



**ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC  
STATE UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Minutes October 19, 2005

**PRESENT:** Ross Bowers, Patricia Brandt, Suzanne Carpenter, Jose da Cruz, Caroline Hopkinson, Beth Howells, Stephen Jodis, Dale Kilhefner, Jennifer Lander, Stephen Taylor, Patrick Thomas, Edward Thompson, Michael Price (Catalog Editor)

**ABSENT:** Joyce Bergin (excused)

**GUESTS:** Uzzie Cannon, Suzanne Edenfield, Janet Stone, Zaphon Wilson

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**CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting of the University Curriculum Committee was called to order at 3:03 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2005 in University Hall 282. Dr. Edward Thompson, III presided.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes of September 21, 2005 were approved as presented.

**WELCOME.** Patricia Brandt was welcomed as the newest member of the committee. She was elected as an at-large member to fill the 2-year seat vacated by Jacquie Fraser.

## **ITEMS**

### **I. College of Arts and Sciences**

- 1. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Create the following course:**

**AFAS 2000 Introduction to African American Studies**

**3-0-3**

**Prerequisite: ENGL 1101**

**Description: Introduction to the broad discipline of African Diaspora Studies, including the political, sociological, economic, and psychological experience of blacks in America from slavery to the present.**

Rationale: This course provides students the foundation necessary for the pursuit of an African American Studies minor. As is consistent with the

interdisciplinary nature of African American Studies, the course will explore the Black experience from several perspectives: history, politics, economics, sociology, psychology, religion, the arts, and education.

**Effective Term: Spring 2006**

**CURCAT:**

**Major Department: Arts and Sciences**

**Can the course be repeated for additional credit: no**

**Maximum Number of Credit Hours: 3**

**Grading Mode: Normal**

**Instruction Type: Lecture**

2. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Create the following course:

**AFAS 4000 Independent Study in African American Studies 3-0-3**

**Prerequisite: AFAS 2000 and the permission of the Coordinator of African American Studies or instructor**

**Description: An in-depth, closely supervised, instructor-approved study in the interdisciplinary areas associated with the African American Studies minor on a topic with African American emphasis.**

Rationale: This course will allow students the opportunity to supplement his or her primary focus within the minor on a particular subject that may not have been covered in-depth with the current course offerings.

**Effective Term: Spring 2006**

**CURCAT:**

**Major Department: Arts and Sciences**

**Can the course be repeated for additional credit: no**

**Maximum Number of Credit Hours: 3**

**Grading Mode: Normal**

**Instruction Type: Lecture**

3. *For Information Only* (this item was approved by the GCC prior to the change in bylaws at the October 10 faculty meeting)

**Create the following course:**

**AFAS 5000U Topics in African American Studies 3-0-3**

**Prerequisite: AFAS 2000 and the permission of the Coordinator of African American Studies.**

**Description: Special topics in African American Studies. Will be offered in conjunction with selected upper-level courses in the university curriculum when content of those courses address issues related to African American Studies.**

**Rationale:** This course allows undergraduate students more options in fulfilling the minor requirement because it is cross-listed with upper-level university courses that might address issues relevant to African American Studies. As a graduate course, it provides additional course options for MALPS students on the International Studies track since the course content may at anytime address international/global issues.

**Effective Term: Spring 2006**

**CURCAT:**

**Major Department: Arts and Sciences**

**Can the course be repeated for additional credit: Yes**

**Maximum Number of Credit Hours: 6**

**Grading Mode: Normal**

**Instruction Type: Lecture**

4. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Create the following minor:

**African American Studies .....18 hours**

**AFAS 2000\* - Introduction to African American Studies**

**Must include 9 hours of course work numbered 3000 or above with no more than 6 hours from a single discipline and at least 6 hours from each of the following areas of concentration:**

**Humanities:**

**AFAS 4000\* - Independent Study in African American Studies**

**AFAS 5000U/G\* - Topics in African American Studies**

**ENGL 2050 - Africa and the Diaspora**

**ENGL 5350U - African American Literature**

**HIST 2100 - The African Diaspora**

**HIST 3150 - History of Africa**

**HIST 3900 - African-American History To 1865**

**HIST 3910 - African-American History Since 1865**

**HIST 5200U - Topics in African History**

**HIST 5650U - Topics in African-American History**

**MUSC 2010 - Understanding Jazz**

**Social Sciences:**

**AFAS 4000\* - Independent Study in African American Studies**

**AFAS 5000U\* - Topics in African American Studies**

**POLS 3980\* - African Americans and the American Political System**

**POLS 5430U - African Politics**

**POLS 5510U - Third World National Security**

**POLS 5560U - Comparative Foreign Policy**

**PUBH 5570U - Women and Minority Health Issues**

**SOCI 3200 - Racial and Ethnic Minorities**

Rationale: The purpose of African American Studies is to allow students of any ethnic background to recognize and understand the important role African Americans have played in defining and developing American society, to address the implications of being “black” in America, and to experience the artistic endeavors put forth by those of African descent. Its interdisciplinary focus explores areas such as history, literature, politics, religion, the arts, and education as they relate to the African American experience.

