CURRICULUM COMMITTEE COURSE CHANGE FORM

DATE: December 2, 2009
DEPARTMENT CHAIR: B. Olson / B. Stone (Prog. Coord.)
DEPARTMENT: Social Sciences
DISCIPLINE WHERE COURSE RESIDES: History

☑ CHANGE EXISTING COURSE

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☑ Core/General Education Course: Yes □ No

Date approved by Core Curriculum Committee:
Change to core, 11/20/2009 (See minutes attached)

Comments (Optional):
Please see attached memo for explanation.

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Signature Indicates Approval:
Department Chair: ___________________________ Date: 12/3/2009
Dean: ___________________________ Date: 12/8/2009
Curriculum Committee Approval: □ Yes ☑ No Date: ___________________________
Curriculum Committee Chair: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Vice President of Instruction: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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☐ Registrar ☐ Department Chair
TO: Jim Klein, Chair  
Curriculum Committee

FROM: Bryan Stone, Program Coordinator  
History Program

DATE: December 2, 2009

RE: Proposed revisions to History courses in the Core Curriculum

Apologies, first, for the unconventional documentation. We’re requesting something uncommon, and I couldn’t find a way to make the usual forms work in this case.

The History Program faculty met earlier this semester to consider updates to the placement of History courses in the Del Mar Core Curriculum. We are proposing, under separate applications, that three courses (HIST 1301/1302 and 2301) be deleted from the Social/Behavioral Sciences Core, changes which the Core Curriculum Committee approved on November 20. On that date, we also asked that Texas History (HIST 2301) be deleted from the History/Government component area, but the Core Curriculum Committee declined this request as it may adversely affect students seeking Education degrees. Future action on this proposal is pending until revisions to Education degree requirements have been completed and the matter can be revisited next year.

In the meantime, the History Program proposed to the Core Curriculum Committee an intermediate alternative in order to simplify and clarify our degree requirements as soon as possible, and to bring Del Mar in line with the degree requirements of other Texas institutions. The Core Curriculum Committee approved this recommendation, as shown in the attached meeting minutes, on November 20, 2009.

Our proposal is that the current wording of the History core component (students must take HIST 1301 plus either 1302 or 2301) be revised to state that students must take any two of those three courses. The required credit hours in History will remain the same (6), and all of the History courses currently available in the Core will remain available to Education and other majors.

This change will benefit our students in two ways. First, it will give them greater choice over which History courses they take: there is simply no reason to require the first half of the U.S. survey in preference to the second. Second, it will bring our Core Curriculum more directly in line with those of every other Texas institution; no other Texas school defines its History core in this needlessly complicated way. The proposed change will simplify the requirement, give students greater choice, keep needed courses available in the Core, and provide a better balance in the number of sections our department offers of each of the two survey courses.

If possible, we would like this change, along with our three other proposals, to be implemented in time for the 2010-2011 catalog. Thank you very much.
CORE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Date: 11/20/09  Location: CB 133

Members Present: Dr. Bryan Stone, chair, Carolyn Mauck, Dr. Eva Muñiz, Dr. Steven Gulding, Marla Chisholm, Janice Spigner

Members Absent: Gerald (Craig) Brashears, Elizabeth Flores, Anthony Precella and Timothy Precella

Guests: Mary Ann Williams

Call to Order: Dr. Stone called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from 11/13/09 were discussed, and various corrections were recommended. Marla Chisholm motioned that the minutes be approved with the corrections, Carolyn Mauck seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Core Course Removal

Dr. Stone proposed that three History courses be removed from the Social/Behavioral Sciences component of the core curriculum. First, he focused on HIST 1301 U.S. History I and HIST 1302 U.S. History II. Dr. Stone explained that these courses are also listed under the History component, so their inclusion in the Social/Behavioral Sciences is redundant. He also explained that no other college in the State of Texas permits this course to count as Social Science. In addition, the courses do not satisfy the EEO's required of Social Science courses. Then, he discussed the same reasons for removing HIST 2301 Texas History from the Social/Behavioral Sciences component. However, he explained additional problems related to this course.

