# Memorandum 

## To: General Faculty

Date: November 8, 2010
Regarding: Agenda, Faculty Senate Meeting, January 21 at 3:00 pm TLC 1-303

The agenda for the January 21, 2011 Faculty Senate Meeting will be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the minutes of the December 3, 2010 meeting (See Addendum I)
4. Committee Reports

Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Programs (Chair, Tami Ogletree)

## Action Items: (See Addendum II)

A) College of Arts and Humanities

1) Department of Art
a) Program - Art (Establishment of an Art Pre-Major Listing) Request: Modify
Action: Approved
b) Program - BA in Art (Option Pre-Medical Illustration)

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
B) College of Sciences and Mathematics

1) Department of Geosciences
a) Program: BS in Geology

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
b) Program: BA degree with a major in Geography

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
C) College of Social Sciences

1) Department of Sociology and Criminology
a) BS Degree in Criminology

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
b) Course: CRIM 2000 Survey of Criminology

Request: Add
Action: Approved
c) Course: CRIM 4200 Violent Crime

Request: Add
Action: Approved
2) Department of Psychology
a) Program: BA Degree in Psychology

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
b) Course: PSYC 2010 Psychology as a Human Science

Request: Add
Action: Approved
c) Course: PSYC 4000 Humanistic Psychology

Request: Add
Action: Approved
d) PSYC 4010 Theories of Psychology

Request: Add
Action: Approved
e) PSYC 4360 Community Psychology

Request: Add
Action: Approved
D) General Education Committee :
a) Add MATH 2008 to Core Area D2.

Action: Approved

## Information Items:

A) College of Arts and Humanities

1) Department of Foreign and Literatures
a) Course: SPAN 3030 Introduction to Hispanic Literature Request: Modify
Action Approved
b) Course: SPAN 3101 Spanish Conversation

Request: Modify
Action Approved
c) Course: SPAN 3102 Spanish Composition Request: Modify
Action Approved
d) Course: SPAN 4003 Latin-America Novel Request: Modify
Action Approved
B) College of Social Sciences

1) Department of Psychology
a) Course: PSYC 3900 Personality Theories

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
b) Course: PSYC 4130 Eastern and Transpersonal Psychology

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
c) Course: PSYC 4350 Culture and Psychology

Request: Modify
Action: Approved

## Committee XIII: Rules Committee (Chair, Chris Aanstoos)

## Action items:

A) A Proposal to Specify the Meaning of "Consultation" in the Faculty's Shared Governance Role MOTION: To clarify and improve the consultative role of the faculty in the shared governance of the university, it is recommended that the Policies and Procedures be revised (See Addendum III).
B) A Proposal to Provide Support for the Chair of Senate - MOTION: To amend the Policies and Procedures, Article IV, Section 2,B (See Addendum IV).
C) A Proposal to Include the Chair of the Senate on the President's Advisory Committee - MOTION: To accept the proposal of the President to include the Chair of the Senate among those who shall be invited to participate in meetings of the President's Advisory Committee (See Addendum V).
D) A Proposal to Futher Define the Role of the Executive Committee - MOTION: To replace Article IV, Section 2,E of the Policies and Procedures (See Addendum VI).
E) A Proposal to Revise the Allocation of Senators - MOTION: To replace Article IV, Section2,A,5 of the Policies and Procedures (See Addendum VII).

## Information Items:

A) Committee Structure of the Senate(See Addendum VIII)
B) Definition of A Quorum (See Addendum IX)
C) Process of Amending the ByLaws and Policies and Procedures (See Addendum X)
5. Old Business
6. New Business
A) Engaging the senate in preparing the SACS compliance certificate. (Dr. Jon Anderson)
7. Announcements
8. Adjournment

## Addendum I

# University of West Georgia <br> Faculty Senate Meeting <br> Draft of Minutes 

## December 3, 2010

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was convened in room 1-303 of the Technology-enhanced Learning Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Huff.
2. Roll Call

Present: Aanstoos, Anderson, Ashford, Barnhart, Baumstark, Baylen, Bucholz, Burton, Carter, Chesnut (Substitute for Hasbun), Chowns, Cook, Cox, Crean, Pitzulo (substitute for de Nie), Deng, Donohoe, Gordon, Butler (substitute for Hatfield), Hodges, Todd (substitute for Hooper), Jenks, Kang, Khan, Lane, Mbaye, Morris, Ogletree, Ringlaben, Rollins, Rutledge, Smith, Harkins (substitute for Thomas), Williard

Absent: Austin, DeFoor, Jackson, Payne, Pencoe
Motion made and seconded to move a New Business item to just prior to the Rules Committee Report.

The motion was approved by voice vote.
3. Approval of the minutes of the November 12, 2010 meeting

The minutes were approved by voice vote with no additions or corrections.
4. Committee Reports

Committee I: Undergraduate Academic Programs (Chair, Tami Ogletree)

## Action Items:

A) College of Arts and Sciences

1) Department of Art
a) Course: ART 3210 Non-Western Art

Request: Add
Action: Approved
2) Department of Geosciences
a) Program: Environmental Science

Request: Modify (update degree requirements)
Action: Approved
B) General Education Subcommittee:
a) Core Area D Learning Outcomes
b) Critical Thinking Plan Proposal

All action items submitted by the committee were approved.

## Information Items:

A) College of Arts and Sciences

1) Department of Art
a) Course: ART 2210 Intro to Non-Western Art

Request: Modify
Action: Tabled
b) Course: ART 3401 Graphic Design I: Typography

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
c) Course: ART 3402 Graphic Design II: Typography

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
d) Course: ART 4403 Graphic Design IV: Type and Image Request: Modify
Action: Approved
e) Course: ART 4404 Graphic Design IV: Branding Request: Modify
Action: Approved
f) Course: ART 4406 Graphic Design VI Prof Portfolio

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
2) Department of Mathematics
a) Course: Course: MATH 3703 Geometry for P-8 Teachers I

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
b) Course: MATH 3803 Algebra for P-8 Teachers I

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
c) Course: MATH 4713 Probab/Statistics for P-8 Teachers

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
3) Department of Political Science
a) Course: POLS 4213 Comparative Public Admin \& Policy

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
b) Course: POLS 4504 International Political Economy

Request: Modify

Action: Approved Request: Modify
B) College of Education

1) Department of Leadership and Applied Instruction
c) Course: SPMG 2600 Intro to Sport Management

Request: Modify
Action: Rejected

## Committee VII: Institutional Studies and Planning (Chair, Eilis Crean)

## Information Item:

The Senate Institutional Studies and Planning (ISP) committee is engaged in the topic selection for UWG's quality enhancement plan.

Committee IX: Graduate Studies (Chair, David Jenks)

## Action Items:

A) College of Arts and Sciences

1) Department of Foreign Languages
a) Program: M.Ed./PTED in French Request: Deactivate
Action: Approved
b) Program: M.Ed./PTED in Spanish

Request: Deactivate
Action: Approved
B) College of Education

1) Department of Educational Innovation
a) Program: Certification in Media - Plan C

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
b) Program: Certification in Media - Plan D

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
c) Program: M.Ed. in Media - School Library Media - Plan A

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
d) Program: Online Ed.S. in Media IT track Plan G

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
2) Department of Contemporary Teaching and Early Learning
a) Policy Change - Ed.S. in Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Education Faculty members would like to request a change in policy which would allow graduate students admitted into the Ed.S. program in ECED to transfer in up to six (6) hours of graduate credit from an accredited institution.
b) Program: M.Ed. in Reading Education (now in the Collaborative Support and Intervention Department)
Request: Modify
Action: Approved
3) Department of Leadership and Applied Instruction
a) Program: Educational Leadership Certification Only

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
b) Program: M.Ed. in Educational Leadership

Request: Deactivate
Action: Approved
c) Program: M.Ed. in Physical Education

Request: Deactivate
Action: Approved
d) Program: Ed.S. Program: Educational Leadership

Request: Modify
Action: Approved
e) Program: Ed.S. in Middle Grades Education

Request: Deactivate
Action: Approved
f) Program: Ed.S. in Secondary Education

Request: Deactivate
Action: Approved
All action items submitted by the committee were approved.

## New Business:

Presenters: Chris Aanstoos and Provost Peter Hoff
Submission: Document by President Beheruz Sethna
Motion: Pres. Sethna’s "Advancing our Mutual Commitment to Consultative Processes" should be sent to the Rules Committee for review.

Motion was approved by voice vote and sent to Rules Committee for review.

## Committee XIII: Rules Committee (Chair, Chris Aanstoos)

## Action items:

A. Allocation of Senators - To replace Article IV, Section 2, A, 5 of the Policies and Procedures Manual

MOTION: To replace Article IV, Section2,A,5 of the Policies and Procedures with the
addition of the following:
Forty-five duly elected senators, apportioned as follows: College of Arts and Humanities, thirteen, including one elected by each of its six departments and seven elected by the college at large; College of Social Science, six, including one elected by each of its five departments and one elected by the college at large; College of Science and Mathematics, nine, including one elected by each of its six departments and three elected by the college at large; Richards College of Business, five, including one elected by each of its four departments, and one elected by the college at large; College of Education, eight, including one elected by each of its four departments and four elected by the college at large; the School of Nursing, two, elected by the School at large; the Library, two, elected by the Library at large.

Recommendation made that the following sentence be added to proposal: In the event that a department does not elect a senator, that seat will revert to the college at large.

Motion was withdrawn by committee chair.
B. Re-election of incumbent senators - To revise the current statement in Article IV, Section 2, F, 1 of the Policies and Procedures Manual

MOTION: To revise the current statement in Art. IV, Sec. 2,F,1 of the Policies and Procedures Manual with the following changes (highlighted material = additions; strikethrough material = deletions):
F. Election of the Faculty Senate

The following shall be the rules which govern election to the Senate, with the exception that in any year in which a college is reorganized in such a manner as to affect the ability to adhere to these rules, the Senate shall have the authority to allow exceptions to these rules as it may deem necessary.

1. Senators shall be elected for a term of three (3) years from the General Faculty, excluding the Officers of Administration named in Article III. Academic department chairs, however, shall be eligible for election. Terms shall be staggered with one-third elected each year. Senators may be re-elected; however, no No senator shall be eligible for re- election until at least one (1) year after completion of his or her previous second consecutive full (three-year) term.

- Unexpired terms due to permanent loss of a senator shall be filled by election from the unit of the senator whose term is to be filled. Serving out an umexpired term does not exclude a senator from consideration at the next election.

Motion and second to revise the proposal as follows was approved.
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chairs, however, shall be eligible for election. Terms shall be staggered with one-third elected each year. Senators shall serve no more than two full terms consecutively.

