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November 15, 2011

Memo To: Jacqueline Johnson, Chair, Steering Committee

From: Bart Finzel, Chair, Curriculum Committee

Subject: Items approved by the Curriculum Committee

Below are items approved by the Curriculum Committee, which we request be placed on the agenda for the November 30, 2011 meeting of the Campus Assembly.

Detailed information is attached and available online at

http://www.morris.umn.edu/committees/Curriculum/Assembly_11_30_11.html.

A summary of the votes cast by members of the Curriculum Committee (14 voting, 3 non-voting) is presented below:

Action	Meeting Date	Vote (For-Against-Abstentions)
EDUCATION	October 24	
<i>New Courses (provisionally approved):</i>		
ED 2221—Diversity and Identity in Literature and Film (HDIV; 4 cr)		(11-0-0)
<i>Rationale:</i> This course is a new course offering, designed to meet a general education designator of HDIV (Human Diversity). It is not required by teacher education programs or other majors. It offers a survey of key concepts in diversity research. The course also explores identity and representation, in literature and film texts. This is a hybrid course (50% traditional class meetings and 50% internet activities).		
SSA 2501—Sports in Media I (SS; 2 cr)		(12-0-0)
SSA 2502—Sports in Media II (SS; 2 cr)		(12-0-0)
<i>Rationale:</i> These two courses are relevant to the sport management major and to those interested in sport studies. They have no prerequisites and are not a requirement for the sport management major. Students are allowed to take either course without the other.		

Action	Meeting Date	Vote (For-Against-Abstentions)
<p>HUMANITIES October 24</p>		
<p><i>Revised Course:</i></p>		
<p>MUS 2302—Instrumental Techniques-Brass (1 cr)</p>	<p>(12-0-0)</p>	
<p><i>New Course:</i></p>		
<p>MUS 2305—Instrumental Techniques-Percussion (1 cr)</p>	<p>(12-0-0)</p>	
<p><i>Rationale:</i> The original course previously covered both the brass and percussion instrument families and is being separated into two courses that will be rotated.</p>		
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<p>SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS October 24</p>		
<p><i>New Course (provisionally approved):</i></p>		
<p>BIOL 4103—Cancer Biology (SCI; 4 cr)</p>	<p>(11-0-0)</p>	
<p><i>Rationale:</i> Students have voiced enthusiasm for this course. It is a 4xxx-level elective course that enriches the options for pre-professional majors. It may or may not be offered annually, depending on enrollment.</p>		
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<p>SOCIAL SCIENCES November 7</p>		
<p><i>New Courses (provisionally approved):</i></p>		
<p>HIST 3360—American Experience in World War II (HIST; 4 cr)</p>	<p>(10-0-0)</p>	
<p><i>Rationale:</i> This is a new course taught by a new tenure-track faculty member. The purpose of this class is to challenge students to grapple with the historic origins and legacies of the war.</p>		
<p>HIST 3463—America's National Landmarks (HIST; 4 cr)</p>	<p>(10-0-0)</p>	
<p><i>Rationale:</i> This is a new course taught by a new faculty member. This class draws conclusions as to how landmarks shape the public's views and understanding of the intersections among environment, race, and gender in American history.</p>		
<p><i>Revised Course:</i></p>		
<p>PSY 2411—Introduction to Lifespan Developmental Psychology (SS; 1 cr)</p>	<p>(10-0-0)</p>	
<p><i>Rationale:</i> The last sentence in the course description has been removed. The current members of the psychology faculty feel these statements are no longer necessary. A different faculty member will be teaching this course in the future.</p>		

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

November 14

New Course:

IS 3991H—Honors Co-Curricular Independent Study (1-2 cr)

(12-0-0)

Rationale: Two of the eight elective credits for Honors may be completed by writing an interdisciplinary paper related to co-curricular engagement, such as an internship or study abroad experience. This course will facilitate the process.