

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM 14.21

Date: February 24, 2014

Submitted by: Laura Stephenson, Interim Dean

SUBJECT: Philosophy Change in the B.A. for Philosophy

Description: *This proposal is to change the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy. Majors will have more choice in their selection of the 300-level required courses; with fewer specific courses required. Some majors will be able to count one 100-level course toward major requirements.*

Rationale: *This proposal is to bring the philosophy major more in line with the strengths of current faculty, and with best practices in contemporary Philosophy major programs. In addition, the changes will make it easier for students who decide to major in Philosophy late in their sophomore year, or later, to successfully complete the major in four years.*

Current Catalog Language: The Philosophy major consists of 31 hours of Philosophy including PH 201, 202, 220, 303, 311, 320, 335, 398, 399 and six additional upper division hours in Philosophy. Philosophy majors desiring to earn departmental honors must successfully complete the college requirements for departmental honors.

Proposed Catalog Language:

The Philosophy major consists of 31 hours of Philosophy distributed as follows:

Required: PH 201, 202, 220, 303, 398, 399 (16 hours.)

At least two of the following: (Value Theory): PH 200*, 211, 214, 300*, 311,312, 340, 386* (6 hours)

At least two of the following: (Metaphysics and Epistemology): PH 200*, 205, 207, 300*, 302, 320, 325, 327,330, 335, 386* (6 hours) No more than one 100-level course may count toward the total hours, and only with the permission of the Chair. At least 15 hours of the 31 (in addition to PH398/99) must be at the 300 level.

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Financial Implications: *None*

Proposed Effective Date: *Fall 2014.*

Request for Action: *Approval by AAC/.FAC/FS/ Gen Fac, etc*

Approved by: AAC on **3-10-14**

FAC on date

Faculty Senate on date

Attachments Yes No X