The motion was approved by voice vote.
C. Proposal to further define the Executive Committee -Recommendation to replace Article IV, Section 2, E of the Policies and Procedures Manual.

MOTION: To replace Article IV, Section 2,E of the Policies and Procedures by adding the following in its place:
E. The Executive Committee. The Faculty Senate shall include an Executive Committee with the following functions and composition.

1. Functions. The Executive Committee shall have broad responsibility for:
a. planning and facilitating the activities of the Senate, including the following functions: assign senators to Senate standing committees and subcommittees; create ad hoc Senate committees and assign senators; assign senators to such non- senate university committees, task forces and search committees as may be needed; appoint the Parliamentarian of the Senate; propose any legislation to the Senate the Executive Committee may deem appropriate.
b. serve as the Senate's elections committee, receiving nominations, organizing and supervising elections, monitoring compliance, adjudicating challenges, and certifying the results.
c. interview candidates for university-wide positions and provide evaluations to the appropriate search committees.
2. Composition. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the chairs of the Senate standing committees, the Chair of the Senate, the Past Chair of the Senate, the Executive Secretary of the Senate, the President of the University, the Provost of the University, and the President of the University's AAUP chapter.

## Motion withdrawn by the Chair

D. USG Faculty Council - To revise the Policies and Procedures Manual, Article IV, Section 2, B to include the specification that it shall be the responsibility of the Chair of the Faculty Senate to represent the University of West Georgia on the USG Faculty Council.

MOTION: To revise the Policies and Procedures Article IV, Section2,B to include the specification that it shall be the responsibility of the Chair of the Faculty Senate to represent the University of West Georgia on the USG Faculty Council by the addition of the following highlighted material:
The Chair of the Faculty Senate - With the consent of the President of the University, the Chair of the Faculty Senate shall preside at all Faculty Senate meetings and chair the Executive Committee of the Senate. Additional responsibilities include serving as the representative of the University of West Georgia to the University System of Georgia Faculty Council; serving as a liaison between Senate and other stakeholders in the University community; setting the agenda for Senate meetings; providing for an orientation and training for new chairs of Senate committees; resolving issues with Senators who do not serve or who resign; casting a vote only in case of a tie; and designating a replacement to preside over Senate meetings in case of absence.

The motion was approved by voice vote.
E. Planning Council - To revise Article I, Section 1, E of the Policies and Procedures Manual by deleting section 3 .

MOTION: To revise Article I, Section1,E of the Policies and Procedures Manual by deleting section 3 (and renumbering the subsequent sections 4 and 5 appropriately).

The motion was approved by voice vote.

## Information Items:

A) On the Committee Structure of the Senate
B) On the Definition of a Quorum
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Announcements

Michael Aldrich was recognized and thanked for his work in the support of past Senate and university activities. Expressions of congratulations and well wishes were offered as Michael leaves for a new career opportunity.
8. Adjournment

## Addendum II

## Course or Program Addition, Deletion or Modification Request

## Department: Art

## College: College of Arts \& Sciences

## Current course catalog listing: (for modifications or deletions)

Prefix Course Title

| Action |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ Modify $\quad \square$ Add $\square$ Credit $\square$ Number $\square$ Title $\square$ Description $\square$ Other | Delete |


Hours: Lecture/Lab/Total

Rationale: To include a discussion of the impact this change may have on the substance of the major or academic program (attach additional material as necessary) and whether or not existing resources are sufficient to support this change.

## $\square$ Library resources are adequate $\quad \square$ Library resources need enhancement

Proposed Course Catalog Listing: (For new courses or for modification)


Prerequisite(s)
Present or Projected Enrollment: (Students per year)
*For a new course, one full term must pass between approval and effective date.

> Effective Date*: spring /2011

Grading System:
$\square$ Letter Grade
$\square$ Pass/Fail
DOther


## Chair of TEAC (if teacher prep. program) Date

Final Approval: Submitted by College Dean to Undergraduate Academic Programs Chair and/or Committee on Graduate Studies Chairman (six copies with signature for proposals carrying undergraduale credit only and seven copies with signatures carrying both undergraduate and graduate credit).


The Department of Art requests the establishment of an ART Pre-Major listing. This pre-major will assist students and the Art Department by better aligning students with the newly implemented application process to become an Art Major and all further departmental review processes.
The department needs to properly situate students by placing them on tract as soon as possible and the pre-major will assist us in accomplishing this task.
While incoming freshman and transfer Students may apply prior to attending UWG, most are opting to apply after their first or second semester. All students must submit a successful portfolio to be admitted into the department; however, some students are less than fully prepared and must complete at least 9 credit hours in area F before they can apply to become an art major. The Pre-Major listing will assist the department by identifying candidates who wish to pursue art and will allow us to start properly advising this students as the enter UWG.

## Course or Program Addition, Deletion or Modification Request

## Department: Art

## College: College of Arts \& Sciences

Current course catalog listing: (for modifications or deletions)
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| Credit |
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| $\square$ Undergraduate |
| $\square$ Graduate |
| $\square$ Other* |
| $*$ Variable credit must be explained |


| Frequency |
| :--- |
| $\square$ Every Term |
| $\square$ Yearly |
| $\square$ Other |
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Rationale: To include a discussion of the impact this change may have on the substance of the major or academic program (attach additional material as necessary) and whether or not existing resources are sufficient to support this change.
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Library resources need enhancement
Proposed Course Catalog Listing: (For new courses or for modification)
Prefix Course Title

Hours: Lecture/Lab/Total
Catalog Description (New courses must attach: course objectives/outcomes; texts) and/or other resources used; grading policy; and a brief class schedule. For 5XXX/4XXX courses please highlight the additional work required for graduate credit and the differences in grading policies):
Request to deactivate the Pre-Medical Illustration option in the BA in Art Degree See Attached

Prerequisite (s) $\qquad$
Present or Projected Enrollment: 4 (Students per year)
*For a new course, one full term must pass between approval and effective date.
Effective Date*: August $\quad / 2010$
Grading System:Letter Grade
$\square$ Pass/Fail
$\square$ other


Chair of TEAC (if teacher prep. program) Date
Final Approval: Submitted by College Dean to Undergraduate Academic Programs Chair and/or Committee on Graduate Studies Chairman (six copies with signature for proposals carrying undergraduate credit only and seven copies with signatures carrying both undergraduate and graduate credit).


Deactivation request for Pre-Medical Illustration
This is a request to deactivate/suspend the program "Pre-medical Illustration" from the Department of Art's program offerings. Rationale for this deactivation includes: complying with accreditation standards for the program and other program issues. While it may have been seen as an attractive "professional" track within art, the lack of resources put towards the program has always meant few students enrolled. Following BOR regulations, the intention is to teach out students over the next two academic years or compel them to change their major or to transfer to finish the program. At which time the department will submit request to delete program from UWG program listings. Additionally, students who wish to go into Medical illustration may opt to apply to the BA-Art (Studio) option and get a minor in Biology with the same results as the BA in Art (Pre-Medical Illustration) option, helping to streamline accreditation processes.

## Course or Program Addition, Deletion or Modification Request

Department: Geosciences
College: College of Arts \& Sciences
Current course catalog listing: (for modifications or deletions)
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Course
Title
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| $\square$ Course | $\square$ Program |
| $\square$ |  |
| $\square$ Modify $\quad \square$ Add | $\square$ Delete |
| $\square$ Credit |  |
| $\square$ Number |  |
| $\square$ Title |  |
| $\square$ Description |  |
| $\square$ Other |  |


| Credit |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ Undergraduate |
| $\square$ Graduate |
| $\square$ Other* |
| *Variable credit must be explained |$\quad$| Frequency |
| :--- |
| $\square$ Every Term |
| $\square$ Yearly |
| $\square$ Other |

Rationale: To include a discussion of the impact this change may have on the substance of the major or academic program (attach additional material as necessary) and whether or not existing resources are sufficient to support this change.
$\square$ Library resources are adequate
Library resources need enhancement

Proposed Course Catalog Listing: (For new courses or for modification)
Prefix Course Title Hours: Lecture/Lab/Total

Catalog Description (New courses must attach: course objectives/outcomes; text(s) and/or other resources used; grading policy; and a brief class schedule. For 5XXX/4XXX courses please highlight the additional work required for graduate credit and the differences in grading policies):

Prerequisite(s) $\qquad$
Present or Projected Enrollment: (Students per year)
*For a new course, one full term must pass between approval and effective date.
Effective Date*: $\underbrace{\text { Fall }}_{\text {Termin'Year }}$

Grading System:Letter GradePass/Fail
$\square$ Other


## Chair of TEAC (if teacher prep. program) Date

Final Approval: Submitted by College Dean to Undergraduate Academic Programs Chair and/or Committee on Graduate Studies Chairman (six copies with signature fof proposals carrying undergraduate credit only and seven copies with signatures carying both undergraduate and graduate credit).


## Proposed changes to B.S. in Geology Program

We wish to change degree requirements for the B.S. Degree in Geology to update one degree track and account for changes in Geoscience Department course offerings. We wish to make the following changes:

Change \#1: Eliminate GEOL 4024 (Paleontology) as a requirement in Plan C, Environmental Geology Track.
Rationale: Environmental Geology is a diverse, interdisciplinary field. Students in this track would be better served by choices of course offerings in Geology, Geography, Math, Chemistry or Biology. GEOL 4024 will remain as a required course in all other Geology degree plans; students in Environmental Geology will still be able to take GEOL 4024 if they wish.

Change \#2: Replace GEOG 4553 (Geographic Information Systems) with GEOG 2553 (Introduction to GIS and Mapping Science) in all Geology degree plans.
Rationale: After recent Geography degree program modifications GEOG 4553 now requires GEOG 2553 as a prerequisite. A GEOG 4553 requirement thus includes a hidden prerequisite. This change will eliminate the hidden prerequisite while maintaining a GIS requirement in our program. Many Geology majors will go on to also take GEOG 4553.

Existing resources are sufficient to support this change.

