

UNIVERSITY COURSE AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
PROGRAM CHANGE TABLES

April 24, 2015

Undergraduate Program Changes:

TABLE ONE

J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Arts and Sciences Dean

AIST-M - Asian Studies Minor

Very minor change to last statement in list of program electives to state that other courses with Asia-specific content may be allowed with approval of the chair of Asian Studies. Has no immediate impact on degree audits since the statement previously stated chair consent was required. Given the increasingly large number of special topics courses with Asia-specific content that are now being offered, this change should give students a better idea of the kinds of courses that may be taken for credit toward the minor without providing specific examples.

AMSTBA - American Studies, Bachelor of Arts

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GEOG 4063 was converted to GEOS 4073 earlier this year and it needs to be corrected in the AMSTBA requirements.

ARSC Honors - ARSC College Honors Requirements

1.) Removal of the phrase "departmental honors" in several places—The phrase "departmental honors" is being removed in several places due to confusion of the wording. In order to graduate with honors from either the college honors or departmental honors tracks, certain minimum requirements must be met. The requirements have not been changed here. This is only an adjustment to wording to make it clear that those minimum requirements apply to all honors students.

2.) Removal of ENGL 2003 from the list of requirements for the Fulbright College Honors Program--This course is no longer a University course requirement. It should have been removed from the honors requirements when it was eliminated as a requirement for all UofA students.

3. Adding STAT 2303 as an option to be used to fulfill the one math above college algebra requirement for the BA, BFA and BM honors core--Many departments see the added value of their majors taking a statistics course. The matter was presented to Honors Council, and it was unanimously approved by the council as a justified addition to the college honors core.

IDSTBA - Interdisciplinary Studies, Bachelor of Arts

This proposal was reviewed, discussed and modified by the IDSTBA committee and has gone through several revisions. We are increasing the standards for Option 1 where students select three minors. Students who select this option would complete a minimum of 45 and a maximum of 57 credit hours. With the approval of other colleges, we also wish to allow IDSTBA students the opportunity to select one of the minors outside of Fulbright College. This is important if we are to have a truly interdisciplinary program. We also wish to modify the entrance requirements of the program so that they are more similar to existing majors in Fulbright College.

There are many individuals who want the IDSTBA program to succeed. The general perception is that some of the existing components could be more “student friendly” without sacrificing any program rigor. In general, all of the proposed changes are meant to bring the IDSTBA more in line with other existing degree programs (both traditional departments such as Biological Sciences and Philosophy as well as the many programs in the college such as American Studies and International Relations) in terms of allowing students to select the major as a first semester student, GPA requirements, making the two degree Options more distinct, identifying “templates” that students could use to build Option One, permitting students to take courses or a minor outside of Fulbright College, and the elimination of the IDST introductory course. Even with these changes, we will still offer two rigorous program options that will be supported and monitored by a director, professional advisor(s) and a steering/oversight committee. Students who apply for the IDSTBA program would still be required to develop a “Plan of Study” in consultation with the Program Director, submit a narrative detailing how the IDSTBA is an appropriate choice and meets his or her needs. Importantly, the proposed changes also allow the student have the freedom to select courses and minors just like students in other existing majors in Fulbright College.

Department of Anthropology

ANTHBA - Anthropology, Bachelor of Arts

ANTH 1033 Introduction Archeology (previously proposed as a new required course for the Anthropology, BA) has an archeological lab component built into it. The course ANTH 3023 Approaches to Archeology is a more advanced successor course to 1033 and will not have a lab associated with it, because that material is covered in 1033. A course change proposal has been submitted to delete the ANTH 3021L course. This necessitates a revision to the Archeology Focused Study Area to remove this ANTH 3021L as a required course.

Department of Art

ARHS-M - Art History Minor

Striking "exclusive of seminars" from the requirements so that seminar classes may be included in the remaining ARHS courses required.

Justification: We now offer seminar classes every semester and can accommodate minors interested in taking seminars; previously, we did not have sufficient space for them.

ART Writing Req - Art Writing Requirement

Adding ARHS 3923H Honors Colloquium to the list of classes eligible to satisfy the Art (BA or BFA) major writing requirement.

We previously did not offer ARHS 3923H for many years, but now offer it every year. It includes significant writing, and so should be included as a choice for the writing requirement.

ARTBA-ARAS - Art/Art Studio Concentration, Bachelor of Arts

Adding ARHS 4733 St. Peter's and the Vatican to Group 1 list of courses.

ARHS 4733 St. Peter's and the Vatican is a newly created pre-18th century course (Group 1), and needs to be added to the list of courses eligible to satisfy the Group 1 requirement.

ARTBA-ARHS - Art/Art History Concentration, Bachelor of Arts

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Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

CHEMBS-BIOS - Chemistry/Biochemistry Concentration

The CHEM 4313 Bioanalytical Chemistry course option was added without formal approval of the faculty and when it was proposed, it failed.

CHEM 5813/5843 is a graduate course and is the same course as CHEM 4813H/4843H. It is redundant and problematic to offer the graduate course to undergraduate students in lieu of the designated undergraduate course.