An African American Studies minor further helps students to successfully pursue graduate research or professional work in Social Work, Education, Law, Criminal Justice, Medicine, Business, and the Arts, all areas that serve African Americans. All in all, the minor makes students more “multiculturally” aware, thus poised to affect positive change in American society.

### Why an African American Studies Minor at Armstrong?

- AASU has a 22% African American student population
- As an urban university in a city where the African American population is over 50%, it should conscientiously address the issues that this population faces.
- AASU is located in Georgia where many earlier enslaved Africans made significant political, economic, and social contributions; it would behoove us to help students recognize those contributions.

### Structure of the Minor

This minor will consist of 18 hours of course work. Students will be required to complete each class with a C or better.

### **Effective Term: Spring 2006**

***\*Pending approval***

- A. General Studies (no items)
- B. Art, Music, & Theatre (no items)

### **C. Biology**

*The following items (1 and 2) were deferred until the next meeting because there was no faculty member from the Biology Department present to answer questions.*

#### **1. Create the following course:**

**BIOL 4750 Tropical Field Biology**

**3-4-4**

**Prerequisite: BIOL 2010 and BIOL 2020 and BIOL 3020 and pre-approval by instructor.**

**Description: Classroom lectures will cover the history, habitats, and ecology of the Florida Keys. In the field, students will design and conduct individual research projects that will be evaluated through oral and written presentations. Special laboratory fee required.**

**Rationale:** This 8-week, capstone summer course will cover the history, habitats, and ecology of the Florida Keys. Students will be required to design and investigate a research project while in the Keys and report on it as part of their final grade. The first six weeks of classes will be committed to classroom lectures, the 7<sup>th</sup> week will be spent in the Keys studying the regional ecology and conducting student research projects, and the 8<sup>th</sup> week will be devoted to student research presentations.

**Effective Term: Spring 2006**

**CURCAT:**

**Major Department: Biology**

**Can course be repeated for additional credit? No**

**Maximum Number of Credit Hours: 4**

**Grading mode: normal**

**Instruction Type: lecture**

**2. Modify the Program of Study for the Bachelor of Science in Biology:**

B. Major Field Courses .....47 hours

BIOL 2010 - Microbiology

(If used to satisfy area F, add a four credit hour elective from biology.)

BIOL 2020 - Plantae and Fungi

(If used to satisfy area F, add a four credit hour elective from biology.)

BIOL 3000 - Cell Biology

BIOL 3010 - Modern Biology Lab

BIOL 3020 – Zoology

BIOL 3700 – Genetics

BIOL 4200 - Vertebrate Physiology

BIOL 4700 – Ecology

BIOL 4800 – Seminar

Total of 18 credit hours from categories 1-3, with at least one 3 credit hour course chosen from each of categories 1 and 2.

Category 1: Cell/Molecular/Physiology

BIOL 3510 – Bacteriology

BIOL 3520 - Medical Microbiology

BIOL 3530 - Immunology and Serology

BIOL 4000 - Cellular Physiology

BIOL 4090 - Molecular Genetics

BIOL 4300 - Microbial Physiology

BIOL 4310 - Applied Microbiology

BIOL 4400 – Virology

BIOL 4510 - Principles of Development

Category 2: Botany

BIOL 3150 – Horticulture

BIOL 3200 - Flowering Plants  
 BIOL 3230 - Anatomy of Seed Plants  
 BIOL 4150 - Plant Physiology  
 BIOL 4450 - Morphology of Vascular Plants