## Course or Program Addition, Deletion or Modification Request

## Department: <br> Geosciences

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## Current course catalog listing: (for modifications or deletions)

Prefix
Course
Title


Hours: Lecture/Lab/Total


Rationale: To include a discussion of the impact this change may have on the substance of the major or academic program (attach additional material as necessary) and whether or not existing resources are sufficient to support this change.
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Proposed Course Catalog Listing: (For new courses or for modification)
Course Title
Catalog Description (New courses must attach: course objectives/outcomes; text (s) and/or other resources used; Lecture/Lab/Total
grading policy; and a brief class schedule. For $5 \times \mathrm{XXX} / 4 \mathrm{XXX}$ courses please highlight the additional work required
graduate credit and the differences in grading policies):
Prerequisite (s)

Present or Projected Enrollment: (Students per year)
*For a new course, one full term must pass between approval and effective date.
Grading System:Letter Grade
$\square$ Pass/Fail
Effective Date*: Sprit 2011
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$\square$ Other


Vice President for Academic Affairs Date

Department of Geosciences Carrollton, GA 30118-3100 College of Arts \& Sciences

October 1, 2010

Lori Lipoma
A\&S Executive Committee

Members of the Executive Committee,
The Department of Geosciences proposes a program modification for the BA degree with a Major in Geography. The purpose of this modification is to allow undergraduates pursuing the BA in Geography to also earn a Minor in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). As it now stands, BA Geography students cannot earn a GIS minor because one course that is required for BA Geography is also required for the GIS minor: GEOG 4553 Geographic Information Systems.

We request that GEOG 4553 Geographic Information Systems be removed from the upperdivision requirements for the BA degree with a Major in Geography. In its place, undergraduates would be required to take an additional 4 hours of 3000 or above GEOG courses.

Thank you,


Dr. Georgina DeWeese
Assistant Professor
Department of Geosciences
University of West Georgia


Dr. Curtis Hollabaugh
Department Head
Department of Geosciences
University of West Georgia
.Proposed Undergraduate Catalog Changes (underlined):

## B.A. Degree with a Major in Geography <br> Learning Outcomes

The list below represents the major learning objectives of the B.A. Degree in Geography. Upon graduating from the Department of Geosciences, every student with a bachelor's degree in Geography should be able to do the following:

- Recognize historical and contemporary perspectives of the discipline
- Demonstrate an understanding of concepts and vocabulary basic to geography
- Perform qualitative and quantitative analyses of geographic phenomena
- Demonstrate a fundamental awareness of geographic dimensions to human and physical processes and conditions
- Explain processes of political, economic, and cultural difference within and between human societies
- Demonstrate fundamentals of cartography and geographic information systems
- Demonstrate competence in the manipulation and analysis of spatial data
- Demonstrate understanding of physical processes at the earth's surface
- Characterize global human and physical environments
- Demonstrate the fundamentals of remote sensing and image processing


## CORE REQUIREMENTS

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| Core Areas A, B, C, D, E (see Core Curriculum requirements) | 42 |
| Area F | 18 |
| One of the following | 3 |
| GEOG 2083 Introduction to Geographical Analysis |  |
| MATH 2063 Introductory Statistics |  |
| Foreign Languages 20023 |  |
| GEOG 2553 Introduction to GIS \& Mapping Sciences 3 |  |
| Any courses 2000 or below from: 9 |  |
| ANTH, ECON, ENVS, Foreign Languages, |  |
| GLOB, HIST, PHIL, PLAN, POLS, SOCI |  |
| Total Core Hoturs |  |

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR
Must have at least 39 total hours from courses 3000 or above, 21 of which must be taken in Geography.
Lower-Division Requirements 6-15
GEOG 1013 World Geograply (if not taken in the core) 0-3
One of the following (if not taken in the core): 0-3
GEOG 1111 Introduction to Physical Geography
GEOG 1112 Weather and Climate
GEOG 1113 Landform Geography
GEOG 2083 Introduction to Geographical Analysis
(if not taken in the core) $0-3$
GEOG 2010 Political Geography 3
GEOG 2503 Cultural Geography 3
Upper-Division Requirements 28
GEOG 3253 Economic Geography 3
GEOG 3643 Urban Geograply 3
GEOG 4084 Senior Seminar: Why Geography Matters 3
GEOG-4553-Geegraphic Information Systems-4
One of the following: 3
GEOG 3010 Rethinking Geopolitics
GEOG 3085 Selected Topics in Regional Geography
GEOG 3644 Atlanta's Geographies
GEOG 4013 Globalization
GEOG 4503 Culture, Space, and Place
GEOG courses 3000 or above $+2 \underline{16}$
Electives $\quad$ 17-26

Minor (optional) and/or electives
At least 11 hours from courses 3000 or higher
Major
60
Total 120

Current course catalog listing: (for modifications or deletions)

| Prefix Course Title Criminology |  | 2011 Jet $-3 \quad 41 / 3 / C 2$ Hours: Lecture/Lab/Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ Course $\quad \square$ Program | Credit Undergraduate Graduate Other* <br> * Variable credit must be explained | Frequency |
| Add <br> Delete Credit Number Title Description Other |  | Yearly Other |

Rationale: To include a discussion of the impact this change may have on the substance of the major or academic program (attach additional material as necessary) and whether or not existing resources are sufficient to support this change.
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## Program for BS Degree in Criminology

Effective Fall 2011

## Core Area F (18 hours)

1. CRIM 1100: Introduction to Criminal Justice
2. CRIM 2000: Survey of Criminology

## Choose One (I) of the Following

3. SOCI 1101: Introduction to Sociology; SOCI 1160 Social Problems; ANTH 1102 Introduction to Anthropology; PSYC 1101 Introduction to General Psychology

## Choose Three (3) of the Following

4. CRIM 2272 Introduction to Law Enforcement; CRIM 2273 Criminal Procedure; CRIM 2274 American Criminal Courts; CRIM 2245 Juvenile Delinquency

Major Courses (48) Hours
CRIM 3240 Criminological Theory (Requires a C or better)
CRIM 4000 Research Methodology (Requires a C or better)
CRIM 4003 Statistics for the Social Sciences (Requires a $C$ or better)
CRIM 4284 Senior Capstone (Requires a C or better)

## Choose One of the Following from Each Area A-E

A. Ethics: CRIM 4230 Ethics and Criminal Justice; CRIM 4211 Police Deviance
B. Global: CRIM 4911 Terrorism; CRIM 4248 International Comparative Justice
C. Diversity: CRIM 4231 Women in the Criminal Justice System; CRIM 4279 Race and Crime; CRIM 4650 Corporate and White-Collar Crime
D. Violence: CRIM 4233 Gangs; CRIM 4200 Violent Crime; CRIM 4232 Family Violence
E. Justice: CRIM 3241 Corrections; CRIM 4277 Police in Society; CRIM 4293 Correctional Programs; CRIM 4712 Law and Society

## Upper Division Criminology Courses (12 hours)

CRIM
(3)
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## Upper Division Supporting Courses (9)

With major advisor approval, students select 9 hours of upper division courses in related fields
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Electives ( 12 hours) elect this are completely at the discretion of the student with the exception of pwla courses
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Total Units Was Required for the Degree $=120$ hours

## Rationale for program changes in Criminology major.

The program changes are intended to accomplish a number of goals. They are necessary to complete the transition of the program from a criminal justice emphasis to a criminology emphasis that includes the societal reaction to crime which encompasses the criminal justice system. Additionally, they are intended to make the criminology program more accessible to students at the University of West Georgia by bringing its requirements in line with other majors in the University. Finally the changes are intended to revise the curriculum to ensure that students are taking a sufficient number of upper division classes. The rationales are as follows:

1. Add a new class to area F. Survey of Criminology. This class CRIM 2000 is intended to provide students with a foundation in the theoretical aspects of Criminology that goes beyond CRIM 1100 Introduction to Criminal Justice and will serve as a prerequisite to CRIM 3240, the upper division criminological theory course. This class will ensure that students are fully prepared for upper division study in Criminology.
2. Drop SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology as a required course and add it to the list of courses that can be taken under F-3
3. In area F4 require students to take three of the following courses, CRIM 2272 Introduction to Law Enforcement, CRIM 2273 Criminal Procedure, CRIM 2274 Introduction to Courts, CRIM 2245 Juvenile Delinquency. By taking these lower division courses students will be ready for upper division criminology classes. This change will also facilitate matriculation for transfer students. Drop all classes that are currently in this section.
4. For major courses students will be required to pass the following for courses with a grade of C. or better: CRIM 3240 Criminological Theory, CRIM 4000 Research Methodology, CRIM 4003 Statistics for the Social Sciences, CRIM Senior Capstone. By requiring a grade of $C$ or better this ensures program integrity and quality.
5. In areas A-E of the major courses a new emphasis is put upon criminology in order to differentiate it from criminal justice programs. Additionally, 2000 level courses will no longer count towards major requirements in A-E and a number of upper division courses have been added to replace them.

Ethics: CRIM 4230 Ethics and Criminal Justice; CRIM 4xxx Police Deviance
Global: $\quad$ CRIM 4911 Terrorism; CRIM 4248 International Comparative Justice
Diversity: CRIM 4231 Women in the Criminal Justice System; CRIM 4279 Race and Crime; CRIM 4650 Corporate and White-Collar Crime
Violence: $\quad$ CRIM 4233 Gangs; CRIM 4xxx Violent Crime; CRIM 4232 Family Violence Justice: $\quad$ CRIM 3241 Corrections; CRIM 4277 Police in Society; CRIM 4293 Correctional Programs; CRIM 4712 Law and Society
6. Add a new course CRIM 4200 Violent Crime. This course is a staple in criminology programs across the country and was added to bolster the program in the new upper division core area Violence.
7. Eliminate the 2.5 grade point average in core areas A-E, and require a grade point average of 2.0 . This will bring criminology in line with other social sciences disciplines. The 2.5 grade point average requirement filtered out many students who desire to become criminology majors. This puts criminology on a level playing field with other disciplines.

These changes require no additional resources in terms of faculty or library resources. All these changes can be accomplished with existing resources and are intended merely as a way to better focus the criminology major and make it more relevant to providing the criminology program via distance learning.

## Course Update Request (Add, Delete, Modify)


$\left[\begin{array}{lll}\text { Course Details } & \\ \text { CRIM } & 2000 & \begin{array}{l}\text { Survey of Criminology } \\ \text { Prefix }\end{array} \\ & \text { Number } & \text { Course Title }\end{array}\right.$

This course will provide an overview of issues and controversies in criminology. In addition to a survey of the major criminological series, the course concentrates on the major types of crimes committed in American society. Additionally, students will be exposed to how major societal institutions impact upon crime and crime control efforts. Finally, problems associated with the measurement of crime are considered.
Course Catalog Description

| 3 | 0 |  |  | Fall-2011 <br> Effective Term | Yearly <br> Frequency |
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| Lec Hrs | Lab Hrs | Letter Grade <br> Grading |  |  |  |



Rationale
This class CRIM 2000 is intended to provide students with a foundation in the theoretical aspects of Criminology that goes beyond CRIM 1100 Introduction to Criminal Justice and will serve as a prerequisite to CRIM 3240, the upper division Criminological Theory course. This class will ensure that students are fully prepared for upper division study in Criminology.


