



**ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC
STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**
Minutes January 18, 2006

PRESENT: Joyce Bergin, Ross Bowers, Suzanne Carpenter, Jose da Cruz, Caroline Hopkinson, Stephen Jodis, Jennifer Lander, Stephen Taylor, Patrick Thomas, Ed Wheeler, Michael Price (Catalog Editor)

ABSENT: Patricia Brandt (excused), Beth Howells, Dale Kilhefner

GUESTS: Mark Finlay, Dennis Murphy, Dick Nordquist

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting of the University Curriculum Committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 in University Hall 282. Dr. Ed Wheeler presided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes of November 16, 2005 were approved as amended.

ITEMS

I. College of Arts and Sciences

A. General Studies

- 1. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Change the name of the following program of study:**

Program for the Degree of Bachelor of ~~General~~ **Liberal** Studies

Rationale: Three degree programs are currently housed in the Office of Liberal Studies: the Associate of Arts, the Bachelor of General Studies, and the Master of Liberal and Professional Studies. Following are the primary reasons for recommending changing the name of the Bachelor of General Studies to the Bachelor of Liberal Studies:

- 1. To clarify the distinction between the University System of Georgia's phrase "general education" [referring broadly to the**

academic experience common to all undergraduate majors] and the particular program of study at AASU known since 1987 as General Studies. According to the 2005-2006 AASU Catalog, “[g]eneral education outcomes define the intellectual experience that Armstrong Atlantic State University students complete prior to graduation, *regardless of their specific degrees or career choices*” (p. 61, italics mine). In contrast to the phrase “General Studies,” “Liberal Studies” points more directly to a specific program of study based on the tradition of the liberal arts. (According to the Association for General and Liberal Studies, this distinction between “general education” experiences and “liberal studies” [or “interdisciplinary studies” or “integrative studies”] programs has become increasingly common throughout the United States.)

2. **To satisfy the requests of General Studies majors, who, by a margin of approximately two to one, favor the label of “Liberal Studies.”** In addition to considering “Liberal Studies” to be a more accurate description of the program, some students noted that prospective employers make a faulty association between “General Studies” and “General Education Development” (the GED). In other words, some unfortunate misperceptions have recently grown attached to the word “general” when used in the context of a degree program.

As a point of information, six other USG institutions house one or more four-year undergraduate degree programs roughly equivalent to AASU’s General Studies program in terms of mission and broad-based requirements:

Clayton State University:	Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Integrative Studies Bachelor of Science with a Major in Integrative Studies
Fort Valley State University:	Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Liberal Studies
Georgia College & State U:	Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Liberal Studies
Georgia Southern University:	Bachelor of General Studies
University of Georgia:	Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Interdisciplinary Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with a
Major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science with a Major in
Honors Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science with a Major in
Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a
Major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies

Valdosta State University: Bachelor of General Studies

- B. Art, Music, & Theatre (no items)
- C. Biology (no items)
- D. Chemistry & Physics (no items)

E. Criminal Justice, Social, & Political Science

1. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Create the following major:

Program for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Law and Society
Description: The Law and Society major is an interdisciplinary major that includes the study of law as an academic discipline -- which is very different from the professional study of law -- but in close relationship with critical issues in society. The program of study is intended primarily to attract students who are drawn to (a) public service at some level of government; (b) public service with non-profit or public assistance organizations; or (c) graduate studies in the Social Sciences or Liberal Arts.

A. General Requirements

Core Areas A, B, C, D, and E42 hours
 Area F18 hours

MATH 2200 - Elementary Statistics

COMM 2280 - Speech Communication, *or*

CRJU 1130 - Interpersonal Communication Skills

POLS 2100 - Introduction to Political Science, *or*

POLS 2200 - Introduction to American Government

One Ethics course at the 1000 or 2000 level

Two introductory (1000 and 2000 level) courses from:

ANTH 1102, CRJU 1100, ECON 1150, ECON 2105, ECON 2106,

GEOG 2120, PHIL 2201, PSYC 1101, SOCI 1101, POLS 1150, GWST 1101, if not taken to satisfy Core Area E

B. Major Field Courses.....36 hours

In addition to the required courses, select six courses in one of three specialized tracks:

