

Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council
19 March 2021 8:30-10 am
Remote: Cisco Webex
Minutes

Meeting started at 8:32 am

Present: Allan Barsky; Fred Bloetscher; Mare Cudic; Michael Harrawood; Michael Harris; Mary Ann Leavitt; Eric Levy; Michelle Papania; James Wetterer

Excused: Charles Dukes

Ex-officio: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Ed Pratt

Minutes of 19 February 2021 meeting were approved

1) UUPC Updates: (1 March 2021 meeting) The following changes were approved:

- Terminate PHI 4970 H Thesis in Philosophy
- Replace PHI 4970 with IDS 4970 H Thesis
- Remove the following courses from the list of electives: PHM 1002, PHH 3442, PHI 3224, PHI 4804
- Add the following to the list of electives: PHH 3939, PHI 1933, PHI 2010, PHI 3653, PHI 3704, PHI 4906, PHI 4915, PHI 4959, POT 3021
- Social science elective is dropped and replaced by elective under “Seminars and Adv Coursework in Psychology”
- In lieu of group A and B, now 1-2 survey courses in each of the three areas (B, C, D)
- PSY 4971 H Thesis in Psychology and Behavioral Sciences replaced with IDS 4970 H Thesis
- Allowing certain substitutions, fixing numbers, and adding language allowing students to take PSY 3213 through College of Science (with permission)
- Change Request for IDS 4970 RI H Interdisciplinary Thesis to RI: Honors Thesis
- Terminate ANT 4970 H Thesis in Anthropology
- Replace ANT 4970 H Thesis in Anthropology with IDS 4970
- Remove HIS 4930 H City and Its Underground from electives
- Remove ANT 4495 H Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology from the list of electives
- Add ANT 4495 to the Required Courses section as an alternative to ANT 4417 H Theory in Cultural Anthropology
- Replace ANT 4970 with IDS 4970
- Replace LIT 4970 H Thesis in Literature with IDS 4970 H Thesis
- Add AML 4603 H African-American Literature as an elective to the American Lit subsection
- Remove ENL 4930 H Irony and Satire, HUM 3435 H Survey of Medieval Literature, and LIT 3361 H Postmodern Literature from list of English electives (courses no longer offered)
- Remove CHM 4912, CHM 4914, CHM 4970 from the required courses and replace these credits with IDS 4970 H Thesis (total of 6 credits)
- Add CHM 4915 to the list of Chemistry electives
- Terminate CHM 4914 H Research and Writing in Chemistry
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- Add MAS 4107 Linear Algebra2 and STA 4442 Probability and Statistics 1 to the Group B list
- Replace IDS 3932 H Intro to Data Science with COP 3076 H Intro to Data Science
- Replace MAT 4971 H Thesis in Mathematics with IDS 4970 H Thesis
- Terminate MAT 4971 H Thesis in Mathematics
- PSY 4923 H Advanced Seminar in Psychology (new course approved)

2) New Business: The following items (from the WHC) were discussed and voted on with the following friendly amendment: to delete the following from both proposals:

The program requires ~~at least~~ 120 credits in the bachelor's degree and at least 30 credits in the MS degree.

- B.A or B.S. in Biological and Physical Sciences to M.S. in Mechanical Engineering Degree Program
- B.A or B.S. in Biological and Physical Sciences to M.S. in Ocean Engineering Degree Program

* Suggested that clear flight plans be created for students entering these programs.

3) Information items: They all come from the WHC

- Terminate PSY 4971 (not submitted at our previous meeting)
- Remove WAC designation for ANT 2240 H Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion
- Change title of EUH 3576 from H Russian History II to H The Soviet Union and Since
- Program changes to Marine Biology Concentration (number of credits unchanged)
- Program changes to Economics including terminate ECO 4970 H Thesis in Economics
- Program changes to American Studies, Art, Biochemistry, Biology, Environmental Studies, History, Latin American Studies, Neuroscience, Physics, Political Science, Spanish, Women Studies. This means terminate the previous research/thesis numbers for 11 concentrations and replace with the IDS 4970 (6 credits). No changes to credits required in each concentration:
 - American Studies: AMS 4970→IDS 4970
 - Art: ART 4912H /ART 4907C
 - Biological Chemistry: BSC 4915/CHM 4915→IDS 4970 and BSC 4970/CHM 4970→IDS 4970
 - Biology: BSC 4915/BSC 4970→IDS 4970
 - Environmental Sciences: EVR 4970→IDS 4970
 - Latin American Studies: LAS 4970→IDS 4970
 - Neuroscience: BSC 4915/BSC 4970→IDS 4970 and PSY 4971→IDS 4970
 - PHY 4915/PHY 4970→IDS 4970
 - Political Science: POS 4970→IDS 4970
 - SPW 4970→IDS 4970
 - WST 4970→IDS 4970
 - AMH 4970 and HIS 4971 (the rest of the program changes for these concentrations will come at a later date)

4) Other business: Related to establishing an Honors Faculty designation for faculty teaching in the Need the The University Honors Program on the Boca Raton campus. Suggestions included:

- Research other institutions with similar programs to see how they do it (including state colleges, FIU)
- Encourage all colleges to incorporate criteria valuing teaching, proposing honors courses/work.
- Invite the Provost to one of our meetings for him to share his vision of expanding and supporting honors education at FAU.

5) Spring 2021 meetings: (remote) 16 April

Announcement: Virtual Undergraduate Research Symposium: Friday, April 9th, 2021

Adjourned at 9:05 am.