

CLAS Committee on Curricula and Courses

Chair: Steve Stifano

Minutes: April 25th, 2023

Meeting Details: 3:30-5:00 PM on WebEx: <https://uconn-cmr.webex.com/meet/scs06002>

I. Approvals by the Chair:

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Action (Syllabus or Relevant Form is linked)</i>
2223-249	1750C	Add Special Topic: PP 5397: Introduction to Environmental Policy
2223-251	1812C	Add Special Topic: CHEM 5395: Nanoparticles and Surfaces in Bioanalysis
2223-252	1830C	Add Special Topic: CHEM 5397: Structure & Mechanism in Bioorganic Chemistry
2223-253	1810C	Add Special Topic: CHEM 5395: Electronics for Scientific Instrumentation
2223-254	1811C	Add Special Topic: CHEM 5394: Polymer Sustainability
2223-258	1850C	Add Special Topic: MCB 3895: Developing skills for effective presentation of topics in MCB
2223-261	1890C	Add Special Topic: ANTH 3095: Secularism and the Sacred
2223-262	1930C	Add Special Topic: GERM 6480: Black German Studies and Intercultural Literature *

*Course ran prior to topic approval, fixing this oversight with the registrar's office.

II. Approved Proposals:

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>CAR</i>	<i>Program or Course</i>	<i>Action (Syllabus or Relevant Form is linked)</i>
2223-250		WGSS	Change Major
2223-255	17965	LLAS/HDFS 3470	Revise Course (add HDFS crosslist)
2223-256	19365	ANTH 5341	Revise Course
2223-259		Religion	Change Minor
2223-257		CAMS	Change Minor
2223-260			Recommendation of the CLAS Subcommittee on General Education Regarding the Common Curriculum

III. Items for Discussion:

- Short Debrief Reflection on Snow-Day Approach (2/28):
 - While bigger issues are best left addressed in meetings, a shared agenda document to make suggestions regarding catalog copy and small details prior to the meeting would be helpful for speeding along those discussions. Committee largely supported this idea.
- Unit Rep Transitions
 - If you're cycling off of CLAS C&C, please notify Steve Stifano as soon as possible and CC either your replacement rep, or the person to contact who will identify your replacement for the Fall term.
- Proposal to consider 1000-level courses as part of Interdisciplinary Minors (Charlie Super)
 - Broader discussion of the issue was tabled until Fall 2023. A general sentiment was gauged and some members expressed skepticism. One member suggested inviting the faculty proposer to visit with the committee to discuss the idea.
- Fall Meeting Schedule:
 - Full dates forthcoming; first meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 29th at 3:30 PM.

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Core Courses

Students are required to pass the following core courses (15 credits): WGSS 2250, 3256, 3265W, 3269, 4994W.

Supporting Courses

Students are required to pass five additional WGSS courses at the 2000 level or above (15 credits). At least three (nine credits) of these must be chosen from the following: WGSS 2105, 2105W, 2124, 2217, 2217W, 2255, 2255W; WGSS 2263/HRTS 2263; WGSS 2267; WGSS 3042/AFRA 3042/AMST 3042/HDFS 3042; WGSS 3105, 3105W, 3252, 3253, 3253W; WGSS 3254/ASLN 3254; WGSS 3255, 3255W, 3257, 3257W; WGSS 3258/LLAS 3230; WGSS 3259/LLAS 3231; WGSS 3260/COMM 3321/LLAS 3264; WGSS 3264, 3270, 3270W; WGSS 3622/AFRA 3622/HIST 3622/LLAS 3622; WGSS 3652/AFRA 3652/POLS 3652; WGSS 3672, 3718, 3718W, 3891, 3894, 3993, 3995, 3998, 3999; WGSS 4100/AAAS 4100/AFRA 4100/LLAS 4100. NOTE: Up to six credits of WGSS 3891 (Internship Program) may be counted toward the major.

Related Courses

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2223-255 [17965](#) **LLAS/HDFS 3470** **Revise [Course](#) (add HDFS crosslist)**

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<p>LLAS 3470. The Latinx Family 3.00 credits Prerequisites: None. Grading Basis: Graded</p> <p>Current issues in the study of Latinx youth and families from a social and developmental psychological perspective. Topics include parenting, youth development and adjustment, risky and healthy behaviors, cultural values, and immigration.</p>	<p>LLAS/HDFS 3470. The Latinx Family 3.00 credits Prerequisites: None. Grading Basis: Graded</p> <p>Current issues in the study of Latinx youth and families from a social and developmental psychological perspective. Topics include parenting, youth development and adjustment, risky and healthy behaviors, cultural values, and immigration.</p>

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2223-256 [19365](#) **ANTH 5341** **Revise [Course](#)**