Category 3: Other

BIOL 3300 – Entomology  
 BIOL 3310 - Invertebrate Zoology  
 BIOL 3400 - Human Physiology  
 BIOL 3410 – Nutrition  
 BIOL 3580 - Histological Technique  
 BIOL 3750 - Natural History of Vertebrates  
 BIOL 3770 - Developmental and Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates  
 BIOL 3870 - Animal Histology  
 BIOL 3920 – Parasitology  
 BIOL 4010 – Evolution  
 BIOL 4210 - Comparative Physiology  
 BIOL 4220 – Endocrinology  
 BIOL 4320 - Environmental Microbiology  
 BIOL 4550 - Marine Organisms  
 BIOL 4565 - Physiological Ecology  
**BIOL 4750 - Tropical Field Biology**  
 BIOL 4910, -20 - Research I and II (only one research course may be counted as an elective)  
 BIOL 4950, -60 - Internship I and II (only one internship may be counted as a major elective)  
 BIOL 4970 - Special Topics (with permission of department head)

D. Chemistry & Physics (no items)

**E. Criminal Justice, Social, & Political Science**

**1. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Delete the following courses:**

<del>SOCI 3450</del>	<del>Political Sociology of Nationalism</del>	<del>3-0-3</del>
<del>SOCI 3950</del>	<del>Research in the Social and Behavioral Sciences</del>	<del>3-0-3</del>

Rationale: SOCI 3450 was already renumbered as SOCI 5450U, and SOCI 3950 is a holdover from the era when sociology was housed with the psychology department.

**Effective Term: Spring 2006**

**2. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Create the following course:**

<b>LWSO 2000</b>	<b>Introduction to Law and Society</b>	<b>3-0-3</b>
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**Prerequisites:** Any two of the following courses – ANTH 1102, CRJU 1100, SOCI 1101, GWST 1101, PHIL 2201, PHIL 2251, POLS 2100, POLS 1150

**Description:** Exposure to and readings in social and governmental issues focused on their interaction with the American legal system.

**Rationale:** To provide a common foundation for students pursuing the Bachelors Degree in Law and Society.

**Effective Term:** Fall 2006

**CURCAT:**

**Major Department:** Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science

**Can course be repeated for additional credit?** No

**Maximum Number of Credit Hours:** 3

**Grading Mode:** Normal

**Instruction type:** Lecture

3. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Create the following course:

**POLS 3980 African Americans & the American Political System 3-0-3**

**Prerequisite:** POLS 1100 or POLS 2100 or POLS 2200 or HIST 1100

**Description:** Overview of African American politics in the United States from Reconstruction to present, addressing African American political development from theory to application in local, state and national political systems.

**Rationale:** As more attention is focused on African American political participation in Savannah, the state and nation, this course addresses African American political development from theory to application in local, state and national political systems. This course is included in the proposed minor in African American Studies.

**Effective Term:** Fall 2006

**CURCAT:**

**Major Department:** Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science

**Can course be repeated for additional credit?** No

**Maximum Number of Credit Hours:** 3

**Grading mode:** normal

**Instruction Type:** lecture

4. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Create the following course:

**SOCI 3300 Social Stratification**

**3-0-3**

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 1101 or POLS 1150

**Description:** Examines the social structure and various forms of social inequality. Examples include class, race, ethnicity, and gender in contemporary society.

Rationale: A critical course in the discipline that complements existing program.

**Effective Term: Spring 2006**

**CURCAT:**

**Major Department: Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science**

**Can course be repeated for additional credit? No**

**Maximum numbers of Credit Hours: 3**

**Grading Mode: Normal**

**Instruction Type: Lecture**

5. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Create the following course:

**SOCI 3490 Comparative Societies, Politics and Institutions 3-0-3**

**Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 or POLS 1150**

**Description: On-site examination of society and social institutions of other countries. Course intended for study abroad programs only.**

Rationale: Provides students with the opportunity to investigate other cultures first hand.

**Effective Term: Spring 2006**

**CURCAT:**

**Major Department: Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science**

**Can course be repeated for additional credit? Yes**

**Maximum numbers of Credit Hours: 6**

**Instruction Type: Lecture**

6. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Create the following course:

**SOCI 3600 Media and Society 3-0-3**

**Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 or POLS 1150**

**Description: Study of media's impact on society and the social construction of reality.**

Rationale: Has been taught as special topics class and should be among the regular offerings. Also can complement other programs.

**Effective Term: Spring 2006**

**CURCAT:****Major Department: Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science****Can course be repeated for additional credit? No****Maximum numbers of Credit Hours: 3****Grading Mode: Normal****Instruction Type: Lecture**

7. *For Information Only* (this item was approved by the GCC prior to the change in bylaws at the October 10 faculty meeting)

**Create the following course:****SOCI 5600U Sociology of Gender 3-0-3****Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 or POLS 1150 or GWST 1101****Description: Examines the social construction of gender and gender inequality in society.**

Rationale: A critical course in the discipline that complements existing program. Also can complement other programs.