# CRIM 2000 Survey of Criminology <br> University of West Georgia | Spring 2008 

## Time TBA | Pafford 220

Professor:
Office:
Office phone:
Office hours:
Email:

## Required Book:

Assigned readings to be determined by the instructor

## Course Description:

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## Course Objectives:

Objectives will be stated by the instructor in specific course offering syllabi each time the course is offered.

## Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand how crime is measured by criminologists
- Critically evaluate the major types of criminological theory.
- Observe how crimes are classified by the criminal law.
- Communicate their understanding of criminology through writing.


## Prerequisites:

None

## Course Requirements:

Students are expected to attend class regularly, and complete the required assignments by the scheduled date. Due dates for assignments are tentatively listed in the course schedule and any changes will be announced in class. Because class participation is part of the course grade, it is imperative to attend class. Late papers or presentations will not be
accepted unless approved and only under extreme circumstances. This is a graduate level research methods course and work that is submitted should reflect that.

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Participation in class discussions is highly encouraged as it enhances the learning experience for everyone. Rude and obnoxious behavior will not be tolerated. This includes, but certainly is not limited to talking while the instructor is lecturing, laughing in the back of the classroom, as well as cell phones and pagers going off during class and exams. All types of electronic devices (e.g. cell phones, pagers, personal digital assistants, laptops) are prohibited during class. If any cell phones or pagers go off during class you are subject to removal from the classroom for the remainder of that class. If any cell phones or pagers are visible during an exam, you will receive an $F$ for that exam. If you need to be contacted regarding a possible emergency situation during class, please provide contacts with the phone number to the department office (678) 839-6505 and they will send someone down to the classroom.

All electronic communication between students enrolled in this course and the instructor will be via MyUWG accounts only. Students who send email using other email accounts such as Yahoo!, MSN, Comcast, Hotmail, etc., will not receive a reply. Since electronic communication is preferred, please do so using your MyUWG email account.

## Academic Integrity:

The Department of Sociology and Criminology's policy on academic honesty and integrity can be found here. All students are required to read the policy. Enrollment in this course implies acceptance of and consent to this policy. The first violation of this policy will result in a grade of " 0 " for the exam, paper, or assignment in question. This sanction shall apply irrespective of circumstance and the student will be reported to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences so that the violation is made part of the student's permanent university record. Any subsequent violation of this policy will result in a grade of " $F$ " for the course.

## Special Needs:

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible so that I may make proper arrangements to accommodate your needs.

## Grading:

Final grades will be based on class participation, the in class exercise, and the three exams. Exams will consist of five essay questions, from which students will choose three questions to answer. The questions will cover material presented in class as well as required reading from the text and other assigned sources. Note that all material in the text may not be covered during class. Students are responsible for this material for examination purposes.

Class Participation - $5 \%$

Discussions during class are a critical component of learning and as such, everyone will be expected to keep up with the reading material and participate in discussions.

Paper - $45 \%$
A comprehensive paper analyzing the structure limitations of major criminological theories and how they fight crime will be assigned. Students are expected to have a comprehensive research statement, literature review, and methodology in addition to the data analysis and conclusion.

Exams - 50\%
The exams will be cumulative covering all of the material covered in the text and class discussions.

## Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

$90-100 \%=\mathrm{A}$
$80-89.99=B$
$70-79.99=\mathrm{C}$
$60-69.99=\mathrm{D}$
$00-59.99=\mathrm{F}$

## Course Schedule:

To be determined by the course instructor

## References:

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Varano, Sean P, Beth Huebner, and Timothy S. Bynum. "Correlates and Consequences of Pre-Incarceration Gang Involvement among Incarcerated Youthful Felons". Journal of Criminal Justice.

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Kristin Carbone-Lopez, Finn-Aage Esbensen, and Bradley T. Brick. "Correlates and Consequences of Peer Victimization: Gender differences in direct and indirect forms of bullying." Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice.

Oliver, Brian (*). "My Sentence is Over but will my Punishment ever end?" Dialectical Anthropology.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Dana Peterson, Terrance J. Taylor, Adrienne Freng, D. Wayne Osgood, Dena C. Carson (*), and Kristy N. Matsuda. "Evaluation and Evolution of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program." Journal of School Violence.

Lauritsen, Janet L. and Kristin Carbone-Lopez. "Gender Differences in Risk Factors for Violent Victimization: An Examination of Individual-, Family-, and Community-Level Predictors." Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency.

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Workers in Sri Lanka." Feminist Criminology.
Scott Jacques (*) and Richard Wright. " Criminology as Social Control: Discriminatory Research and Its Role in the Reproduction of Social Inequalities." Crime, Law, \& Social Change.

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Jenness, Valerie, Cheryl L. Maxson, Jennifer M. Sumner, and Kristy N. Matsuda. 2010. "Accomplishing the difficult, but not impossible: Collecting self-report data on sexual assault victimization in correctional facilities." Criminal Justice Policy Review.

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Morris, Nancy, and Lee Ann Slocum. 2010. "The Validity of Self-Reported Prevalence, Frequency and Timing of Arrest: An evaluation of Data Collected using a Life Events Calendar." Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency.

White, Michael D., and David Klinger. 2010. "Contagious Fire?" An Empirical Assessment of the "Problem" of Multi-Shooter/Multi-Shot Deadly Force Incidents in Police Work." Crime and Delinquency.

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Brunson, Rod K. and Jody Miller. 2009. "Schools, Neighborhoods, and Adolescent Conflict: A Situational Examination of Reciprocal Dynamics." Justice Quarterly 26. In press.

Carson, Dena C. (*), Christopher J. Sullivan, John C. Cochran, and Kim M. Lersch. 2009. "General Strain Theory and the Relationship Between Early Victimization and Drug Use." Deviant Behavior 30. In press.

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## Course Update Request (Add, Delete, Modify)

| Originator |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sociology and Crim inology College of Arts and Sciences <br> Department College | Lemke, Richard | Originator |


$\left[\begin{array}{lll}\text { Course Details } & \\ \hline \text { Crim } & 4200 & \text { Violent Crime } \\ \text { Prefix } & \text { Number } & \text { Course Title }\end{array}\right.$

This class provides an overview of violent crime in America. It will offer the student readings which incorporate research on violence, theoretical causes of violent crime, and the application of current knowledge to social policy. Course topics include the patterns of violent crime, theoretical explanations of violence, prevention of violent crime, and the punishment/treatment of violent offenders.
Course Catalog Description

| 3 | 0 | 3 | Fall-2011 <br> Lec Hrs | Cab Hrs Credit Hrs |
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## Rationale

Add a new class to area D. (Violence). The course CRIM 4200 Violent Crime intends to provide students a foundation of the theoretical explanation of violent behavior, patterns of such behavior, and societal / institutional responses intended to prevent violence. Other criminology programs which intend to inform the student about violence The goal is to bolster area DViolence and provide the students with foundations of theoretical and empirical explanations so that students are prepared to address critical issues of violence and crime.
$\Gamma^{\text {Planning-Info }}$
C Library Resources are Adequate
$C$ Library Resources Need Enhancement
Present or Projected Annual Enrollment: 40
Comments

$\Gamma$ TEAC Approval Required
$\Gamma^{\text {College Approvals }}$
Holland, Laurel [ APPROVED ]
Chair, Course Department

## Overfield, Denise [ APPROVED ]

Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences



# CRIM 4200 | Violent Crimes <br> University of West Georgia | Fall 2011 

Time TBA | Pafford 220

Professor:
Office:
Office phone:
Office hours:
Email:

## Required Book:

Riedel, M. \& Welsh, W. (2007) Criminal Violence: Patterns, Causes, and Prevention ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ edition); Oxford University Press.

Zimring, F,. \& Hawkins, G (1997). Crime is not the problem: Lethal violence in America. Oxford University Press.

Additional readings on each topic area to be determined by the instructor

## Course Description:

This class provides an overview of violent crime in America. It will offer the student readings which incorporate research on violence, theoretical causes of violent crime, and the application of current knowledge to social policy: Topics will include the pattern of violent crime (types of violent offenders, areas which facilitate violence), theoretical explanations of violence, prevention of violent crime, and the punishment/treatment of violent offenders.

## Course Objectives:

Objectives will be stated by the instructor in specific course offering syllabi each time the course is offered.

## Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand violent crime and its effects.
- Critically evaluate the patterns of violent crime
- Observe the detrimental effects of violent crime on communities.
- Communicate/demonstrate their understanding of violent collar crime through writing.


## This course will contribute to six of the stated departmental learning outcomes:

- Knowledge of the main theories in criminology that offer various ways of understanding why people commit crime.
- Knowledge of how the major criminal justice institutions respond to crime, criminals and victims.
- Ability to ask relevant questions and engage in research to explore special issues in criminology/criminal justice and their effects on the larger society.
- Ability to apply criminology theories, principles and concepts to address "real life" problems and situations in the criminal justice field; ability to engage in critical thinking/analysis.
- Demonstration of strong oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to utilize appropriate technology in the study of criminology/criminal justice issues.


## Prerequisites:

Crim 2000

## Course Requirements:

Students are expected to attend class regularly, and complete the required assignments by the scheduled date. Due dates for assignments are tentatively listed in the course schedule and any changes will be announced in class. Because class participation is part of the course grade, it is imperative to attend class. Late papers will not be accepted unless approved and only under extreme circumstances.

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## Academic Integrity:

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## Special Needs:

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible so that I may make proper arrangements to accommodate your needs.

## Grading:

Final grades will be based on class participation, papers, and a essay exam. Exams will consist of five essay questions, from which students will choose three questions to answer. The questions will cover material presented in class as well as required reading from the text and other assigned sources. Note that all material in the text may not be covered during class. Students are responsible for this material for examination purposes.

Focused Course Discussion - 10 \%
Discussions during class are a critical component of learning and as such, everyone will be expected to keep up with the reading material and participate in discussions. The discussion are focused in that each week will have a specific series of questions the students will be expected to be able to answer.

3 Papers - $30 \%$

Three papers will be required in the duration of the course. Papers will cover the pattern of violence, theory of violence
and the treatment/punishment of violence. For each paper the students will have a small selection of specific topics to choose from.

Midterm and Final Exams - 60\%

The exam will be cumulative covering all of the material covered in the text and class discussions.

## Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

$90-100 \%=\mathrm{A}$
$80-89.99=B$
$70-79.99=C$
$60-69.99=\mathrm{D}$
$00-59.99=\mathrm{F}$
Course Schedule:

To be determined by the course instructor

## References:

## Department: Psychology

College: $\qquad$ College of Arts \& Sciences

Current course catalog listing: (for modifications or deletions)
$20115 \cdots-1,3+1$


| Credit |
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| $\square$ |
| Undergraduate |
| $\square$ Graduate |
| $\square$ Other* |
| *Variable credit must be explained |


| Frequency |
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| $\square$ Every Term |
| $\square$ Yearly |
| $\square$ Other |
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Rationale: To include a discussion of the impact this change may have on the substance of the major or academic program (attach additional material as necessary) and whether or not existing resources are sufficient to support this change.
$\square$ Library resources are adequate
$\square$ Library resources need enhancement
Proposed Course Catalog Listing: (For new courses or for modification)
Prefix Course Title Hours: Lecture/Lab/Total

Catalog Description (New courses must attach: course objectives/outcomes; texts) and/or other resources used; grading policy; and a brief class schedule. For $5 \times X X / 4 X X X$ courses please highlight the additional work required for graduate credit and the differences in grading policies):

Prerequisite (s) $\qquad$
Present or Projected Enrollment: (Students per year)
*For a new course, one full term must pass between approval and effective date.
Effeciviv Date: Fall 12011
Grading System:Letter Grade
$\square$ Pass/Fail
$\square$ other


Final Approval: Submitted by College Dean to Undergraduate Academic Programs Chair and/or Committee on Graduate Studies Chainman (six copies with signature for proposals carrying undergraduate credit only and seven copies with signatures cary ing both undergraduate and graduate credit).


Based on a careful analysis of assessment data from senior majors over the past two years, the following changes were formally adopted by the Department of Psychology at its November 1, 2010 meeting so as to help us better achieve our program learning objectives:

1. Department will no longer require PSYC 2000 Humanistic Psychology in Area F.
2. In its place, department will now require PSYC 2010 Psychology as a Human Science in Area F.
3. Department added any 1000 or 2000 level course from ART, CRIM, ECON, ENGL, GEOG, MUSC to its list of approved electives in Area F.
4. Department added a new course PSYC 4360 Community Psychology and placed it in the existing group of "Major Courses" from which students must take 8 hours.
5. Department added new section to the program entitled "Advanced Theory" consisting of a set of three courses (PSYC 3900, PSYC 4010-new course, PSYC 4030) from which students must select 1 and a set of three courses (PSYC 4000-new course, PSYC 4130, and PSYC 4350) from which students must select 2
6. Department changed the title of PSYC 3900 Personality and Motivation to PSYC 3900 Personality Theories and removed it from the "Major Courses" section of the program and added it to the "Advanced Theory" section of the program.
7. Department moved PSYC 4030 History and Philosophy of Psychology to "Advanced Theory" section of the program.
8. Department changed 4350 Culture \& Psychology from a 3 to a 4 hour course.
9. Department added a section of the program called "Advanced Topics" in which students must take 8 hours of Psychology courses at or above 3000 level.
10. Department eliminated the requirement that Psychology majors must select a minor.
11. Department added an "Electives" section of the program in which students must take 29 hours of coursework from any department including Psychology, at least 8 at hen must be at or above 3000 level.

## Existing B.A. Program

Area F .
PSYC 1101
PSYC 2000
Foreign Lang 2001
Foreign Lang 2002
TWO Courses ( 6 hours) from the following list:
_ _ FORL 2200, any 1000/2000 from ANTH, PHIL, PSYC, SOCI, or XIDS

## Major Courses

TWO Courses ( 8 hrs ) from the following list: [please note that you may take MORE than 2 of these] PSYC 3010 Growth and Development;
PSYC 3150 Abnormal Psychology; PSYC 3730 Social Psychology; PSYC 3800 Mind/Body; PSYC 3900 Personality \& Motivation; PSYC 4030 History \& Phil. of Psychology.

Advanced Topics
20 Hours of Psychology courses at or above 3000
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$\qquad$ PSYC 4884 (Required for Majors Only)
Minor (15-18 hours)
${ }^{* *}$ Check requirements with departments**
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Electives-from any department (hours vary depending on minor, so select electives so as to complete 120 hours. Subtract core, major, AND minor hours from 120 to get elective hours ).
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## Proposed B.A. Program (changes in bold)



TWO Courses ( 8 hrs ) from the following list: [please note that you may take MORE than 2 of these]

PSYC 4000 Humanistic Psychology; PSYC 4130 Eastern \& Transpersonal Psychologies; PSYC 4350 Culture \& Psychology

Advanced Topics
8 Hours of Psychology courses at or above 3000
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PSYC 4884 (Required for Majors Only)

## Electives

(29 hours). Can be from any department, at least 8 hours need to be at or above 3000 level.


## PSYC 2010—PSYCHOLOGY AS A HUMAN SCIENCE

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is intended to introduce beginning psychology majors to the major philosophical and methodological alternatives to psychology a natural science. This exploration will include: third and fourth force psychologies, integrative psychology, postmodernism, psychoanalysis, phenomenology, ecopsychology, qualitative research methodologies, narrative psychology, critical psychology, literature, mythology. This course will serve as preparation for more advanced study in the UWG major.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course the student will be able to:

- Explain the difference between qualitative and quantitative research and identify how they complement each other and identify when one might be more appropriate than another.
- Identify and compare third and forth force psychologies.
- Demonstrate skills for evaluating and applying integrative psychology, postmodernism, psychoanalysis, phenomenology, eco-psychology, narrative psychology, and critical psychology.
- Demonstrate skills in preparing field notes and research logs.
- Demonstrate skills in interpreting qualitative data.
- Demonstrate skills in writing up qualitative research in clear, easy to understand prose.
- Identify ethical issues related to the use of qualitative methods.


## COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Participation ( $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ ): Active contribution to discussion, sharing ideas and insights, is critical to the success of project-centered methods training. Half of each class will be lecture and collaboration; the other half will be devoted to research projects and discussion.

Coursework online assignments ( $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ ) : Homework assignments will be online and include interaction/responses to classmates taken from topics covered in class, anything you want to say about your project, and class readings. Assignments will be due Sunday before midnight prior to class on Tuesday.

Mid-semester presentations and problem-solving exercise (15\%): Our first presentations will be informal practice explaining the research project. The aim is to clearly state your research hypothesis, articulate the kind of project you are undertaking, and formulate what questions will be asked or elicited. There will also be a written problem-solving assignment.

Proposal development ( $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ ): is determined by the quality of content, style and foresight developed in your research project. Our shared goal is an outstanding research project and fieldwork experience for you.

## Final Exam (25\%)

## REQUIRED READINGS:

## Course Textbooks: <br> Designing Qualitative Research, $4^{\text {th }}$ Edition, by Catherine Marshall and Gretchen B. Rossman (2006) Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Psychology as a human science: A phenomenologically based approach, by Amedeo Giorgi (1970) New York: Harper.

## COURSE SCHEDULE

## (Week 1)

Reading assignment for next week: Chapter 1-Designing Qualitative Research (textbook)
Eckert, Andreas and Adam Jones (2002). Introduction: Historical Writing about Everyday Life. Journal of African Cultural Studies, 15(1):5-16.

Ellwood, Charles A. (1924). Scientific Methods of Studying Human Society. Journal of Social Forces, 2(3):328-332.

## (Week 2)

Reading assignment for next week: Chapter 2-Designing Qualitative Research (textbook)
Adams St. Pierre, Elizabeth and Kathryn Roulston (2006). The state of qualitative inquiry: a contested science. International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education, 19(6):673-684

## (Week 3)

Reading assignment for next week: Chapter 3-Designing Qualitative Research (textbook)
Rudolph, Lloyd I. and Susanne Hoeber Rudolph (2003). Engaging Subjective Knowledge: How Amar Singh's Diary Narratives of and by the Self Explain Identity Formation. Perspectives on Politics, Vol. 1(4): (Dec) 681-694.

## (Week 4)

Reading assignment for next week: Chapter 4- Designing Qualitative Research (textbook)
Butera-Prinzi, Franca and Amaryll Perlesz (2003). Through children's eyes: children's experience of living with a parent with an acquired brain injury. Brain Injury, 18(1):83-101.

## (Week 5)

Reading assignment for next week: Chapter 5- Designing Qualitative Research (textbook)
Schwartz-Shea, Peregrine and Dvora Yanow (2002). "Reading" "Methods" "Texts": How Research Methods Texts Construct Political Science. Political Science Quarterly, 55(2):457-486.

Tilley, Susan A. and Kelly D. Powick (2002). Distanced Data: Transcribing Other People's Research Tapes. Canadian Journal of Education, 27(2/3):291-310.

## (Week 6)

Reading assignment for next week: Chapter 6-Designing Qualitative Research (textbook)

Burawoy, Michael (2003). Revisits: An Outline of a Theory of Reflexive Ethnography. American Sociological Review, 68(5):645-679.

## (Week 7)

Reading assignment for next week: Chapter 7-Designing Qualitative Research (textbook)

## (Week 8)

Reading assignment for this week: Chapter 1-2-Giorgi's Psychology as a Human Science

## (Week 9)

Reading assignment for next week: Chapter 3-4-Giorgi's Psychology as a Human Science

## (Week 10)

Reading assignment for next week: Chapter 3-4-Giorgi's Psychology as a Human Science

## (Week 11)

Reading assignment for next week: Chapter 5-6-Giorgi's Psychology as a Human Science (Week 12)

Reading assignment for next week: Chapter 7-8-Giorgi's Psychology as a Human Science


## SYLLABUS

Course: Humanistic Psychology
Course no.: PSYC 4000

Instructor: ????
Office: ????
Office hrs.: ????
Phone: ????
Email: ????

This course is an in-depth exploration of the field of humanistic psychology, which is the central focus of the West Georgia Department of Psychology. The course is primarily intended for Psychology Majors, to provide them with the guiding ideas, theories, philosophies, methods, and topics which inform aspects of many of the other courses offered by this Department.
During our time together this semester, we will cover the following main topics:

- Central Organizing Concepts of Humanistic Psychology
- The Histories of Humanistic Psychology
- Major Figures in Humanistic Psychology
- Contrasts Between Humanistic Psychology and Other Schools of Psychology
- Humanistic Psychotherapies
- Humanistic Approaches to Psychological Research
- Related Sub-Fields of Psychology: Transpersonal, Gestalt, Existential
- The Futures of Humanistic Psychology


## Course Objectives

1. To learn the history, basic concepts and foundational theories of Humanistic Psychology.
2. To learn to evaluate the history, basic concepts and foundational theories of Humanistic Psychology.
3. To develop the ability to apply the basic concepts and foundational theories of Humanistic Psychology to the concrete settings, e.g., love relationships, parenting, teaching, therapy, decision-making.
4. To develop a knowledge of and proficiency with the methods and dynamics involved with helping another person (or yourself) to deal with anguish, fixation, or suffering from a Humanistic point of view.
5. To improve your ability to employ critical thinking, i.e., the challenging of sources, evaluation of ideas, and integration of diverse findings into a coherent and well-thought out point of view.
6. To improve your ability to write and to "think through writing."