ACTION TAKEN: Carolyn Mauck motioned to remove HIST 1301 from the Social/Behavioral Sciences component of the core curriculum. Marla Chisholm seconded. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 abstention.

ACTION TAKEN: Dr. Steven Gulding motioned to remove HIST 1302 from the Social/Behavioral Sciences component of the core curriculum. Dr. Eva Muñiz seconded. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 abstention.

ACTION TAKEN: Marla Chisholm motioned to remove HIST 2301 from the Social/Behavioral Sciences component of the core curriculum. Carolyn Mauck seconded. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 abstention.
Dr. Stone proposed that HIST 2301 Texas History be removed from the History/Government component of the core curriculum. In his discussion he explained one chair’s objection to the removal of this course due to adversely affecting the education students’ degree plan.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Marla Chisholm motioned to reject the removal of this course from the History/Government component. Carolyn Mauck seconded. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 abstention.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Carolyn Mauck motioned to approve an alternative solution in the wording of the History/Government component to provide an option for students to select two from the following courses: HIST 1301, HIST 1302, HIST 2301. Marla Chisholm seconded. This alternative action would provide options for students who are affected by removing Texas History from the History/Government component of the core curriculum. The option to take two of the three courses will also help balance the enrollment numbers between HIST 1301 and HIST 1302. The motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 abstention.

Dr. Stone will continue to work on revisions.

**Old Business:**

**Core Course Addition Form**

The committee discussed the following about this form:

1. Add #7 to the form which would be a comment area focused on financial consideration

2. Revise #6 to include the website [http://statecore.its.txstate.edu/](http://statecore.its.txstate.edu/) so that applicants will include comparison of Texas institutions along with the form and include a rationale.

3. Include a question pertaining to prerequisites already in the core.

4. Include a section at the end of the form pertaining to the action taken by the Curriculum Committee with check boxes for approved and rejected along with an area to provide a rationale and a return copy.

5. Include check boxes for new course or existing course.

No action was taken. The committee will continue to discuss revisions in the spring.

**Bylaws and procedural issues**

Mary Ann Williams will continue to work on the draft of the Bylaws, and we will vote on the Bylaws in the spring. However, the following items were discussed:
Quorum: The committee studied the Curriculum Committee Bylaws to find direction for establishing a quorum; however, none was found. That committee does have a strict policy for absents whereby deans and chairs are notified and a replacement is quickly determined. Robert’s Rules require two-thirds of the membership to make a quorum.

Member eligibility: The committee discussed the possibility of conflict of interest should a member serve on both the Curriculum Committee and the Core Curriculum Committee.

Rubber Stamping: A second reading may need to be included in the Bylaws to allow time to make sound decisions. The need to establish standards for rejections was also discussed. We may need to establish a set number of courses to consider per meeting. We also need direction from the new Provost/VPI in early spring. Ms. Williams explained that The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is currently looking at undergraduate core learning outcomes, and this may affect our decisions in the near future.

Course Prerequisites: The committee had little discussion about this point.

Carolyn Mauck suggested we not accept new proposals until March to allow time for the committee to finalize procedures and timelines.

No action was taken.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday, 1/08/10, at 1 p.m. in CB 133.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.
CORE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE COURSE REMOVAL FORM

2009-2010

DATE: November 17, 2009

DEPARTMENT: History/Social Sciences

COURSE TITLE: Texas History

COURSE PREFIX/NUMBER: HIST 2301

REMOVAL FROM WHICH COMPONENT AREA: History/Government

1. Explain your reasons for wishing to remove this course from the core.

Texas History is a more specific topic than either of the U.S. History survey courses also included in this component area, and it does not make the same demands on students. Because we must assess it using the same standards as the two surveys, we have found it challenging to design SLO’s that suit all three courses. Even if we could solve that problem, very few students take the course for component credit, so there seems little purpose for us to expend resources assessing EEO’s and SLO’s for the course; it’s more efficient simply to drop it from the Core and continue offering it for students who need it for other requirements such as Teacher Certification.

