# Annual Report of the Curricula & Courses Committee to the University Senate

## April 29, 2023

During the 2023-2024 Academic Year, the Curricula and Courses Committee met 13 times before the April 1 Senate meeting and brought the following actions. They are scheduled to meet twice more before the end of the semester.

### I. 1000-level course actions:

New courses added:

ENGR 1025	Engineering for Impact – Emerging Leaders (2/5/24)
ENGR 1195	Special Topics in Engineering (11/6/23)
KINS 1300	Fundamentals of Resistance Training (2/5/24)
NRE 1250	Community Engagement for Environmental Action (12/4/23)
Courses revised:	
ENGL 1003	Academic Literacies for Multilingual Students (2/5/24)

#### II. 2000-level course actions:

New courses added:

AAAS 2020	Introduction to Critical Muslim Studies (4/1/24)
ARE 2525	Sustainability Policy and Management (3/4/24)
CHIN 2800	Chinese Calligraphy [CA1, CA4-Int] (9/11/23)
CSE 2600	Introduction to Data Science and Engineering (2/5/24)
ENGR 2195	Special Topics in Engineering (11/6/23)
HDFS 3182 (2192)	Observing Early Childhood Development (3/4/24)
HIST 2204	History of Technology [CA1, CA3] (9/11/23)
HIST 2208	Science, Technology, and Society [CA1, CA3] (9/11/23)
HIST/WGSS 2525	LGBTQ+ History in the United States (2/5/24)

ME 2015	Introduction to Computing for Mechanical Engineers (2/5/24)
ME 2016	Introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics (2/5/24)
ME 2017	Introduction to Finite Element Analysis (2/5/24)
ME/CE 2120	Applied Mechanics II (2/5/24)
ME 2140	Computer-Aided Design and Manufacturing (2/5/24)
ME 2250	Fluid Dynamics I (2/5/24)
PATH 1100E	One Health: People, Animals, Plants, and the Environment [CA3, EL] (9/11/23)
PATH 2200	Modern Biomedical Laboratory Techniques (9/11/23)
PATH 2710	Medical Microbiology: Bacteria and Fungi (9/11/23)
PATH 2720	Medical Microbiology: Viruses and Parasites (9/11/23)
PATH 2800	Medical Cell Biology (9/11/23)
URBN 2600	Work and Economic Justice (12/4/23)
AAAS 2010	Introduction to Refugee Studies (3/4/24)
Courses revised:	
BLAW/BADM 2238	Legal Aspects of Name, Image, and Likeness Representation (12/4/23)
CE 2211	Engineering Economics I (12/4/23)
CE 2710	Transportation Engineering and Planning (2/5/24)
ECON 2103	Honors Core: Deep Roots of Modern Societies (10/2/23)
HDFS 3120 (to 2120)	Introduction to Programs for Young Children (2/5/24)
HIST 2100/W	The Historian's Craft (9/11/23)
JOUR 2065	Mobile Storytelling (12/4/23)
MSE 2053	Materials Characterization and Processing Laboratory (2/5/24)
POLS 3429 (to 2429)	Political Violence (12/4/23)

- STAT 2255 Statistical Programming (2/5/24)
- SOCI 2260/W Science, Medicine and Race (3/4/24)
- HDFS 3182 (to 2192) Observing Early Childhood Development (3/4/24)

III. Additions of 3000- and 4000-level Courses Recommended by the General Education Oversight Committee:

- ENGL/WGSS 3020W Professional and Technical Writing for Social Justice (2/5/24)
- HIST/AAAS 3830E Environmental History in East Asia [CA4-Int, EL] (9/11/23)
- HRTS/ARTH 3580/W Image as Witness: Testimony, Witness, Confession (9/11/23)
- KINS 4511W Scientific Writing in Advanced Topics in Health and Sport Performance (9/11/23)
- ME 3256W Data-Driven Decisions and Technical Communications (2/5/24)
- NRE 3175W Wetland Techniques (2/5/24)
- NRE 3250W Contaminants in the Environment (2/5/24)