## Reguired Texts

- John Rowan, Ordinary Ecstasy: The Dialectics of Humanistic Psychology, $3^{\text {rd }}$ edition. (Routledge)
- Carl Rogers, On Becoming a Person. (Mariner)
- Abraham Maslow, Toward a Psychology of Being, $3^{\text {rd }}$ edition. (Wiley)
- Rollo May, The Discovery of Being (W.W. Norton)

Additional required readings are available via eReserve or on the web and are noted on the Course Schedule.

## Assignments

The assignments expected for successful completion of this course include:

- Reading all reading assignments by the date they are due (see Course Schedule below)
- Maintaining a journal of your reactions to the readings. A copy of your journal entries should be turned in approximately once every 2 weeks (see Course Schedule). The purpose of the journals is to record your thoughts and questions about the readings, as well as connections between what you've read and your own experience.
- Creation of Study Sheets on 2 of the readings, each in partnership with another student.
- Three exams, each lasting approximately 1 hour
- Small Group Project - This can be on any topic related to humanistic psychology, and can be in any format (paper, play, video, art piece, poem, short story, song, etc.) - so long as both topic and format are approved by instructor. Groups can be of any size (at least 3 please), but the larger the group, the higher the expectations for the finished project. Accompanying the project should be a note detailing the process of how the project was created, and the respective roles and contributions of each group member. Project is due toward the end of the semester (see Course Schedule)
- Presentation of Project - Each group is responsible for making a 20 -minute presentation of their project in class during the last week of classes (see Course Schedule). The format of this presentation is up to the group. After your presentation, you will participate in an in-depth group discussion about your topic.

Grading will be as follows:

| Class participation | $12 \%$ |
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| Journal entries | $24 \%$ (8 entries x $3 \%$ each) |
| Study sheets | $4 \%$ (2 sheets x $2 \%$ each) |
| First exam | $10 \%$ |
| Second exam | $10 \%$ |
| Third exam | $10 \%$ |
| Group project | $20 \%$ |
| Group presentation | $10 \%$ |
| Total | $100 \%$ |

There is no formal attendance policy for this class: how many classes to attend is up to you. However, it will be difficult to get a good participation grade if you are absent all the time. Also, with rare exceptions, students who do well tend to be the ones who also show up for class. Turning in assignments on-time and getting the notes for missed classes is your responsibility. HOWEVER: Makeups for exams will only be given with prior approval of instructor, or in the case of severe emergency (with written documentation).

All assignments are due by $5: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ on the due date. Assignments that are late will lose $2 \%$ per school day they are late, excluding weekends (i.e. $10 \%$ per week). Conversely, assignments that are early will gain $1 \%$ per school day they are early (maximum of $10 \%$ credit for 2 weeks early). All assignments must be turned in by 5 pm on Reading Day to receive credit.

## Classroom rules \& policies

Since there are a lot of people who may like to participate in discussions, please raise your hand if you have a question or comment. Don't be afraid of asking stupid questions-whatever you are curious about is important! If you wish to attend class, please be respectful of otherscellphones and pagers off, no cross-chatter, try to be on time, no texting or internet use, etc. No sales of notes will be permitted between students, and plagiarism (from other students, online or published sources, or internet paper-mills) is strictly prohibited.

## Course Schedule

Week Topic Readings/Assignments Due

1 Overview
2 Humanistic Education

3
History of Humanistic Psychology

Readings/ Assignments Due
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Rowan Ch. 8
Rogers Ch. 13
George I. Brown. (1971). Introduction and rationale.
Human Teaching for Human Learning: An Introduction to Confluent Education (pp. 3-18).
Parker J. Palmer. (1998). The Courage to Teach:
Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life (pp. 115-140).
Journal \#1 due
Rowan Intro, Ch. 1-3 \& 12
Humanistic psychology. Available at
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Humanistic_Psychology Mike Arons. (1978). The humanistic orientation.
Available at
http://www.westga.edu/psydept/index 8266.php
Chris Aanstoos \& Mike Arons. A brief history of the West Georgia humanistic psychology program. Available at http://www.westga.edu/psydept/index 8267.php David N. Elkins. (2009). Why humanistic psychology lost its power and influence in American psychology: Implications for advancing humanistic psychology. Journal of Humanistic Psychology, 49(3): 267-291 Journal \#2 due

4 Major Figures: Maslow Maslow Foreword, Ch. 1, 2, \& 13

Maslow Ch. 3-5
Journal \#3 due

Humanistic Theory Rowan Ch. 15
Rogers, Ch. 10
Chris Aanstoos. (1991). Preface: The meaning of humanistic psychology. In: Studies in Humanistic Psychology (pp. 1-11), Chris Aanstoos (Ed.). Mike Arons. (1991). Creativity and the methodological debate: A mytho-historical reflection. In: Studies in Humanistic Psychology (pp. 12-32), Chris Aanstoos (Ed.).

Research Methods Rogers, Ch. 11
Juliet Corbin \& Anselm Strauss. (1990). Basics of
Qualitative Research, $3^{\text {rd }}$ ed. (pp. 1-17).
William Fischer. (1989). An empirical-
phenomenological investigation of being anxious: An example of the phenomenological approach to emotion.
In: Existential-Phenomenological Perspectives in
Psychology: Exploring the Breadth of Human
Experience (pp. 127-136), Ronald Valle \& Steen Halling (Eds.).
Journal \#4 due

Psychotherapy
FIRST EXAM in class
Major Figures: Rogers
Rogers

Major Figures: May
May

## Peak Experiences \& Transpersonal SECOND EXAM in class

Rowan Ch. 4-7

Rogers Ch. 1-4
Rogers Ch. 6, 7, \& 9
Journal \#5 due
May Ch. 1, 3, \& 12

May Ch. 4-8
Journal \#6 due
Maslow Ch. 6
Rowan Ch. 10
Robert A. McDermott. (1993). Transpersonal
worldviews: Historical and philosophical reflections. In:
Paths Beyond Ego: The Transpersonal Vision (pp. 206-
212), Roger Walsh \& Frances Vaughan (Eds.).

Ken Wilber. (1993). Psychologia perennis: The spectrum
of consciousness. In: Paths Beyond Ego: The Transpersonal Vision (pp. 21-33), Roger Walsh \& Frances Vaughan (Eds.).
Roger Walsh \& Frances Vaughan. (1993). Meditation:
Royal road to the transpersonal. In: Paths Beyond Ego: The Transpersonal Vision (pp. 47-55), Roger Walsh \& Frances Vaughan (Eds.).
Derek Gifford-May \& Norman L. Thompson. (1994).
"Deep states" of meditation: Phenomenological reports of experience. Journal of Transpersonal Psychology, 26(2), pp. 117-138.
Journal \#7 due

Creativity \& Future Directions

Rogers Ch. 19
Maslow Ch. 10
Rowan Ch. 13-14
Final Group Projects due

Project Presentations Journal \#8 due \& Discussion

FINALS WEEK:
THIRD (FINAL) EXAM

## Course Update Reques: (Add, Delete, Modify)

| Originator <br> Psychology <br> Department$\quad$College of Arts and Sciences <br> College | Dillon, James |
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| Originator |  |



| Course-Details |  |
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| PSYC 4010 Theories of Psychology <br> Prefix Number Course Title |  |
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A comparative examination of several of the major theoretical perspectives alive in psychology today (psychodynamic, behavioral, humanistic/existential/transpersonal, cognitive, biological, social/critical). These perspectives will be taken up as both providing comprehensive models for living as well as establishing divergent foundations for research and practice. An important emphasis will be appreciating the coherence of each perspective while also being able to move between them.
Course Catalog Description

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$\left[\begin{array}{l}\text { Cross Listing Approvals } \\ \frac{\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}}{\text { Chair, Cross Listed Department }} \\ \frac{\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}}{\text { Associate Dean, Cross Listed College }} \\ \hline\end{array}\right.$


# SYLLABUS <br> PSYC 4010 <br> Theories of Psychology <br> Fall 2011 <br> 4 Credits 

## Course Description

This course is a comparative examination of several of the major theoretical perspectives alive in psychology today. These perspectives will be taken up as both providing comprehensive models for living as well as establishing divergent foundations for research and practice. An important emphasis will be appreciating the coherence of each perspective while also being able to move between them.

We will be examining 6 major perspectives in this course:

- Psychodynamic
- Behavioral
- Humanistic
- Cognitive
- Biological
- Sociocultural

Rather than focusing on the historical origins or philosophical foundations of each perspective (see PSYC 4030 History and Philosophy of Psychology for these), this course examines how theories are made and tested within each approach, and the implications these theories have for living and professional practice. More specifically, we will examine, for each perspective:

- The major concepts and theoretical framework
- Its underlying assumptions about knowledge and human nature
- What counts as evidence
- How theories are made and tested
- What research "feels like"
- A logical and empirical critique of one particular theoretical claim
- Implications for the "real world": your own life and professional practice

To prepare us for this kind of in-depth exploration, our course will begin with general questions about theory: What is theory? What does good theory accomplish? How can theories be evaluated? What is the relationship between psychological theory and our own lived experience of being a person?

Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 or Permission of Instructor

## Course Objectives

- Develop an appreciation for the role of theory within psychology
- Be able to evaluate a psychological theory for logical consistency and explanatory power
- Be able to design an empirical test of a theoretical claim
- Develop facility with the major theoretical perspectives in psychology, including an ability to take up a particular issue from multiple perspectives
- Gain hands-on experience with research activities grounded in each perspective
- Be able to articulate how psychological theories can make a practical difference in one's life and work


## Required Texts

- Slife, B.D. \& Williams, R.N. (1995). What's behind the research? Discovering Hidden Assumptions in the Behavioral Sciences.
- Fernald, L.D. (2008). Psychology: Six Perspectives

Additional required readings are available via eReserve or on the web. These will be used to supplement our textbooks to get a sense of how contemporary scholarship is conducted in each theoretical perspective. You will be informed of the specific additional readings at least one week before they are due.

## Assignments

- Read all readings by the class in which they are due, and come to class prepared with questions you have about the readings.
- Active participation in all class activities.
- Conduct 6 small-scale field research projects (one for each perspective). This will involve engaging in "research" with friends and family members and writing up your results in a 3-page brief report. A standard template for writing these up will be handed out in class.
- 3 tests, each about 45 minutes in length, taken in class. Each test will cover 2 perspectives, and will test for your knowledge of each theoretical perspective as well as your apply it in various scenarios. Each test will be a mix of short-answer and essay questions.
- Group project presentation. Toward the end of the semester, you will be divided into 6 groups. Each group will be examining the same topic in light of one of the 6 perspectives we have discussed in class. This work will culminate in each group sharing the "results" of their project in an organized class presentation.
- Final cumulative exam, held during Finals Week.