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<p>5341. Analysis of Rituals 3.00 credits Prerequisites: ANTH 5311. Grading Basis: Graded</p> <p>Examines various theoretical contributions to the anthropological study of ritual. Controversies and ambiguities surrounding the social and symbolic significance of the ritual act for both men's and women's experiences and participation are addressed.</p>	<p>5341. Analysis of Rituals 3.00 credits Prerequisites: None. Grading Basis: Graded</p> <p>Examines various theoretical contributions to the anthropological study of ritual. Controversies and ambiguities surrounding the social and symbolic significance of the ritual act for both men's and women's experiences and participation are addressed.</p>

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2223-259 **Religion** **Change [Minor](#)**

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Group A: Foundational Courses

[ANTH 3400](#), [3401](#), [3405](#); [INTD 3260](#); [PHIL 3231](#); [SOCI 2670](#).

Group B: Topical Courses

[AASI/ART/INDS 3375](#); [ANTH 2400](#), [3098*](#), [3402](#), [3403](#), [ANTH/HEJS 3050](#); [ARTH 2020](#), [3140](#), [3150](#), [3210](#), [3220](#), [3230](#), [3240](#), [3710/W](#), [3995*](#); [CAMS 3213](#), [3244](#), [3245](#), [3295*](#), [3298*](#); [CAMS/HIST 3301](#), [3320](#), [3321](#), [3325](#), [3326](#), [3330/W](#), [3335](#), [3340](#); [ENGL 2603](#), [3617](#), [3621*](#), [3623*](#), [3627*](#), [3629](#); [HEJS 2104](#), [3201](#), [3202](#), [3241](#), [3295*](#), [3298](#), [3301](#), [3629](#); [HDFS 3252](#); [HIST 3095*](#), [3098*](#), [3360](#), [3361](#), [3371](#), [3704](#); [INDS 3293*](#), [3295*](#), [3298*](#), [3299*](#); [ILCS 3247](#), [3256](#), [3255W](#); [INTD 3999*](#); [PHIL 3261/W](#), [3263](#).

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CAMS

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- A. At least two courses on Classical or Biblical literature
 - o Courses in English: CAMS 3241W, 3242W; INTD 3260; CAMS 3207, 3208, 3211, 3212, 3213, 3221, 3224, 3225, 3226, 3227, 3293*, 3295*, 3298*, 3299*;
 - o Courses involving reading in Greek and/or Latin: CAMS 3101, 3102, 3232, 3293*, 3298*, 3299*.
- B. At least one course dealing with the ancient world more generally
 - o CAMS 2020, 3244, 3245, 3251, 3254, 3257/W, 3293*, 3295*, 3298*, 3299*, 3301, 3320, 3321, 3325, 3326, 3330, 3335, 3340, (These may be cross-listed under Art History, History, Hebrew and Judaic Studies, and Philosophy.);
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[Recommendation of the CLAS Subcommittee on General Education Regarding the Common Curriculum](#)

Approved Recommendation (Please read full-text in link above.)

To ensure that the college meets its pedagogical obligations when the University shifts to the Common Curriculum, we recommend the following course of action:

1. Inform members of the College and the Common Curriculum Committee that CLAS will, in fact, stipulate additional requirements of students beyond those in the Common Curriculum. We will label these additional requirements as “CLAS Requirements” and not as “additional Common Curriculum Requirements” to prevent confusion for students, faculty, and advisors.
2. Wait until the first phase of CCC+ curricular realignment is complete to assess the specific areas where the college will need additional requirements. The CCC+ has initiated an expedited process for units to propose their existing general education courses for Topics of Inquiry in the new Common Curriculum; the results of this process will inform CLAS in making these decisions. The expedited process is projected to be completed by the end of the Fall, 2023 semester. This work within the College, then, should begin in the Spring of 2024.
3. For competencies unchanged by the migration to the Common Curriculum:
 - a. This subcommittee should reconvene in the Fall of 2023 to:
 - i. Revisit the Q competency to decide whether the college’s current 9-credit requirement is sufficient, or if additional coursework should be required (and if so, whether that coursework should be in particular areas, such as within a student’s major when feasible.)
 - ii. Revisit the additional requirements placed upon students who do not complete the second-language requirement through high school coursework to determine whether the current CLAS requirements are appropriate and equitable.
 - b. Leave the current W competency requirements unchanged.
4. Take no action on the new *Dialogue and Information, Media, and Digital Literacies* competencies until they are further developed at the university level.

Friendly Amendment: One member requested that the Chair contact the Common Curriculum Committee to follow up on the promise of Sample Syllabi for TOIs, to assist units in preparing courses for the new curriculum. Stifano agreed to do so when sharing this recommendation.

Attendance (name in bold)

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