## IV. Revisions of 3000- and 4000-level Courses Recommended by the General Education Oversight Committee:

- ANTH/HEJS 3050/W Anthropology of Jews and Jewishness (4/1/24)
- CE 4910W Civil Engineering Projects (3/4/24)
- COMM 3430/W Science Communication (9/11/23)
- CSE 4939W Computer Science and Engineering Design Project I (2/5/24)
- DRAM 3141/W-ENGL 3705/W Playwriting (2/5/24)
- ENGL 3115/W Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature (9/11/23)
- HIST/AFRA 3753 History of Modern Africa [CA1, CA4-Int] (9/11/23)

LLAS/COMM/WGSS 3264 Latinas and Media [CA4] (9/11/23)

MARN 4210Q	Experimental Design in Marine Ecology (2/5/24)
PHIL 3247/W	Philosophy of Psychology (10/2/23)
PP 3030/POLS 3625	Public Opinion (9/11/23)
STAT 4916W	Writing in Data Science (2/5/24)
WGSS 4994W	Senior Seminar (2/5/24)
CE 4920W	Civil Engineering Projects II (3/4/24)

## IV. Deletion of 3000- and 4000-level Courses Recommended by the General Education Oversight Committee:

HIST 3204W	Science and Social Issues in the Modern World (9/11/23)
KINS 4510W	Advanced Topics in Health and Sport Performance (9/11/23)
CE 4900W	Civil Engineering Projects I (3/4/24)
HDFS 4181W	Early Childhood Development and Education: Supervised Teaching Practicum
	(3/4/24)

### V. General Education Courses Recommended for Intensive Session

WGSS 2204	Feminisms and the Arts [CA1, CA4 to TOI-1, TOI-3] (12/4/23)
WGSS 2217	Women, Gender, and Film [CA1, CA4 to TOI-1, TOI-2] (12/4/23)

## VI.Common Curriculum Course "Direct Transitions"

11/6/24	
ENVE 1000E	Environmental Sustainability [CA2, EL to TOI-4, TOI-5]
12/4/24	
MAST/HIST 2210E	History of the Ocean [CA1, EL to TOI-2, TOI-4]
PHIL 3212E	Philosophy and Global Climate Change [EL to TOI-4]

WGSS 2217	Women, Gender, and Film [CA1, CA4 to TOI-1, TOI-2; Intensive session approved]
2/5/24	
AMST 1700	Honors Core: American Landscapes [CA1 to TOI-2, TOI-4]
ANSC/NUSC 1645	The Science of Food [CA3 to TOI-6]
BIOL 1108	Principles of Biology II [CA3L to TOI-6L]
EPSY 1830	Critical and Creative Thinking in the Movies [CA2 to TOI-1]
EPSY 2810	Creativity: Debunking Myths and Enhancing Innovation [CA2 to TOI-1]
ERTH/GEOG 2310E	Creating and Sustaining National Parks [EL to TOI-4]
EVST 1000E	Introduction to Environmental Studies [CA2, EL to TOI-4, TOI-5]
MAST/HIST/LLAS 250	7 New England and the Caribbean Plantation Complex, 1650-1900 [CA1, CA4 to TOI-2, TOI-5]
NUSC 1165	Fundamentals of Nutrition [CA3 to TOI-6]
NUSC 1167	Food, Culture, and Society [CA4INT to TOI-2]
NUSC/AH 1030	Interdisciplinary Approach to Obesity Prevention [CA3 to TOI-6]
PATH 1100E	One Health: People, Animals, Plants, and the Environment [CA3, EL to TOI-4, TOI-6]
PHIL 1101	Problems of Philosophy [CA1 to TOI-5]
PHIL 1103	Philosophical Classics [CA1 to TOI-2, TOI-5]
PHIL 1108E	Environmental Philosophy [CA1, EL to TOI-4]
PHIL 1109	Global Existentialism [CA1, CA4INT to TOI-2, TOI-5]
PHIL 1175	Ethical Issues in Health Care [CA1 to TOI-5]
PHIL 3216E/W	Environmental Ethics [EL to TOI-4, TOI-5]
3/4/24	
ANTH 1000/W	Peoples and Cultures of the World [CA2, CA4-I to TOI-2, TOI-5]
ART 1000	Art Appreciation [CA1 to TOI-1, TOI-2]

