

Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee
2013-2014 Annual Report

Members: Professors Miecznikowski (Chair), Fernandez, Garvey, Jones (Fall), McNamara-McClure (Spring) Nantz, Pagano (Fall), Peduti, Rosavich, Sauer, Staecker, and Dean Crabtree. The committee was also assisted by Associate Dean Im, who often sat in for Dean Crabtree.

The Committee met seven times. The minutes for these minutes are all available at [http://faculty.fairfield.edu/cas/ASCC/index CC.htm](http://faculty.fairfield.edu/cas/ASCC/index_CC.htm)

Work accomplished this year:

1. The Committee reviewed and approved 32 new undergraduate courses:

PY 321
BI 318L
ENW 207
ENW 307
EN 399
CO 332
CO 333
CO 324
PH 230
CL 300
EN 231
EN 235
EN 134
HI 248
AS 200
AS 350
AH 12
AH 13
AH 100
PS 387
CI 253
TA 150
TA 253
TA 256
TA 288
TA 215/MU 215
BI 330
BI 73
AS 400

RS 248
EN 2xx
IT 257

And one graduate course:
MA 495.

2. The Chair approved the following Special Topics Courses:

EN 210, Special Topics: Roots of English Poetry
MA 395 and MA 495, Special Topics in Mathematics
PY 281, Special Topics in Psychology
PS 390, Condensed Matter Physics
TA 300A, Theatre Administration and Management
EN 100, Modern Catholic Authors
RS 299, Catholic Intellectual Tradition
3. The Committee reviewed and endorsed the MFA five-year review.
4. The Committee reviewed and approved the changes to the American Studies Curriculum.
5. The Committee reviewed and approved the changes to the Physics program requirements. Specifically, the Physics C Advanced Placement exam will be allowed as a prerequisite for Modern Physics.
6. The Committee reviewed and approved the proposed major in Environmental Studies.
7. The Committee reviewed and endorsed the five-year review for the M.A. in Communication.
8. The A & SCC approved language on department review of interdisciplinary New Course Proposals. When an interdisciplinary course draws heavily upon the materials of a particular discipline, the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee recommends that the New Course Proposal form be reviewed at a regularly scheduled meeting of the relevant department before it is reviewed by the interdisciplinary committee. The purpose of this review is to draw upon expertise of the department to evaluate and improve the proposal.
9. There is an additional new course proposal form that must be submitted with a new course proposal. The Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee decided to add a check-box on the new course proposal form. This box must

be checked if there will be no IDEA evaluation, and one must offer a rationale as to why the IDEA form will not be used.

10. As part of the paperless course submission process, ITS purchased a product called "Axiom". They will develop a prototype for the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee by the end of June.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, 2013-2014