Grading will be as follows:

Class Participation $10 \%$
Field Projects 30\%
In-class Tests 30\%
Final Exam 20\%
Group Project Presentation 10\%
( 6 reports $\times 5 \%$ each)
( 3 tests x $10 \%$ each)

## Attendance and Assignment Timeliness

Any more than ONE (1) Unexcused Absence will detract from your grade. An absence must either be cleared with me ahead-of-time or represent an emergency that can be documented to the instructor.
Makeups for tests and exams will only be given with prior approval of instructor, or in the case of severe emergency (with written documentation).
All assignments are due by $5: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ on the due date. Assignments that are late will lose $2 \%$ per school day they are late, excluding weekends (i.e. $10 \%$ per week). Conversely, assignments that are early will gain 1\% per school day they are early (maximum of $10 \%$ credit for 2 weeks early).
All assignments must be turned in by 5 pm on Reading Day to receive credit.

## Classroom rules \& policies

Since there are a lot of people who may like to participate in discussions, please raise your hand if you have a question or comment. Don't be afraid of asking stupid questions-whatever you are curious about is important! If you wish to attend class, please be respectful of others-cellphones and pagers off, no cross-chatter, try to be on time, no texting or internet use, etc. Students who wish to take notes via laptop should note that an upright screen is also a barrier between the student and the rest of the class, so please use screens in a flattened (horizontal) position. No sales of notes will be permitted between students, and plagiarism (from other students, online or published sources, or internet paper-mills) is strictly prohibited.

## Course Schedule (approximate)

Week Topic1 Overview and Introduction to
Theory2 Biological Theories
3 Doing Biological Research
4 Behavioral Theories
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6 Cognitive Theories
7 Doing Cognitive Research
8 Psychodynamic Theories9 Doing Psychodynamic
Research
11 Doing Humanistic Research
12 Sociocultural Theories
13 Doing Sociocultural Research
10 Humanistic Theories

Test \#2 in class; Field Report \#4due

## Assignments Due

Field Report \#1 due
Test \#1 in class; Field Report \#2 due
Field Report \#3 due

Field Report \#5 due

14 Group Project Work
15 Final Group Presentations

Test \#3 in class; Field Report \#6 due Group Projects/Presentations due

Finals Week: FINAL EXAM at ??:??

## Course Update Request (Add, Delete, Modify)


$\left[\begin{array}{lll}\text { Course Details } & \\ \text { PSYC } & 4360 & \begin{array}{l}\text { Community Psychology } \\ \text { Prefix }\end{array} \\ & \text { Number } & \text { Course Title }\end{array}\right]$

An overview of the history, philosophy, methods and practice of community psychology with a focus on current community challenges. Students will obtain direct experience in both community research and praxis.

Course Catalog Description

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| Lec Hrs | Lab Hrs | Credit Hrs | Effective Term | Frequency | Grading |

## Prerequisites <br> PSYC 1101 <br>  <br> Rationale <br> This course will be a central part of a modified psychology curriculum that focuses on the role of psychology in addressing social problems.



Comments

TEAC Approval Required

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Chair, TEAC

Cross Listing-Approvals
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Chair, Cross Listed Department

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Associate Dean, Cross Listed College
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- FNAL APPROVAL

Anderson, Jon [ REQUIRED ]
Chair, Faculty Senate

## Community Psychology

Proposed as a 4 credit course

## Catalog Description

An overview of the history, philosophy, methods and practice of community psychology with a focus on current community challenges. Students will obtain direct experience in both community research and praxis.

## Course Objectives

- Acquire an understanding of the value and methods of community psychology and how it differs from other subfields of psychology
- Become familiar with the variety of research and practice approaches in community psychology
- Develop an understanding of the effects of societal, cultural and environmental influences on psychological and community well-being
- Be able to think in terms of prevention and alternatives to individually oriented services
- Become familiar with a community of your choice and apply some of the principles and methodologies of community psychology to this community.
- Acquire and be able to use a variety of community psychology and community organizing tools.
- Be familiar with asset-based approaches to community development
- Become aware of your own assets and resources so as to help you situate yourself professionally and personally.
- Develop insight into your skills as a human service practitioner
- Develop skills in working with groups, both within the classroom and outside.
- Hone your own vision of community health and develop strategies by which you can help make this vision a reality.
- Develop writing and speaking skills related to the topics covered in class.


## Texts and Resources

Campbell, C. \& Murray, M. (2004). Community health psychology: Promoting analysis and action for social change. Journal of Health Psychology, 9, 187-196.
Davidson, H., Evans, S., Ganote, C., Henrickson, J., Jacob-Priebe, L., Jones, D. I., Prilleltensky, I. \& Riemer, M. (2006). Power and action in critical theory across disciplines: Implications for critical community psychology. American Journal of Community Psychology, 38, 35-49.
Fryer, D. (2008). Some questions about "The history of community psychology". Journal of Community Psychology, 36, 5, 572-586.
Kretzmann, J. P. \& McKnight, J. (1993). Building communities from the inside out: A path toward finding and mobilizing a community's assets. ACTA Publications: Skokie, IL.
Marmot, M. (2001). Inequalities in health. The New England Journal of Medicine. 345, 134-136.
Maton, K. L. (2000). Empowering community settings: Agents of individual development, community betterment, and positive social change. American Journal of Community Psychology, 41, 4-21.

McKnight, J. L. \& Kretzmann, J. P. (1996). Mapping community capacity. Institute for policy research, Northwestern University.
Nelson, G \& Prilleltensky, I. (2005). Community psychology: In pursuit of liberation and well-being. Palgrave Macmillan, New York.
O'Donnell, C. R. (2006). Beyond diversity: Toward a cultural community psychology. American Journal of Community Psychology. 37, 1, 1-7.
Rappaport, J. (2005). Community psychology is (Thank God) more than science. American Journal of Community Psychology. 25, 231-238.
Toro, P. A. (2005). Community psychology: Where do we go from here? American Journal of Community Psychology, 35, 1, 9-16.
Weisman, A. (2008). Gaviotas: A village to reinvent the world. Chelsea Green Publishing Co., Vermont.
Grading Policy
Participation/Attendance (20\%)
Mid-Term Essay
Group Project
Community practice Reflection ( $20 \%$ )
Take-Home Final

Brief Class Schedule
Weeks 1 Introduction to class and to Community Psychology
Weeks $2 \quad$ Power and Justice in Community Psychology
Week $3 \quad$ Power and Justice in our own lives
Weeks 4 Empowering individuals and communities
Weeks 5 Social Capital
Weeks 6 Social transformation strategies and approaches
Weeks 7 Participatory Action Research
Weeks $8 \quad$ Case Studies - Group Report Backs
Week 9 Asset Based Community Development - Introduction
Week 10 Asset Based Community Development - In Action
Week 11 Community Health and Wellness
Week 12 Discussion: Gaviotas
Weeks 13\&14 Facilitating Groups and Learning Conversations
Weeks 15 \& 16 Photovoice: Methodology and project

## Addendum III

# A Proposal to Specify the Meaning of "Consultation" in the Faculty's Shared Governance Role 

Submitted to the Faculty Senate by the Rules Committee (Chris Aanstoos, Chair)

## The Preamble

To enhance a mutual commitment to the consultative role of the faculty in university governance, the Rules Committee and President Sethna recommend that the Senate clarify an ambiguity in the current specification in the Policies and Procedures with respect to the place of the faculty in the process of consultation, by the following changes to the Policies and Procedures.

## The Motion

MOTION: To clarify and improve the consultative role of the faculty in the shared governance of the university, it is recommended that the Policies and Procedures be revised as follows (highlighted material = additions):

Article I, Section 1,F:
The President, in consultation with the Faculty Senate and other representatives of the University community, shall determine the divisional organizational structure necessary for the orderly, effective, and efficient administration of the University's affairs...

Article II, Section 1,D:
The President, in consultation with the Faculty Senate and other representatives of the University community, shall determine the divisional organizational structure necessary for the orderly, effective, and efficient administration of the University's affairs...

Article III, Section 1,F:
The President, in consultation with the Faculty Senate and other representatives of the University community, shall determine the divisional organizational structure necessary for the orderly, effective, and efficient administration of the University's affairs...

Article III, Section 2,D:
The President, in consultation with the Faculty Senate and other representatives of the University community, shall determine the divisional organizational structure necessary for the orderly, effective, and efficient administration of the University's affairs...

## Addendum IV

# A Proposal to Provide Support for the Chair of the Senate 

Submitted to the Faculty Senate by the Rules Committee (Chris Aanstoos, Chair)

## The Preamble

To enhance a mutual commitment to the consultative role of the faculty in university governance, President Sethna proposed to provide support to the Chair of the Senate for his or her service.

## The Motion

MOTION: To amend the Policies and Procedures, Article IV, Section 2,B by the addition of a new point, as follows (highlighted material = additions):
4. Support

To support the effective carrying out of his or her duties, in due recognition of the time commitment of such service, the Chair of the Faculty Senate shall receive reassigned time of one-course per semester or the equivalent. In consultation with the individual's supervisors up through the level of the Provost, there may be an alternative of an equivalent stipend. In the case of reassigned time, the Chair's home department shall be compensated by an amount sufficient to hire a part-time instructor to fill the gap left by the course release.

## Addendum V

# A Proposal <br> To Include the Chair of the Senate on the President's Advisory Committee 

Submitted to the Faculty Senate by the Rules Committee (Chris Aanstoos, Chair)

## The Preamble

To enhance a mutual commitment to the consultative role of the faculty in university governance, President Sethna proposed to regularly invite the Chair of the Senate to participate in meetings of the President's Advisory Committee, for non-personnel matters, with the stipulation that the Chair would be bound by the same ground rules that pertain to all persons on this committee.

## The Motion

MOTION: To accept the proposal of the President to include the Chair of the Senate among those who shall be invited to participate in meetings of the President's Advisory Committee.

## Current Policy Affected by this Proposal

The Policies and Procedures, Article I, Section 1,E,1 defines the President’s Advisory Committee (PAC) as follows:

The President's Advisory Committee shall be the immediate advisory body to the President. The President shall appoint persons to this committee with whom he or she will consult on a regular basis to advise him or her on the administration of the University. This Committee shall consist of: a. Persons in administrative positions reporting directly to the President; and b. Such other persons as the President believes will provide advice for the orderly, effective, and efficient administration of the Committee's affairs. Appointments shall be annual at the beginning of the fiscal year...
As a result of this motion, the President would normally invite the Chair of the Senate to meetings of the PAC. No changes to the Policies and Procedures are necessary to empower the President to do so, as they already provide him with such authority.