Department of English

ENGL Dept Honors - English Departmental Honors

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Department of History

HIST Dept Honors - History Departmental Honors

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HISTBA - History, Bachelor of Arts

The changes requested simply add our newly developed courses to their geographical grouping.

1. Added JWST 2003 and to list of introductory courses.
2. Added the following course to Group 1: HIST 4113.
3. Added Caribbean to list under group 2 and added the following courses:

HIST 3183, HIST 4533, and HIST 4963.

4. Added the following courses to Group 3: HIST 3603, HIST 3613, and HIST 4473.

5. Added Jewish Studies to the list of minors or combined majors.

Department of Journalism

JOUR-M - Journalism Minor

The minor serves students who need to learn a number of different journalistic writing styles in a variety of traditional, online and social media. JOUR 2003 Writing for Today's Media was designed to provide instruction in all the different types of writing needed. That is why we propose to replace JOUR 2013 News Reporting 1 (which focuses on print news reporting) with JOUR 2003 Writing for Today's Media (which teaches journalistic writing in traditional, online and social media). JOUR 2003 is currently in the course approval chain.

JOUR 2053 Multimedia Journalism (currently in the course approval chain) will provide another option to satisfy a requirement for the minor, so that students will have a choice between JOUR 2053 Multimedia Journalism and JOUR 2063 Media Technology.

JOURBA-BCST - Journalism Broadcast Concentration

JOUR 4893 is a newly proposed course, Television News Producing, that will be required for students majoring in the BCST sequence. It will be taken in conjunction with Television News Reporting II. The total number of hours required for the BCST concentration remains unchanged.

The newly proposed JOUR 4893 producing course rounds out the broadcast curriculum so students learn about every facet of broadcast news. The course blends all the skills students learn in the broadcast reporting classes with skills on how to produce or develop a newscast. It gives students a real world experience in combining all broadcast skills learned throughout the broadcast curriculum in a classroom/lab setting.

JOURBA-NEWS - Journalism News-Editorial Concentration

JOUR 4503 Magazine Writing is being added as a third option for a capstone class (in addition to the existing JOUR 3023 News Reporting II or JOUR 4553 Magazine Editing and Production I) for News/Editorial students. In other words, News/Editorial students will be able to select from JOUR 3023, JOUR 4553 or JOUR 4503 to complete the three credits for the required capstone class in the News/Editorial Sequence. Magazine Writing is often the only opportunity for undergraduate students to engage

in depth reporting, in which they spend weeks on a story researching, gathering scenes, and collecting sources. Then they are faced with the monumental task of making sense of the information, and presenting it to the reader with coherence, prioritized facts, developed characters and gripping narrative. Many students will be required to do depth reporting both in print and online after graduation. In addition, these are often the pieces the News/Editorial students submit for regional and national awards, aiding them in developing their portfolios. Many of our students have placed in such competitions. Furthermore, adding another option to the capstone classes that provides conceptual and skills knowledge will ease demand on the two current capstone courses and help students graduate on time.

Department of Philosophy

Philosophy Departmental Honors

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Department of Political Science

PLSC Dept Honors - Political Science Departmental Honors

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Department of Psychological Science

PSYC Dept Honors - Psychology Departmental Honors

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Department of Social Work

SCWK General Reqs - Social Work General Requirements

The two courses to be added to the BSW professional core are specific to the BSW program and are already stated as requirements for the major. To better use the teaching resources in the School of Social Work, these courses should only be taken by students who have been admitted to the professional core and who will graduate with a BSW. The two courses are SCWK 4073 and SCWK 4103.

Department of Theatre

THTR Dept Honors - Theatre Departmental Honors

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Graduate Program Changes:

TABLE TWO

Graduate School

Department of Graduate Dean

CEMBPH - Cell and Molecular Biology, Doctor of Philosophy

We are requesting to add a program-specific requirement for competency in spoken English. "Candidates for the Ph.D. who do not meet the requirement for proficiency in spoken English at the time of admission must demonstrate proficiency in spoken English through a University-accepted examination prior to their candidacy exam." The purpose of this program-specific requirement is to ensure that students are fully prepared to participate in the intellectual life of the program, and also to make them eligible (if they also have the written competency) to hold a teaching assistantship.

Department of Social Work

SCWKMS - Social Work, Master of Social Work

We request to add an online option for the Advanced Standing Program in the University of Arkansas J. William Fulbright School of Social Work. We base this request on the need for more flexible and affordable options for students who have a bachelor of social work (BSW) and who want to pursue a masters of social work (MSW). Social workers with masters degrees are more skilled and earn significantly more money than do students with a BSW only. There are currently only three traditional MSW programs in Arkansas and no online advanced standing options in the state. With 500+ licensed BSW social workers in the state, the need is present for viable and affordable graduate school options that reach all corners of the state.

Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures

SPANMA - Spanish, Master of Arts

We are making a very tiny change, just in the recently added Pedagogy Track within our SPANMA: We are just changing the distribution of additional credit hours from 24/9, to 24-27 and 6-9. This will allow faculty and students just a bit more flexibility in fulfilling requirements, for those instances, for example, in which a particular course might not be available, say, because of an OCDA assignment one semester.