

**Texas Tech University  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Committee on Academic Programs  
(ASCAP)**

**Minutes**

**Meeting of January 12, 2004**

The Arts and Sciences Committee on Academic Programs convened a scheduled meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2004 in Holden Hall 129. Members present were Curzer, Desens, Geryk, Holaday, Massey-Stokes, Troyansky, and Stewart (Chair). (Member Weinberg is on developmental leave during spring semester.) Presenters present were Dr. Mike Hooper (Environmental Toxicology), Drs. Ron Rainger and Mark Stoll (History), Drs. Sam Dragga, Scott Baugh, and Michael Schoenecke (English), Drs. Richard Peterson and Aaron Yoshinobu (Geosciences), and Dr. Fred Suppe (Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures).

1. Committee voted to approve the following proposals from the Department of Environmental Toxicology subject to the stated revisions (submission of revised forms and syllabi necessary):

ENTX 6345 Chemical Sources & Fates in Environmental Systems

Change number, hours

- Remove one of the two repetitive ADA statements in the syllabus.
- Omit superfluous change items completed on application form (prefix, title, descriptions)
- Consider revised shortened title: "Chemical Sources & Fates"

ENTX 6484 Statistical Methods in Environmental Toxicology

Proposed new course

- Reconsider adequacy of the prerequisite stated in course description.
- Include in Purpose statement of syllabus a stronger, more direct rationale for this rather than similar course in Biological Sciences or in Mathematics & Statistics.

ENTX 6332 Toxic Effects & Detection Methods for Biotoxins

Proposed new course

- Consider revised shortened title: "Biotoxin Detection Methods"
- Correct spellos in catalog description and on syllabus
- Restate justification on application form to emphasize the current second clause, omit first clause.
- Include on syllabus list or sample list of literature to be read; and a statement to clarify what constitute excused absences.

ENTX 6314 Chemical Warfare & Protection

Proposed new course

- Revise course title to be consistent with syllabus: "Chemical Warfare and Protective Countermeasures"
- Omit "Prerequisite: None." From catalog description.
- Consider restating justification on application form to be more specific to the needs of students in this program.
- Probably omit "political sciences" from course description on syllabus.

ENTX 6312 Biological Threats in the Environment

Proposed new course

- Rephrase catalog description to begin: "Prerequisite: Undergraduate biological sciences background ...."
  - Include on syllabus list or sample list of literature to be read.
2. The following single proposal from the Department of History was approved subject to the minor revisions indicated (submission of revised form necessary):

HIST 5324 Studies in U.S. Religious History

Proposed new course

- 6 is the maximum credit hours if repeated
- Revise shortened title to, "U.S. Religious History."

3. The following proposals from the Department of English was approved as presented:

ENGL 1388 Literature and Film

Proposed deletion

4. The following proposals from the Department of English were approved subject to the revisions and clarifications indicated (submission of revised or additional materials necessary):

ENGL 2388 Introduction to Film Studies

Proposed new course

- Revise catalog description so that it is more specific as to the genres studied.
- Revise justification statement to make it a complete declarative sentence.
- In syllabus, correct typos and define grade scale consistently with type of exams and other grading used (as discussed in meeting).
- Provide a message to the associate dean affirming that the Department of Art in the College of Visual and Performing Arts has been notified of this proposal and any questions they might have about it were answered.

ENGL 3388 Film Studies

Proposed change to title

- For proposed title, be certain that genres are as intended relative to the proposed 2388.

5. Three proposals from the Department of Geosciences were approved subject to the revisions and clarifications indicated (submission of revised forms or syllabus necessary):

GEOL 3102 Field Methods in Structural Geology

Proposed new course

- Correct syllabus statement re prerequisite to show new number, GEOL 3302
- Consider alternate shortened title, such as "Filed Methods Structural Geol"

GEOL 3302 Structural Geology

Proposed changes in number, hours, description

- Restate the shortened title to same as title
- Reconsider proposed hours 3:2:3; committee feels it should be 3:3:2

GEOL 4361 Advanced Structural Geology and

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Proposed new courses

- Shortened title can be spelled out to same as course title
- Omit clause "or grad students" from justification statement; spell out undergraduates.

- On application for 5361, insert "once" in clause "May be repeated once for credit."
  - Provide evidence in the syllabus that graduate students in 5361 will have requirements and expectations greater than those for undergraduates in 4361.
6. Committee approved the following three proposals from the Department of Classical and Modern Languages:

SPAN 1502 A Beginning Course in Spanish I  
Proposed change to prerequisite

SPAN 2301 A Second Course in Spanish I  
Proposed change to prerequisite

SPAN 2302 A Second Course in Spanish II  
Proposed change to prerequisite

7. Committee declined the following proposal from the Department of Classical and Modern Languages pending a clarification from the University General Education Committee regarding what constitutes a multicultural course. The associate dean will seek this clarification. Depending on the outcome of that inquiry, the department may resubmit the proposal.

GERM 3313 Northern Myths and Legends  
Proposed for Multicultural Requirement

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

A called meeting of ASCAP will be held on Monday, January 26 at 3:00 p.m. to consider a set of proposals already in hand. The agenda is forthcoming.