**Effective Term: Spring 2006****CURCAT:****Major Department: Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science****Can course be repeated for additional credit? No****Maximum numbers of Credit Hours: 3****Grading Mode: Normal****Instruction Type: Lecture**

8. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Create the following course:

**SOCI 3800 Sociology of Sexuality 3-0-3****Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 or POLS 1150 or GWST 1101****Description: Examines the social construction of sexuality, including social influences upon sexual scripts and normative ideas regarding sexuality.**

Rationale: A critical course in the discipline that complements existing program.

**Effective Term: Spring 2006****CURCAT:****Major Department: Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science****Can course be repeated for additional credit? No****Maximum numbers of Credit Hours: 3****Grading Mode: Normal**

**Instruction Type: Lecture**

*The following item (9) was withdrawn for further review by the Department of Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science.*

**9. 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) to 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 E .....42 hours

Area F .....18 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, CRJU, ECON, PHIL, PSYC, SOCI, and GWST**

**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 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 - 20<sup>th</sup> 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 3110 - Theories of Personality**  
**PSYC 3280 - Abnormal Psychology**  
**SOCI 3150 - Sociology of the Family**

**C. Approved Electives .....6 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.

**Effective Term: Spring 2006**

**\*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**

**1. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Change course hours**

DHED 4400 Foundations of Dental Hygiene Education ~~2-3-3~~ 3-0-3

Rationale: The course content has been restructured to include additional didactic content, and the laboratory portion is being deleted.

- 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

- A. Early Childhood Education (no items)
- B. Health and Physical Education (no items)
- C. Middle, Secondary, and Adult Education (no items)
- D. Special Education (no items)

IV. School of Computing

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

**C. Engineering Studies**

1. **A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Delete the following courses:**

~~ENGR 2020 Engineering Mechanics: Statics and Dynamics~~ ~~3-0-3~~  
~~ENGR 2201 Introduction to Mechanics~~ ~~3-0-3~~

Rationale: Georgia Tech engineering majors have changed their curriculum to have a common statics course for all majors. Specialized versions for civil and mechanical engineers are no longer needed.

**Effective date: Spring 2006**

2. **A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Change the prerequisite for the following course:**

ENGR 1100 Introduction to Engineering  
 Prerequisite: MATH 1111 or a score of at least 550 on the mathematics portion of the SAT

Rationale: The course is predominantly taken by freshman engineering studies majors who may not take MATH 1111. The change is to allow students to take ENGR 1100 in their first semester at AASU without a prerequisite override.

**Effective date: Spring 2006**

3. **A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Change the prerequisite for the following course:**

ENGR 2000 Introduction to Engineering Materials  
 Prerequisite: CHEM 1211 and ~~PHYS 2212~~ **PHYS 2211**

Rationale: The necessary background for engineering materials is covered in Physics I.

**Effective date: Spring 2006**

4. **A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Change the co-requisite for the following course:**

ENGR 2110 Creative Decisions and Design  
 Prerequisite: ENGR 1170  
 Prerequisite or co-requisite: ~~ENGR 2204~~ **ENGR 2001**

Rationale: The specialized statics course for mechanical engineers has been replaced with a common statics course.

**Effective date: Spring 2006**

**5. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Change the prerequisite for the following course:**

ENGR 2202 Dynamics

Prerequisite: ~~ENGR 2020 or ENGR 2201~~ **ENGR 2001**

Rationale: The specialized statics courses for civil and mechanical engineers have been replaced with a common statics course.

**Effective date: Spring 2006**

**6. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to Change the prerequisite for the following course:**

ENGR 3100 Circuit Analysis

Prerequisite: ~~ENGR 2025~~ and PHYS 2212

Prerequisite or co-requisite: MATH 3411

Rationale: Physics majors take this course along with electrical and computer engineers. Students are getting an appropriate transform background in MATH 3411 and so ENGR 2025 is not required as a prerequisite.

**Effective date: Spring 2006**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Proposed Bylaws Revision**

An ad hoc committee composed of Janet Stone, Keith Douglass, Erik Nordenhaug, Richard Wallace, and Suzanne Carpenter met to discuss revisions to the proposed changes to Bylaws Article VII, Section B.4. The revisions they developed were presented to the committee (see Attachment 1). . It was moved and seconded to accept the revisions and bring them forward to the faculty. There was discussion of the feasibility and desirability of implementing the proposed revisions. The question was called and the motion failed. Due to time constraints, no further discussion of the item was possible at this meeting, so the item remains in committee.

**ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis L. Panhorst  
Coordinator of Faculty Information