

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY PURDUE UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS**  
**School of Liberal Arts**  
**Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards Committee Report (2012-2013)**

TO: Enrica Ardemagni, President  
SLA Faculty Assembly

FROM: Elizabeth Goering, Chair  
SLA Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards Committee, 2012-2013

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**DESCRIPTION:** The Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee (UCSC) provides faculty oversight for matters of curriculum and standards. The committee's responsibilities include reviewing and developing specific recommendations for the Assembly on academic policies and standards. It also approves new courses, and recommends to the Assembly the approval of new majors, programs or certificates. Members of the committee are appointed for two-year terms.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS** (with dates of term completion):

**Paul Carlin** ('14)

Professor, Department of Economics

**Matthew Condon** ('13),

Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies

**Jason Eberl** ('14)

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy

**Beth Goering** ('13), Chair

Associate Professor, Department of Communication Studies

**Frank Smith** ('14)

Lecturer, Department of English

**Daniella Kostroun**, Agenda Council Representative

Associate Professor, Department of History

**Marianne Wokeck**, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs

Chancellor's Professor of History

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

The UCSC met five times during the 2012-13 academic year and conducted other business via email and Oncourse.

1. The committee spearheaded the revision of the SLA Bachelor of Arts degree requirements. The revised curriculum was approved by the Faculty Assembly at its April 19 meeting.

2. The committee, under the leadership of Jason Eberl, designed a syllabus template that is now posted on the SLA website under Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards Committee. All new course requests should include a syllabus that includes the items presented in the template. A similar template was recommended to the SLA Graduate Curriculum Committee and has been posted to their web-page as well.

3. The committee approved and sent forward the following 22 courses:

AFRO-A315 Men and the Diaspora: Examining Race, Culture, & Education  
AFRO-A316 Women of the Diaspora: Race, Culture, and Education  
AFRO-A319 Business of Black Popular Music  
AFRO-A321 Sport, Culture and African Americans  
AFRO-A323 The Rise of Hip Hop Entrepreneurship  
AFRO-A324 South Africa in the Global Economy  
AFRO-A325 Hermano a Hermano: Race and Culture in Dominican Republic  
AFRO-A326 Race, Beauty, and Popular Culture  
AMST-A101 Introduction to American Studies  
ANTH-B468 Bioarchaeology  
ANTH-P406 Laboratory Mthd in Archaeology  
ASL-I305 Text Analysis  
CLAS-C321 Classical Myth and Culture in Film  
ENG-W312 Writing Biography  
ENG-W377 Writing for Social Change  
HIST-A335 The Gilded Age  
HIST-H418 History of International Humanitarian Assistance  
MSTD-A101 Understanding Museums  
PHIL-P374 Early Chinese Philosophy  
REL-R307 Religion in the Professions  
REL-R372 Inter-Religious Cooperation  
SOC-R333 Sports & Society

4. The committee reviewed and returned 3 new course requests and one certificate proposal for revision and resubmission.

5. The committee approved the following requests for course changes:

ANTH-A460 Topics in Anthropology  
MHHS-M201 Introduction to Medical Humanities and Health Studies  
CLAS-C102 Roman Culture

As part of the revision to the SLA Bachelor of Arts Degree requirements, World Languages and Cultures will be processing course change requests over the summer. The committee approved the changes for two classes (EALC-C131: Beginning Chinese & SPAN-S131: First-Year Spanish I). In addition, we approved changing course names and credit hours as needed for the other languages without committee review.

6. The committee approved the following changes to existing majors and minors:
  - a. Adding HIST-H217: The Nature of History to the requirements for the undergraduate history major.
  - b. Creating a new concentration (subplan) in “Medical Sociology” within the Sociology major (This change did not alter the undergraduate sociology major; rather, it allows the registrar’s office to designate an existing concentration on the student’s official transcript).
  - c. Changes to the French minor
  - d. Changes to the American Studies minor
  - e. Changes to the French major to accommodate the altered credit hours of the new SLA BA curriculum.
  
7. The committee approved allowing the second year of World Languages other than Spanish to fulfill the World Language requirement for the BA in Liberal Arts and to count toward the major.

#### OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A major task facing this committee next year will be to work out the details of the newly approved BA in Liberal Arts, including the Liberal Arts Benchmarks that were approved as part of the new curriculum.

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