In addition, the majority of Texas colleges and universities require students to take both halves of the survey without the Texas History option. This change will bring Del Mar more in line with common practice.

2. Is this course currently offered at Del Mar College? YES NO
   a. If No, when was it last offered?

   b. If Yes, will it continue to be offered even if removed from the core curriculum? YES NO
      It will be offered and will still be a major requirement in History.

3. Does this course have prerequisites that fulfill core requirements? YES NO. Is this a factor in your decision to remove the course from the Core? YES NO
4. Is this course specifically required in any degree plans besides yours?  **YES NO**

   a. If Yes, which ones?
      It is not specifically required, though some programs may recommend their
      students take it to fulfill both the Hist/Govt core and other requirements at the
      same time.

   b. Have all departments that specifically require this course been notified of
      the decision to withdraw it from the core?  **YES NO**
      1) If Yes, provide evidence
         See attached e-mail

      2) If No, why not?

   c. Have any other departments raised concerns about this proposed change?
      **Explain.**
      Students majoring in Education are often advised to take Texas History rather
      than 1302 because it is a sophomore-level course, of which they need at least 18
      hours. Their total credits allowed are capped, so it is sometimes difficult to fit
      enough 2000-level courses in their schedules.

5. Is this course specifically required for students majoring in your discipline?
   **YES NO**  **Will it continue to be? YES NO**

6. Will dropping this course from the Core significantly decrease enrollment in the
   course?  **YES NO**  **Explain.**
   It will decrease enrollment somewhat, but since the course is required for Teacher
   Certification, there will still be strong demand. We currently offer two sections each
   semester and could reasonably reduce that to one. Students who do not enroll in 2301
   will take 1302 instead, so as a department we will not lose overall enrollment.

   Will removing this course from the Core cause faculty to lose courses, or have any
   significant impact on full-time or adjunct faculty employment or on the staffing
   needs of your department?  **YES NO**  **Explain.**
   Faculty hours spent on 2301 will, if necessary, simple be reallocated to service the
   additional enrollment in 1302 that will result from this change. No faculty will lose
   courses or work hours.
Signature Indicates Approval:

Department Chair: [Signature] Date 11/17/2009

Dean: [Signature] Date 11/19/2009

Please discuss Teacher certification concerns.

Core Curriculum Committee Recommends Approval:

Yes ________ No ________

Core Curriculum Committee Chair: [Signature] Date 11/20/09

An adjustment is recommended to adjust the HST/OUT core to allow students to choose any two of the three options: HIST 1301, HIST 1302, or HIST 2301.
Hello Bryan,

We are advising students to take HIST 2301 to assist with obtaining the sophomore hours. The issue with the AAT degrees is the degrees are now 60 hours. The EC -6 and Grades 4 – 8 take the 42 hour core. EDUC 1301 and EDUC 2301, MATH 1350 and MATH 1351, and two additional natural sciences. Students in other areas such as English or History could take sophomore level classes as their "major" classes. The AAT EC-6 and Grades 4-8 are mandated to take EDUC 1301, MATH 1350, MATH 1351.

The students will have to take sophomore level Business, Soc / Behavioral Science, and Sophomore Lit in order to reach the current graduation requirements. If students are past the 24 hours and self-advise - they may not remember to do this.

I am trying to get discussion going on reducing the 25 hour requirement to 12 or 15. It is an institutional requirement that is not shared by all community colleges.

I appreciate that you have considered and responded to my concerns. I will not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow - the Child Development / Early Childhood meets - have a meeting in San Antonio.

Thank you again.