Required Courses

CRJU 3100 - Research Methods or
POLS 4950 - Political Research Methods
CRJU/POLS 5500U - Law and Legal Process
POLS 3180 - Constitutional Civil Liberties
LWSO 2000* - Introduction to Law and Society
ENGL 4700 - Advanced Composition
ENGL 5730 – Rhetoric

Track One: Government and Judicial Studies

CRJU 3140 - Political Crimes
CRJU 4510 - Advanced Criminal Law
CRJU 5130U - Political Terrorism
ECON 3450 - Environmental Economics
ECON 4500 - Public Finance
ECON 4550 - Public Choice
ECON 5300U - Money and Banking
HIST 3740 - Women in American History
HIST 5540U - Topics in U.S. Foreign Relations
HIST 5565U - Topics in the History of American Reform
POLS 3160 - American Judicial Politics and Strategies
POLS 3170 - Constitutional Law and the Federal System
POLS 4150 - American Supreme Court
POLS 4180 - Administrative Law

Track Two: Human Behavior and Law

ANTH 3100 - Anthropology of Sex and Gender
CRJU 3130 - Hate Crimes and Ordered Liberty
CRJU 3160 - White-Collar and Organized Crime
CRJU 3180 - Deviance and Social Control
CRJU/SOCI 3510 - Family Violence
CRJU 5200U - Alcohol, Drugs, and Criminal Justice
CRJU 5300U - Juvenile Delinquency
ECON 5400U - Economics of Labor
HIST 3640 - American Social History
PSYC 3030 – Experimental Social Psychology
PSYC 3110 - Theories of Personality
PSCY 3280 - Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 5150U - Conflict Resolution
PSYC 5200U - Industrial and Organizational Psychology
SOCI 3200 - Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Track Three: Social Theory and Philosophy

CRJU 3110 - Critical Theories of Criminal Justice
ENGL 5815U - Literary Theory
GWST 5700U - Perspectives in Feminist Theory
PHIL 3150 - 20th Century Philosophy
PHIL 3200 - Technology, Society, and Human Values
PHIL 3330 - Philosophy of Religion
POLS 3300 - Political Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval

POLS 3310 - Modern Political Philosophy
POLS 3320 - American Political Thought
PSYC 3030 – Experimental Social Psychology
PSYC 5150U - Conflict Resolution
SOCI 3150 - Sociology of the Family

- C. Approved Electives6 hours**
6 hours of approved electives at the 3000+ level
D. Free Electives.....18 hours

Rationale: While the major will undoubtedly attract some students who wish to attend law school, it is not intended as a pre-law major. The emphasis of the L&S program will not be on narrow legal training but rather on the way the legal institutions broadly interact with other social organizations to form a society. Collaterally, the program will integrate legal studies in the Department of Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science with a broader social perspective, including appropriate courses in law, political science, criminal justice, sociology, economics, psychology, philosophy, anthropology, gender and women's studies, and history. The successful graduates will receive an education of breadth and depth that will prepare them for careers in public service or graduate education.

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***Pending approval**

- F. Economics (no items)
 - G. History (no items)
 - H. Languages, Literature, & Philosophy (no items)
 - I. Mathematics (no items)
 - J. Psychology (no items)
 - K. Honors Program (no items)
 - L. Gender and Women's Studies (no items)
- II. College of Health Professions
- A. Communicative Disorders (no items)
 - B. Dental Hygiene (no items)
 - C. Health Sciences (no items)
 - D. Medical Technology (no items)
 - E. Nursing (no items)
 - F. Physical Therapy (no items)
 - G. Radiologic Sciences (no items)
 - H. Respiratory Therapy (no items)
- III. College of Education (no items)
- A. Early Childhood Education (no items)
 - B. Health and Physical Education (no items)

- C. Middle and Secondary Education (no items)
- D. Special and Adult Education (no items)

IV. School of Computing

- A. Computer Science (no items)
- B. Information Technology (no items)
- C. Engineering Studies (no items)

OTHER BUSINESS

Thanks were extended to Phyllis Panhorst for the continuously updated online catalog that was set up for the committee.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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