ARTH 1141	From Sun Gods to Lowriders: Introduction to Latin American Art [CA1, CA4-I to TOI-2, TOI-3]
ARTH 2222	Race, Gender, Sexuality, and the Power of Looking [CA1, CA4 to TOI-2, TOI-3]
BIOL 1102	Foundations of Biology [CA3L to TOI-6L]
BIOL 1110	Introduction to Botany [CA3L to TOI-6L]
CAMS 1103	Classical Mythology [CA1 to TOI-2]
COGS 2201	Foundations of Cognitive Science [CA3 to TOI-6]
COMM 1000	The Process of Communication [CA2 to TOI-2, TOI-5]
DMD 2020	Design Thinking [CA1 to TOI-1]
EDCI 1100	If You Love It, Teach It [CA2 to TOI-5]
EDLR 2001	Contemporary Social Issues in Sport [CA4 to TOI-3]
ENGL 1401	Horror [CA1 to TOI-1, TOI-2]
ENGL 2055WE	Writing, Rhetoric, and Environment [EL to TOI-1, TOI-4]
EPSY 1450W	Mind, Body, Health [CA2, W to TOI-1, TOI-3]
ERTH 1000E	The Human Epoch: Living in the Anthropocene [CA3, EL to TOI-4, TOI-6]
ERTH/GEOG	1070 Natural Disasters and Environmental Change [CA3 to TOI-4, TOI-6]
GEOG 3350E	Global Change, Local Action: A Geography of Environmentalism [EL to TOI-4]
HIST/AMST 3542E	New England Environmental History [EL to TOI-2, TOI-4]
PHIL 1106	Non-western and Comparative Philosophy [CA1, CA4-I to TOI-2, TOI-5]
PHIL 1107	Philosophy and Gender [CA1, CA4 to TOI-3, TOI-5]
PHIL 2410	Know Thyself [CA1 to TOI-5]
POLS 1202	Introduction to Comparative Politics [CA2, CA4-I to TOI-2, TOI-5]
SPSS 1150/W	Agricultural Technology and Society [CA3 to TOI-2, TOI-5]
4/1/24	
AH 2330/5330	Italy's Mediterranean Food and Our Health [CA4-I to TOI-2]
AMST 1201	Introduction to American Studies [CA4 to TOI-2, TOI-3]

ANTH 2600	Honors Core: Microscopy in Applied Archaeobotany Research [CA3L to TOI- 6L]
ANTH 3150W	Migration [CA4 to TOI-2, TOI-3]
ARE 1150	Principles of Applied and Resource Economics [CA2 to TOI-5]
EEB 2100E	Global Change Ecology [CA3, EL to TOI-4, TOI-6]
EEB 2202	Evolution and Human Diversity [CA3, CA4I to TOI-6]
EEB 2208E	Introduction to Conservation Biology [CA3, EL to TOI-4, TOI-6]
EEB 2222E	Plants in a Changing World [CA3, EL to TOI-4, TOI-6]
EEB 2250	Introduction to Plant Physiology [CA3 to TOI-6]
ENGL 2635E	Literature and the Environment [CA1, EL to TOI-4, TOI-5]
ERTH 1055	Geoscience and the American Landscape [CA3 to TOI-6]
HDFS 1060	Close Relationships Across the Lifespan [CA2 to TOI-5]
HDFS1070	Individual and Family Development (CA2 to TOI-5]
HDFS 2142E	Exploring Conservation and Sustainability with Preschoolers [CA2, EL to TOI- 4]
HDFS 3540	Child Welfare, Law and Social Policy [CA2 to TOI-5]
HDFS/DMD 2620	Human Development, Digital Media, and Technology [CA2, CA4 to TOI-5]
JOUR 3046E	Environmental Journalism [EL to TOI-4]
KINS 2227	Exercise Prescription [CA3 to TOI-6]
MARN 1002E/1003E	Introduction to Oceanography [CA3/L, EL to TOI-4, TOI-6/L]
MARN 2801WE	Marine Sciences and Society [EL to TOI-4]
MAST 2300E	Marine Environmental Policy [EL to TOI-4, TOI-5]
MAST/POLS 2460E	Maritime Politics [CA2, EL to TOI-4, TOI-5]
NRE 1000E	Environmental Science [CA3, EL to TOI-4, TOI-6]
NRE 2215E	Introduction to Water Resources [EL to TOI-4]
NRE 3245E	Environmental Law [EL to TOI-4]
POLS 1002	Introduction to Political Theory [CA1 to TOI-5]

