unanimously. Second reading waived.
- C= Recommend to include which STAB and ENGL courses are relevant/appropriate for POLS. R= Some prefer to openness for students to choose the options best for them. Motion is to keep it open for students.
- Motion passes with a majority as written, 2 opposed votes. Second reading waived.
- Motion passes unanimously. Second reading waived.
- Motion passes unanimously. Second reading waived.
- Q= Is it possible to remove this chart?
R= Yes, it is not a BOR requirement to have a sequence suggestion chart for the program.
- Motion passes unanimously. Second reading

*SOCI Changes
Mara Mooney & Lisa
Holland- Davis*

- Revisions to the Minor in POLS: The Proposal is to adding a statement that “A grade of C or higher is required in all courses in the minor.”

- SOCI Prerequisite modifications: With the exception of courses listed in the below chart, every other course in the program with SOCI 1101 as a prerequisite requires a minimum grade of D in SOCI 1101, so this proposal will bring the below courses in line with the rest of the program. As an aside, please note that the SOCI program requires that students attain a grade of C or better in all upper division course credits applied to the major. Modifications to the following courses are proposed:

1. SOCI 3130
2. SOCI 3310
3. SOCI 3320
4. SOCI 3333
5. SOCI 3450
6. SOCI 3510
7. SOCI 3650
8. SOCI 3700
9. SOCI 3713
10. SOCI 4153
11. SOCI 4501
12. SOCI 4901
13. SOSC 4900
14. SOSC 4901 (add: title change to Directed study from directed study)

- Removal of standing restrictions: Proposal is the removal of Jr/Sr standing restriction for these courses to avoid manual overrides. SOCI 3150; 3320; 3333; 3450; 3610; 3650; 4153.

waived.

- The statement will be added. The motion passes unanimously. Second reading waived.

- Motion passes with title change for SOSC 4901 with a majority. 1 opposed vote. Second reading waived.

- Motion passes unanimously. Second reading waived.

- Course description modification to SOCI 4501: Research Methods: This course is the only one with a comprehensive revision proposal for a course modification. The proposal is to make minor course description edits in the banner action system to clean up the catalog.

- Q= Why remove all reference to qualitative research and make the description more generic? A= The description covers both qual and quant components under research design.
- Discussion re: should statistics be taken as a pre-req to this course or is a stats background not needed. The re-reqs listed here will not be a part of the catalog description they are listed here only for clarification purposes.

Item	Synopsis
SOCI 4501 - Research Methods	<p>This course is designed to introduce the assumptions, theories, and practices of qualitative research methods. The course places emphasis on developing specific qualitative research skills, including the application of theories, issues and problems encountered in doing qualitative research. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101</p> <p>The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the practice of social science research. The course will cover various aspects of the research process, including research ethics, causal relationships, measurement, sampling and research design. (and adding CRJU 1150 and POLS 2401 as other pre-req choices)</p>

- Motion passes with a majority. 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Second reading waived.

- Course Description Additions: The following courses are in Banner but are not listed in the course descriptions section of the Academic Catalog, so the proposal is to add the following courses to the descriptions area of the catalog: SOCI 3030, 3220, 3713. Banner description already in use and listed below.

Proposed descriptions:

- SOCI 3030 Sociology of Religion: A sociological examination of the institution of religion, its role in society, and its interaction with other social structures and institutions. In particular, this course will explore the influence of religion on social behavior and the role of religion in shaping how we contemplate the world and our place in it.
- SOCI 3220 Adolescence: The social definitions of adolescence in cross-cultural and historical perspective. Social roles of adolescents in the institutional structures of urban-industrial societies with special emphasis on the family, education, and the economy. The relationship of adolescents' social roles to processes of social change and stability.
- SOCI 3713 Work and Society: The course will address how cultural values and social institutions affect and define work.

- Motion passes unanimously. Second reading waived.

	<p>The value that society assigns to different types of work and the impact of that valuation on the individual and members of various social groups will be considered, in light of shifting economies, business models and technology. Modern values will be compared to more traditional viewpoints, including the examination of the role of technology, money and individual choices. As a cross-listed course, Work & Society may not be taken more than once using a different letter prefix, given that only one completion will be counted toward degree requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Deactivation of Courses:</u> In an effort to avoid duplication of content across the curriculum, the proposal is to deactivate the following courses: SOC 3210; 3430; 3610; 4210 and SOSC 2501; 3010; 4501 • <u>Prefix Changes:</u> The proposal is to change the CRJU 4420 Law and Society course to a SOC prefix. No substantive changes to the course are being proposed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion passes unanimously. Second reading waived. • Motion passes unanimously. Second reading waived.
<p><i>New Business</i></p> <p><i>Susan Copeland and Barbara Goodman</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4+1 Degree English and MALS- has been approved by the graduate curriculum committee. This will allow students to complete their B.A. and MALS degree in five years. Emory and UGA have similar programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote to acknowledge this 4+1 program.
<p><i>Upcoming Meeting Reminder</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting: Monday January 15th at noon 	<p>Regularly Scheduled Meeting.</p>
<p>ADJOURN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m. 	<p>Last meeting of 2015.</p>