Kristen

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From: Bryan Stone  
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 12:08 PM  
To: Kristen Wilkerson  
Cc: Mary Ann Williams; Jonda Halcomb; James Klein  
Subject: RE: Notification -- Changes to HIST in core curriculum  

Thanks Kristen,

You raise a good point and I'm not sure what the best resolution is. History is pretty committed to dropping the course from the core (doing so solves a number of nearly intractable logistical problems), so I hope there's a way to do so without inconveniencing your majors. I want to make it clear that the course will still be offered at Del Mar and will be available for students who need it for their major requirements and/or for teacher certification.

As for using the course to fulfill 4000 level requirements, can you give me a clearer idea how big a problem this might be? Are your majors required to take 2301 or is it just advisable in some cases? Will this change adversely affect your department/program as a whole or just make it somewhat more difficult for some students to plan ahead?

Regarding students' preparation for certification tests. I have to admit that I'm completely in the dark. Do those tests require specific content knowledge (U.S. or Texas history) or skills/competencies? If skills, then it's very possible that either course could do the trick.
I know there must be some way through this since the majority of Texas colleges do not include Texas History in the History core area but require both 1301 and 1302 of all students. We just need to figure out if making this change will be too disruptive to our students to go forward with it.

I'm happy to talk in person if that's easier, but thanks very much for your insight on this. Best,

Bryan Stone

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From: Kristen Wilkerson
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 5:21 PM
To: Bryan Stone; chairs@delmar.edu
Cc: Mary Ann Williams; Jonda Halcomb; James Klein; Bryan Stone
Subject: RE: Notification -- Changes to HIST in core curriculum

We have traditionally encouraged education majors to take HIST 2301 rather than HIST 1302. It provides another opportunity for a sophomore-level course to meet evaluation requirements. Associate of Arts in Teaching EC students sometimes have difficulty meeting the sophomore-level requirement of 18 hours since their degree plan does not offer much flexibility and now has a maximum of 60 hours.

I think we need to consider if students majoring in education will take Texas History at upper level institutions and if not, does HIST 1302 or HIST 2301 better prepare them for certification tests.

Thanks

Kristen Wilkerson Chair
Department of Human Sciences and Education

From: Bryan Stone [mailto:bstone@delmar.edu]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 1:51 PM
To: chairs@delmar.edu
Cc: Mary Ann Williams; Jonda Halcomb; James Klein; Bryan Stone
Subject: Notification -- Changes to HIST in core curriculum

Dear Chairs,

I'm writing as the History Program Coordinator. Last month our faculty met to consider changes in the inclusion of History courses in the core. Based in part on assessment considerations -- which courses could realistically be assessed in which areas -- and partly to bring our curriculum more in line with those of similar schools, we chose to make three recommendations to the Core Curriculum Committee for approval.

Because these changes may affect other departments in ways we cannot foresee, the Core Curriculum Committee requires that departments proposing such changes must notify all department chairs in advance of the application to give departments a chance to respond. That's what I'm doing now.

The History faculty is recommending that:
1. HIST 2301 (Texas History) be dropped from the History/Government Core requirement, so that all students at Del Mar will be required to take both HIST 1301 and 1302 (U.S. History). This change would remove Texas History as an option in this core component and is consonant with what most Texas colleges require. Texas History will still be offered; it just won’t count in this core area.

2. HIST 1301/1302 (U.S. History) and 2301 (Texas History) no longer count toward the Social/Behavioral Sciences Core. The content of these courses cannot realistically satisfy the same standards as psychology, sociology, and other disciplines that satisfy that component. Our two courses in Western Civilization (HIST 2311/2312) will remain available for this component.

The History faculty is pleased with these changes, which correct a number of long-standing inconsistencies in our curriculum and solve several assessment-related problems. If, however, you see a problem with these proposals as they will affect your department, please let me know.

We will be bringing this application to the Core Curriculum Committee on Friday, November 12. Thank you.

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