	POLS 3208W	Politics of Oil [CA2 to TOI-4, TOI-5]
	PSYC 1100	General Psychology I [CA3 to TOI-6]
	PSYC 3104E	Environmental Psychology [EL to TOI-4]
	SPSS 2500E	Principles and Concepts of Agroecology [EL to TOI-4]
VII.	Common Curriculu	m Course "Transitions with Revisions"
	ENGL 2405	Drama [CA1 to TOI-1, TOI-2] (3/4/24)
	ENGL 2409	The Modern Novel [CA1 to TOI-1, TOI-2] (3/4/24)
	ERTH 2800	Our Evolving Atmosphere [CA3 to TOI-4, TOI-6] (2/5/24)
	WGSS 2204	Feminisms and the Arts [CA1, CA4 to TOI-1, TOI-2] (12/4/23)
VIII.	Common Curriculu	m Courses NOT Transitioning
	AH 3175E	Environmental Health [EL] - Phase Out
	ANTH 2400	Honors Core: Analyzing Religion [CA2, CA4INT] - Phase Out
	ANTH 3202W	Illness and Curing [CA4, W] - Delete
	ANTH/HRTS 3153W	Human Rights in Democratizing Countries [CA4INT, W] - Delete
	ANTH/HRTS 3230W	Propaganda, Disinformation, and Hate Speech [CA2, W] - Delete
	ANTH 3401	World Religions [CA1, CA4INT] - Phase Out
	ARAB 2751	Arabic Folk Tales and Mirrors for Princes [CA1, CA4INT]
	ARAB 3751	Al-Andalus: Music, Literature, and Science in Muslim Spain [CA1, CA4INT]
	BME/CSE/MCB 1401	Honors Core: Computational Molecular Biology [CA3] - Archiving
	CHEG 1200	Introduction to Food Science and Engineering [CA3] - Archiving
	CLCS 1002	Reading Between the Arts [CA1] - Archiving
	CLCS 3211	Indigenous Film World Wide [CA1, CA4INT] - Phase Out
	ECON 1179	Economic Growth and the Environment [CA2] - Archiving
	ENGL 3210	Native American Literature [CA4] - Phase Out
	ENGL 3218/W	Ethnic Literature of United States [CA4] - Phase Out
	ENGL 3318	Literature and Culture of the Third World [CA4INT] - Phase Out

ENGL 3319	Topics in Postcolonial Studies [CA4INT] - Phase Out	
ENGL 3320	Literature and Culture of India [CA1, CA4INT] - Phase Out	
ENGL 3633W	The Rhetoric of Political Discourse in Literature and Society [CA1, W] - Phase Out	
ENGL 3640/W	British Film [CA1] - Phase Out	
ENVE/CE 2310E	Environmental Engineering Fundamentals [EL] - Phase Out	
ENVE/ENVS/EVST 311	.0E Brownfield Redevelopment [EL] - Phase Out	
EPSY 2450/W	Whole Child, School, and Community: Linking Health and Education [CA2] - Phase	
GERM 3252W	Studies in Early German Literature [CA1, W]	
GERM 3254W	Studies in 19th Century German Literature [CA1, W]	
HEJS 3201	HEJS 3201 Selected Books of the Hebrew Bible [CA1]	
HIST 1800	The Roots of Traditional Asia [CA1, CA4INT]	
HIST 3204W	Science and Social Issues in the Modern World [CA4, W] - Archiving	
INTD/ENGL/AMST 224	45 Introduction to Diversity Studies in American Culture [CA4] - Delete	
MUSI 1005	Honors Core: Music and Nature, Music and the Environment [CA1] - Archive	
MUSI 1022	Introduction to Music History II [CA1] - Delete	
NURS 4250E	Public Health Nursing [EL]	
PHIL 1165W	Philosophy and Literature [CA1, W] - Phase Out	
POLS 2023/W	Political Theory in Film [CA1, CA4INT, W] - Archiving	
POLS 3023/W	Politics and Literature [CA2, W] - Archiving	
POLS 3208	Politics of Oil [CA2] - Archiving	
POLS 3211	Politics of Water [CA2] - Archiving	
POLS 3211W	Politics of Water [CA2, W] - Archiving	
POLS 3237/W	Democratic Culture and Citizenship in Latin America [CA2, W] - Archiving	
POLS 3240E	Environmental and Climate Justice [CA2, EL] - Archiving	
POLS 3472/W	South Asia in World Politics [CA4INT, W] - Archiving	