## Addendum VI

## A Proposal to further Define the Executive Committee

Submitted to the Faculty Senate by the Rules Committee (Chris Aanstoos, Chair)

## Preamble

Given the importance of a clear definition of the functions of the Senate’s Executive Committee, and given that these functions are currently ill-defined, the Rules Committee recommends that the Senate adopt the following proposal, which specifies more fully the various functions of the Executive Committee as well a proposed revision to its composition.

## The Motion

MOTION: To replace Article IV, Section 2,E of the Policies and Procedures by adding the following in its place:
E. The Executive Committee. The Faculty Senate shall include an Executive Committee with the following functions and composition.

1. Functions. The Executive Committee shall have broad responsibility for:
a. planning and facilitating the activities of the Senate, including the following functions: assign senators to Senate standing committees and subcommittees; create ad hoc Senate committees and assign senators; assign senators to such nonsenate university committees, task forces and search committees as may be needed; propose any legislation to the Senate the Executive Committee may deem appropriate.
b. appointing an $a d$ hoc elections committee to oversee the election of the officers of the Senate, including receiving nominations, organizing and supervising elections, monitoring compliance, adjudicating challenges, and certifying the results.
c. interviewing candidates for university-wide positions and provide evaluations to the appropriate search committees.
2. Composition. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the chairs of the Senate standing committees, the Chair of the Senate, the Past Chair of the Senate, the Executive Secretary of the Senate, the President of the University, and the Provost of the University.

## Current Policy That Would Be Changed

The current Article IV, Section 2,E of the Policies and Procedures to be replaced:
E. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate - the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, consisting of the Chair, Past-Chair, Executive Secretary, and the Chairs of the Standing Committees of the Senate, shall create and assign members to Senate AdHoc Committees and ussign Senators to standing committees.

## Addendum VII

A Proposal to Revise the Allocation and Number of Senators

Submitted to the Faculty Senate by the Rules Committee (Chris Aanstoos, Chair)

## Preamble

Because the reorganization of the College of Arts and Sciences and the reorganization within the College of Education resulted in structures that no longer conform to the existing rules for the allocation of senators (see Policies and Procedures, Article IV, Section 2), the Rules Committee was charged with the task of devising a new set of rules to govern the allocation of senators. After extensive study of Senate structures at other universities, conversations with colleagues across the colleges at UWG, and deliberation within the committee of many alternatives, the Rules Committee developed a new determination based on the principle presented to the Senate as an Information Item at the November meeting, which was:

Each college, the School of Nursing and the Library shall be allocated the number of senators equal to $10 \%$ of their full-time faculty. The Library and the School of Nursing shall elect their senators at large. For the colleges, each department within a college first elects one senator, and then the remaining senators allocated to that college are elected at-large by the college.
The following proposal codifies the revised language for the Policies and Procedures manual needed to enact this proposed allocation. The numbers of faculty on which this allocation was determined are provided in the Appendix.

## The Motion

Motion to replace Article IV, Section2,A,5 of the Policies and Procedures with the following:

Forty-five duly elected senators, apportioned as follows: College of Arts and Humanities, thirteen, including one elected by each of its departments and the rest elected by the college at large; College of Social Science, six, including one elected by each of its departments and the rest elected by the college at large; College of Science and Mathematics, nine, including one elected by each of its departments and the rest elected by the college at large; Richards College of Business, five, including one elected by each of its departments, and the rest elected by the college at large; College of Education, eight, including one elected by each of its departments and the rest elected by the college at large; the School of Nursing, two, elected by the School at large; the Library, two, elected by the Library at large. Should any department fail to elect a Senator in an election cycle for which it has a vacancy, that vacancy will be added to the at-large pool for its college for that election.

## Current Policy Changed by the Proposed Policy

Article IV, Section2,A,5 of the Policies and Procedures currently states:
Thirty Nine (39) duly elected senators apportioned as follows: College of Arts and Sciences, nineteen (19); Richards College of Business, six (6); College of Education, nine (9); School of Nursing, two (2) and the Library, three (3). No department of any unit shall be represented by more than one (1) senator unless a unit has fewer departments than its allotted number of senators. In no case shall departmental representation exceed two (2) senators.

## Appendix

These are the statistics that were the basis for the allocation of senators allotted to each unit. They were supplied by the Provost's office, and are the latest, final, official ("frozen") numbers for this semester; they were checked and rechecked. They conform to the definition of who is eligible faculty that was approved at the Senate's November meeting.
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES ..... 127
Art: 18English//Philosophy: 52
Foreign Languages: 15
History: 23
Music: 10
Theater: 9
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES ..... 64
Anthropology: 5
Mass Comm: 11
Political Science/Planning: 16
Psychology: 17
Sociology/Criminology: 15
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS. ..... 85
Biology: 20
Chemistry: 11
Computer Science: 9
Geosciences: 13
Mathematics: 27
Physics: 5
RICHARDS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS. ..... 50
Accounting /Finance: 11
Economics: 10
Management: 13
Marketing/Real Estate: 16
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ..... 84
Collaborative Support \& Intervention: 24
Early Learning and Childhood Education: 15
Educational Innovation: 20
Leadership \& Applied Instruction: 25
SCHOOL OF NURSING. ..... 23
LIBRARY ..... 15
TOTAL ..... 448

## Addendum VIII

## An Information Item

Submitted to the Faculty Senate by the Rules Committee (Chris Aanstoos, Chair)
ON THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE OF THE SENATE

## Background

Among the agenda items for the Rules Committee this year is the question of the structure of the Senate's committees. Given the necessity to revisit at least their composition in light of the reorganization of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Rules Committee has come to see the Senate's committee structure as one of the key areas to optimize, as part of its overall project to enhance the capacity of the Senate to play a significant, timely, efficient, effective and transparent role in shared university governance.

The Rules Committee has extensively studied the committee structure of Faculty Senates at other universities, has had conversations with faculty and administrators at UWG, and has deliberated on many alternatives. This process is still ongoing, but at this point the Committee would like to solicit the counsel of the Senate. To do so, it offers via this Information Item the following questions about parameters under consideration. The Committee would welcome any direction concerning these, or any other parameters that may bear on this issue.

## Some Questions about Prospective Parameters

1. How can the workload of the committees be most optimally distributed?
2. What tasks are not being met well by the current committee structure?
3. What new committees might be important to constitute?
4. Should any committees be disbanded, or collapsed into other committees?
5. How can the committees be revised to better interface with UWG's administrative divisions?
6. Should the composition of any of the committees by revised? If so, how?

## Timeliness

The Rules Committee would like to receive responses prior to our next committee meeting on January 28, at which time we hope to develop a final proposal to submit to the Senate for its February 25 meeting. We welcome replies, signed or anonymous, in person, by mail, and by email. Emailed responses can be sent either to the Rules Committee as a whole or to any member of the committee. (The Rules Committee's membership is specified on its web site which, along with other contact information, is provided below.)

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## Addendum IX

## An Information Item

## Submitted to the Faculty Senate by the Rules Committee (Chris Aanstoos, Chair)

## ON THE DEFINITION OF A QUORUM

## Background

Because the rules in the By-Laws regarding quorums (see Article I, E, F and Article V) for meetings of the general faculty were written prior to the computer-based communication, its definitions of quorum and voting requirements do not include any reference to electronic means for doing so. Lacking such specification, it has been interpreted narrowly as requiring the physical presence of faculty for quorum requirements. On the basis of such interpretation, the required $50 \%$ threshold has been a very rare achievement. The consequence has been that either the presiding officer must declare the appearance of a quorum when it does not exist, or that declaration is challenged and the meeting is adjourned. Because a single attendee can thus force the adjournment of almost any meeting, the impact is the potential disenfranchisement of the faculty as a deliberative body recommending policy to the administration, as well as the subsequent impoverishment of administrative decision-making bereft of faculty input. Because this prospect can otherwise be an enduring problem, the Rules Committee is considering a recommendation that the definition of a quorum be clarified to accommodate electronic communication. These deliberations are ongoing, but at this point in the process the Committee would like to solicit the counsel of the Senate. To do so, it offers via this Information Item the following questions about parameters under consideration. The Committee would welcome any direction concerning these, or any other parameters that may bear on this issue.

## Some Questions about Prospective Parameters

1. What percentage of faculty should constitute a quorum at General Faculty meetings?
2. Should electronic balloting by permitted for General Faculty meetings?
3. If so, should the electronic ballots be counted toward the quorum at such meetings?
4. If so, what procedures should govern such balloting?

## Timeliness

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## Addendum X

## An Information Item

Submitted to the Faculty Senate by the Rules Committee (Chris Aanstoos, Chair)

## On the Process of Amending the Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures

## Background

The Policies and Procedures and the Bylaws, the basic documents that specify faculty governance include specifications on how they are to be amended (see Policies and Procedures Article IV, Section 3, Article V, Section 4, and ByLaws, Article V). Because they were written prior to the computer-based communication, these amendment procedures do not include any reference to electronic means for doing so. Lacking such specification, it has been interpreted narrowly as requiring the physical presence of faculty for approving amendments. On the basis of such interpretation, the required $50 \%$ threshold has been a very rare achievement. The consequence has been that either the presiding officer must declare the appearance of a quorum when it does not exist, or that declaration is challenged and the meeting is adjourned. Because a single attendee can thus force the adjournment of almost any meeting, the impact is the potential disenfranchisement of the faculty as a deliberative body capable of amending its own governing documents. Because this prospect can otherwise be an enduring problem, the Rules Committee is considering a recommendation to revise the procedure for amending these documents that will accommodate electronic communication. These deliberations are ongoing, but at this point in the process the Committee would like to solicit the counsel of the Senate. To do so, it offers via this Information Item the following questions about parameters under consideration. The Committee would welcome any direction concerning these, or any other parameters that may bear on this issue.

## Some Questions about Prospective Parameters

1. Should the amendment process allow for approval by electronic balloting?
2. If so, what procedures should govern such balloting?

## Timeliness

The Rules Committee would like to receive responses prior to our next committee meeting on January 28, at which time we hope to develop a final proposal to submit to the Senate for its February 25 meeting. We welcome replies in person, by mail, and by email. Emailed responses can be sent either to the Rules Committee as a whole or to any member of the Committee. (The Committee's membership is specified on its web site which, along with other contact information, is provided below.)

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