

College Curriculum Committee  
Academic Year 2013-14

The notes below summarize the activities of the College Curriculum Committee for the academic year 2013-14. These include the approval of new majors, minors, and clusters; consideration of changes in several curriculum-related policies; discussion of assessment and curricular review in connection with the Middle States Accreditation review process.

### **Approved Majors**

- B.S. in Business

This major provides a more intensive program in Business than is available in the B.A. It builds on principles of statistics and economics and other social sciences to provide an understanding of business-related disciplines such as finance, accounting, marketing, operations management, and organizational theory. It provides an analytical approach for addressing current as well as future opportunities and problems in either for-profit or not-or-profit organizations.

- B.S. in Environmental Health

This is the fifth of the Public Health-related Programs, and the first leading to the B.S. degree. The five common core courses are again required. Specific core requirements exist in EES, CHM, BIO and include one new PH course, *Introduction to Environmental Health*. Electives are pursued in Biology and Health Sciences as well as in Environment and Sustainability.

- B.S. in Biological Sciences: Computational Biology. (Approved by the CCC at the end of the academic year, it has not yet been reviewed by the Steering Committee of the Faculty Council.)

This program represents a collaborative effort between the Departments of Biology and Computer Science. It will provide a rigorous quantitative approach to biological science and lay the foundation for students to acquire the computational skills that are necessary in contemporary biological research. Furthermore, this degree will provide a natural conduit between the Department of Biology and the planned Institute for Data Science.

### **Majors under Review**

- B.A. in Italian – proposal has received preliminary review. With new information now available, it will be discussed again early in the fall of 2014.

- B.A. and B.S. majors in Data Science have received preliminary review by the CCC.

### **Approved Minors**

- Audio and Music Engineering

This minor requires 5 courses in AME and closely related topics.

- Hebrew

The Hebrew minor is designed to promote competency in modern Hebrew, with available courses from beginner's through advanced intermediate. Students will acquire proficiency in the Hebrew language along with an understanding of culture and literature in which Hebrew was and is used.

## **New Clusters**

- Musical Styles and Ideas - Music – H1MUR016

A diverse array of repertoires and approaches to the musical experience.

- World Music - Music – H1MUR017

An introduction to non-Western music.

- BRIC Nations History (Brazil, Russia, India, China) - History – S1HIS018

This cluster familiarizes students with the histories of current rising world economic and political powers and makes them better informed 21st-century global citizens

- Latin American History and Culture (History – S1HIS019)

This cluster introduces students to the study of the Latin American region. Students will develop an appreciation for the Native American, colonial, and/or modern experiences that have shaped diverse cultural groups throughout Brazil, the Caribbean and Spanish America.

## **Changes/Modifications**

- Changes were approved for the following **majors**: Optics; Optical Engineering; Bioethics; Health Policy; Health, Behavior & Society; Epidemiology; American Sign Language; Biomedical Engineering; English (Language, Media & Communication track). History's request to require "C" or better grades in upper-level writing courses was approved. More extensive changes for the BA Business major were approved, including the requirement that students complete a second major.

- Changes were approved for the following **minors**: Legal Studies; Business, Mechanical Engineering; American Sign Language; Psychology.

## **Policy Change**

- Acting on a recommendation from the Administrative Committee, the CCC proposed that the "**repeat course**" policy be changed so that only those courses

passed with grades below “C” may be repeated; these still require the permission of the Dean (secured from an adviser in the Center for Advising Services). The new policy will be implemented in the Spring of 2015 and will apply to courses that students want to repeat that were completed in the Fall of 2014 or later. As in the past, when a course is repeated for a grade, both course registrations and both grades will appear on the advising record and transcript, but only the second grade will be used to calculate the grade point average.

### **Review of longitudinal academic data**

Courses with more than 100 registrants, fall and spring.  
Fall semester grade point averages  
Enrollment in individual clusters  
Latin Honors criteria

### **Discussions**

- Some of the Hajim majors stipulate **grade requirements for admission to the major**, but these are inconsistent. The Committee suggested to the Hajim School that they consider substituting a unified policy for admission to any and all major in the School. It tabled the request that led to this discussion.

- **General Education Assessment**

Barbara Masi, Director of Educational Innovation and Assessment in AS&E, guided a discussion to review the College’s general education requirements including a review of the University’s mission and vision statements, as well as an overview of the Rochester Curriculum. The Committee discussed expanding the themes missing from the Middle States’ general education rubric to include a set of categories for students to have exposure to clusters that explore Creativity, Curiosity & Innovation as well as Multicultural, Transnational & Global areas.

- **Academic Honesty**

The Committee discussed the problem of students having access to cell phones and other electronic devices during exams and how to deal with this problem. The Dean sent a letter to instructors with recommendations.

- **Use of courses for major from outside the major.**

To prevent inadvertent problems, the Committee agreed that departments need to receive written approval from other departments to use any outside course to meet requirements of the major. (No policy change is needed as all modifications to major require Curriculum Committee approval.)

## **Curriculum Committee Members, 2013-14**

Chair, Michael Jarvis	History
Matt BaileyShea	Music
Paul Funkenbush	Mechanical Engineering
Bruce Jacobs	Political Science
John Jaenike	Biology
Jennifer Grotz	English
Steve McAleavey	Biomedical Engineering
Lynne Orr	Physics and Astronomy
Richard Feldman	College Deans' Office
Suzanne O'Brien	College Deans' Office