POLS 3615/W	Electoral Realignment [CA2, W] - Archiving	
SOCI 2310	Introduction to Criminal Justice [CA2, CA4] - Phase Out	
SOCI 2503/W	Prejudice and Discrimination [CA4] - Phase Out	
SOCI 2709E/W	Society and Climate Change [CA2, EL] - Archiving regular, Phase out W	
SOCI 2720E/W	Environmental Racism, Colonialism and Justice [EL] - Archiving	
SOCI 3459/W	Aging and Society [CA2] - Phase Out	
SOCI 3823/W	The Sociology of Law: Global and Comparative Perspectives [CA2, CA4INT] - Phase Out	
SOCI/AAAS 2210/W	Sociological Perspectives on Asian American Women [CA4] - Archiving	
SOCI/HRTS/AFRA 252	0 White Racism [CA4] - Phase Out	
SPAN 1007	Major Works of Hispanic Literature in Translation [CA1, CA4INT]	
SPAN 1030	Religion in Latin America: A Historical Survey [CA1, CA4INT]	
SPAN 3232	Literature of Crisis in Modern Spain [CA1]	
SPAN/LLAS 1009W	Latino Literature, Culture, and Society [CA1, CA4, W]	

## IX. Other CC Business

Common Curriculum Program-Level Student Learning Objectives (PLOs) (12/4/23)

Writing Competency Student Learning Objectives (12/4/23)

## X. "Pop-Up" Courses:

UNIV 3088 Confronting Anti-Muslim Hatred (2/5/24)

#### XI.TRUCK Approvals

## FREN-ARAB TRUCK [Revise prereqs] (2/5/24)

ARAB 3102	FREN 3211W	FREN 3224	FREN 3261
ARAB 3551	FREN 3216	FREN 3231	FREN 3262
ARAB 3559	FREN 3218	FREN 3234	FREN 3267
ARAB 3570	FREN 3220	FREN 3235	FREN 3268
FREN 3210	FREN 3222	FREN 3251	FREN 3268W

HIST TRUCK [Revise numbers] (10/2/23)

AAAS/HIST 2688 (to 2868)	AAAS/HIST 2688W (to 2868W)
AAAS/HIST 2101 (to 2225)	AMST/HIST 2810 (to 2550)
HIST 2845 (to 2230)	HIST 2845W (to 2230W)

## XII. New UNIV Courses Approved by the University Interdisciplinary Courses Committee (UICC)

UNIV 3294 Entrepreneurial Approaches to Community-Centered Innovation (2/5/24)

#### XIII. New S/U-Graded Courses

ANSC 3492 Fidelco Guide Dog Puppy Training (10/2/23)

#### XIV. Revised S/U-Graded Courses

SAAS 291 Professional Internship (12/4/23)

#### XV. Other Business

Program Learning Objectives (PLOs) for Common Curriculum (12/4/23)

### XVI. Additional Action Items and Discussions

In addition to these action items, the committee discussed and worked on several proposals, five of which are worth including in this report.

- The first one was the report on the so-called 'pop-up' courses. This was an item carried over from last year. Suzanne Wilson, the former Chair of the committee, led this effort and wrote the report with the support of the C&C Committee. The report was approved by the committee and submitted to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). (10/17/23)
- 2. At the request of the Registrar, the committee discussed and approved a recommendation regarding the process of archiving courses that haven't been taught in five years or longer. The main change in the process is that, instead of departments requesting the archiving of courses as is currently the case, the Registrar will automatically archive courses that haven't been taught in five years unless departments ask to not have them archived for valid reasons. The recommendation was approved by the committee and submitted to the SEC. (10/17/23)
- 3. The C&C committee has discussed a **proposal regarding the creation of a syllabus repository** for all students to be able to check syllabi before enrollment. Different offices and committees

at the university have been involved in this discussion. The discussion is ongoing, and no action has been taken regarding this matter at this time.

4. Finally, the C&C committee reviewed and provided feedback on an Academic Programs Glossary of Terms, per a request from Gladis Kersaint, and a Guide to Drafting Catalog Copy that was created by various people involved in curricular review and oversight to help faculty draft more standardized catalog copy, especially for new and revised courses.

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