FACULTY AGENDA ITEM

Date: 11.6.2023

Submitted by: Ian Smith x. 1544

SUBJECT: BA in Philosophy proposed program changes

Description: Proposed program changes - change in division of credit hours with a honors track and non-honors track, new minor/certificate/double major requirement, and including a change in logic requirement.

Rationale:

Rationale for change in division of credit hours: We will now have a philosophy honors track and a non-honors track, the rationale for which can be found in the new course creation for PH 397: Senior Capstone for Non-Honors Majors. In order for the non-honors students to have the same credit hour footprint as the honors students, the non-honors students need to take 3 more hours than they would be taking without our (other) program changes, and taking 3 more hours of elective credit seems to be the most sensible change to their revised curriculum.

Due to the new general education requirements, students will now be required to complete a minor, certificate, or additional major. This will replace the general education credit hours that are no longer required and allow students to choose a complementary area of study.

Rationale for change in logic requirement: Passing PH 220 can be a barrier to graduation. The D/F/W rate for PH 220 is typically higher than it is for other PH courses. And we realize that although taking a logic course is essential for our PH majors, we have come to realize that the specific content in PH 220 versus PH 104 is clearly only relevant for PH majors who plan to go on to do graduate work in philosophy. Those students need PH 220, but other philosophy majors do not necessarily need PH 220. Hence the disjunctive requirement: students will need to take either PH 220 or PH 104, and those students who have any plans to continue graduate work in philosophy will be advised to take PH 220. Note: The content of PH 220 is still arguably essential for other majors that require the course. For example, all CIS majors are required to take the course. We teach to the following SLOs from the Computer Science Curricula 2023: Joint Task Force on Computing Curricula in PH 220:
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2. Apply formal methods of symbolic propositional and predicate logic, such as calculating validity of formulae and computing normal forms.
3. Use the rules of inference to construct proofs in propositional and predicate logic.
6. Describe the strengths and limitations of propositional and predicate logic.
Circling back to what is necessary for our PH majors, we have come to realize that 3 and 6 are not necessary for PH majors who do not plan to pursue graduate study in philosophy. 1 and 2 (with respect to propositional logic) surely are necessary for any PH major, but those are addressed in PH 104 as well.

(But note that PH 104 does not address 3 and 6, so PH 104 should not substitute for PH 220 for majors such as CIS majors.)

Financial Implications: None

Proposed Effective Date: Fall semester 2024

Request for Action: Approval by Faculty Senate

Approved by: *AAC on 10/30/2023*

   Faculty Senate

Attachments   **Yes   X**   No☐

Program Change Request

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Changes proposed by: Ian Smith1 (ian.smith1)

Catalog Pages Using this Program	Philosophy, BA

Change Type	Significant
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((Holly 9/8/23: Completed revisions according to new standardization approved by Deans and Provost Office))

General Information

Effective Catalog Edition	2024-2025
Department	Philosophy
College	College of Arts and Sciences
Division	Humanities
Degree Level	Undergraduate

Program Title	Philosophy
Degree to be Offered	Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Is this program offered completely online?	No
Does this program lead to a teaching certification?	No
Program Code	PH
Is this program an interdisciplinary program?	No
CIP Code	38.0101 - 38.0101
Modality	Hybrid

Admission and Curriculum

Admission Criteria

Total Number of Semester Credit Hours for the Degree

Curriculum

History

~~Degree Requirements The Philosophy major consists of 33 hours of Philosophy distributed asfollows:~~ Degree Requirements

In addition to the requirements stated below, students must complete 34-35 ~~At least 15~~ hours of General Education, all requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree, and any additional hours needed to reach ~~the 33 (in addition to PH 398 Senior Philosophy Honors Thesis Preparation/ PH 399 Senior Philosophy Honors Thesis) must be at~~ the minimum 120 credit hours required for graduation. ~~300 level.~~ Some of the courses below may also fulfill general education or other degree requirements. Please see your advisor for more information.

In addition, all Philosophy majors must declare and then meet the requirements for a minor, a second major, or a certificate in order to graduate.

Required Courses Inside Department		
PH 201	Corrupting the Youth: Ancient Greek Philosophy	3
PH 220	Symbolic Logic	3
or PH 104	Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking	
PH 301	I think therefore I am? Modern Philosophy 1600-1800	3
PH 303	Topics-History of Philosophy	3
Select either Philosophy Track or Philosophy Honors Track		9
Philosophy Track		
PH 397	Senior Capstone for Majors (3 hrs)	
AND Philosophy Elective credit (6 hrs) [1]		
Philosophy Honors Track		

PH 398	Senior Philosophy Honors Thesis Preparation	
& PH 399	and Senior Philosophy Honors Thesis (6 hrs total for both classes)	
~~PH 399~~	~~Senior Philosophy Honors Thesis~~	~~3~~
~~Value Theory~~		
AND Philosophy Elective credit (3 hrs) [1]		
Value Theory - Select at least two of the following:		6
PH 200	General Topics in Philosophy [2]	
PH 211	Introduction to Ethical Theory	
PH 214	Medical Ethics	
PH 300	General Topics in Philosophy [2]	
PH 311	Issues in Ethical Theory	
PH 312	Social-Political Philosophy	
PH 313	Professional Ethics	
PH 315	Philosophy of Law	
PH 317	Ethics of Genetic Technologies	
PH 319	Midwestern Environmental Ethics	
PH 340	Aesthetics	
PH 386	Special Studies [2]	
~~Metaphysics and Epistemology~~		
Metaphysics and Epistemology - Select at least two of the following:		6
PH 200	General Topics in Philosophy [2]	
PH 203	Introduction to Buddhist Philosophy	
PH 205	Existentialism	
PH 207	Existence of God	
PH 300	General Topics in Philosophy [2]	
PH 302	Philosophy of Religion	
PH 320	Advanced Logic	
PH 323	Philosophy of Race	
PH 325	Philosophy of Mathematics	
PH 327	Philosophy of Science	
PH 330	Philosophy of Mind	
PH 335	Metaphysics	
PH 386	Special Studies [2]	
~~Subtotal~~		~~33~~
~~Electives~~		
~~Philosophy Elective credit [2]~~		~~3~~
~~Subtotal~~		~~0~~
Total Hours		33

[1]
- Philosophy Program Honors Track students will complete 3 hours of electives; Philosophy Track students will complete 6 hours of electives.
- A 100-level course may count toward this elective credit, but only with the permission of the Chair.
- PH 104 cannot count toward this elective credit for any students, whether they are honors students or non-honors students.
- At least 21 hours of the 33 must be at the 300 level.

[2]
If course material is appropriate (Chair's discretion).

Pathway

Faculty Workload Analysis (describe how the course offering schedule and anticipated enrollments correlate to faculty lines)

Supplemental Files

Reviewer Comments	**Beth ONeill (beth.oneill) (10/05/23 12:19 pm):** Rollback: Approval completed in error.
	Holly Broxterman (holly.broxterman) (10/31/23 8:36 am): Approved by Academic Affairs Committee at their 10/30/23 meeting. Approving to move to Faculty Senate for their 11/6/23 meeting.

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