

University Senate Curricula and Courses Committee Minutes

November 6, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Meeting Subtitle(s): "Diego 'Iron Fist' Valente"

Meeting called to order at 3:03pm

I. Preliminaries

- A. Welcome
- B. Minutes for October 23, 2025 were eApproved.
- C. We will convene in the electronic ether on November 20, 2025
Fall 2025 Meetings: Thursdays from 3:00pm-4:30pm
December 4, 2025

II. Chair Reports (D. Valente)

- A. University Senate – The Senate voted to postpone implementation of the Anti-Black Racism course (ABR) course. There will be a task force. The Senate will also establish a permanent multicampus subcommittee. Every subcommittee must also have at least two regional campus members.
- B. Senate Executive – The issues of publishing the CLOs has not been addressed yet.

III. Member Reports

- A. UICC (M. Hatfield) – The group has its first meeting on November 13th, and they have courses they'll be reviewing.
- B. Honors Board of Associate Directors (D. Mercier) – No report.
- C. Scholastic Standards (S. Croucher) – No report.
- D. CCC+ (J. Kleinman) – CCC+ will be putting forth a number of bylaw revisions for December, plus some policy changes. An ad hoc working group has been making slow but steady progress on IDML and Dialogue competencies. At this point we will decouple them. There's a clear path for IDML, but the group is still working on Dialogue.

IV. New Business (Non-CC)

- A. Revised 1000- and 2000-Level Courses
 - 1. Motion to revise (J. Kleinman, A. Lozano-Robledo) ME 2232 Engineering Thermodynamics [Revise prerequisites]
Current Catalog Copy
ME 2232. Engineering Thermodynamics (4 Credits)
The laws of thermodynamics and their application to optimizing performance of thermodynamic systems. Key topics include energy transfer by heat and work, the first

and second laws of thermodynamics, thermodynamic properties of pure substances, ideal gases, and gas mixtures. These principles are applied to analyze and evaluate the performance and energy efficiency of ideal and real processes in thermodynamic systems. Enrollment Requirements: CHEM 1127Q or both CHEM 1124Q and CHEM 1125Q; PHYS 1230 or PHYS 1401Q or PHYS 1501Q or PHYS 1601Q; MATH 2110Q, which may be taken concurrently. Not open for credit to students who have passed ME 2233 or ME 2234.

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- It was noted that the syllabus seems very bare. There is nothing on grading.
- One member expressed being in favor of approving, but providing feedback to the department about what's missing from the syllabus.
- There was discussion of how we should we deal with non-compliant syllabi. Who is in charge of enforcement when there are violations?
- It was proposed that we communicate more with departments before we take a more hardline approach to sending courses back for non-compliance. We haven't typically been this stringent, so we have to give people fair warning.
- In the chat: "We should do our best to uphold bylaws. If we notice something goes against our charge, then it is our duty to report it. That doesn't mean we have to look at every proposal with a microscope, but if we do notice things, then we have to work with them to bring the proposal up to the level expected by the SCC."
- In the chat: "I know Gwen [Tarbox] had said there was work happening on this area, so maybe this is something CETL can help."
- In the chat: "I know Lauren [Schlesselman] has been involved with the curriculum hub information. I could take that information and make some sort of doc or checklist for required elements."
- In the chat: "I fully support reaching out to the proposer/department AND also reaching out to all of the C&C chairs of the colleges about syllabi requirements. We will also plan for a meeting to make sure people are all on the same page."
- A message will be sent to the proposer about this course.

Motion to revise ME 2232 was approved with one Nay vote.

2. Motion to revise (J. Kleinman, S. Chamberland) ME 2250 Fluid Dynamics I [Revise prerequisites]

Current Catalog Copy

ME 2250. Fluid Dynamics I (3 Credits)

Laws of conservation of mass, momentum, and energy in fluid systems, fluid statics, dimensional analysis, incompressible, inviscid and viscous flows, internal and external flows. Formerly offered as ME 3250.

Enrollment Requirements: ME 2232E or ME 2233; MATH 2110Q. Corequisite: MATH 2410Q. May not be taken for credit after passing CE/ENVE 3120. May not be taken out of sequence after passing ME 3242, 3251, 3270, 3275, 3276, 3280, or 4972.

Revised Catalog Copy

ME 2250. Fluid Dynamics I (3 Credits)

Laws of conservation of mass, momentum, and energy in fluid systems, fluid statics, dimensional analysis, incompressible, inviscid and viscous flows, internal and external flows. Formerly offered as ME 3250.

Enrollment Requirements: ME 2232 or ME 2233; MATH 2110Q. MATH 2410Q which may be taken concurrently. May not be taken for credit after passing CE/ENVE 3120. May not be taken out of sequence after passing ME 3242, 3251, 3270, 3275, 3276, 3280, or 4972.

- The course has the same syllabus issues. A message will be sent to the proposer about this course.

Motion to revise ME 2250 was approved with one Nay vote.

V. Common Curriculum (Courses below can be accessed in [CIM](#))

A. New Common Curriculum Courses

1. Motion to add (A. Lozano-Robledo, D. Ouimette) ARAB 1741 Arabic Songs and Lyrics (CA1, CA4INT, TOI1, TOI2)

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ARAB 1741. Arabic Songs and Lyrics (3 Credits)

Study of 20th- and 21st-century Arab culture through exploration of songs, lyrics, music, and poetry. No background in music or Arabic language required. Taught in English.

Content Areas: CA1, CA4INT

Topics of Inquiry: TOI1, TOI2

- No comments.

Motion to add ARAB 1741 was approved unanimously.

2. Motion to add (M. McKenzie, J. Kleinman) HIST 2105W History Through Film (CA1, TOI2, TOI5, W)

Proposed Catalog Copy

HIST 2105W. History Through Film (3 Credits)

An exploration of the ways in which film can communicate complex cultural, historical, and political ideas. Topics may include film's ability to translate philosophical and religious ideas, portray accurate or revisionist history, play a role in subverting or critiquing the social and political status quo, and act as a chronicler of change.

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011

Content Areas: CA1

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2, TOI5

- Some language was cloned over. The course doesn't need the 'formerly offered' clause.
- There was a question about participation percentage. It's typical in HIST for there to be a pretty high percentage to encourage engagement.
- There is currently discussion in Scholastic Standards about this. Participation must be connected to learning. (Consider, for example, MUSI courses which are predominantly participation.)
- The course doesn't need an alignment chart for W, but it does need to have the W required elements.

Motion to add HIST 2105W was approved unanimously.

B. Revised Common Curriculum Courses

1. Motion to revise (J. Kleinman, M. Hatfield) ENGL 2605/W Capitalism, Literature, and Culture [Adding TOI-3 to CA1, TOI-5, W]

Current Catalog Copy

ENGL 2605. Capitalism, Literature, and Culture

How capitalism and its alternatives have been critiqued and defended through literature and other cultural forms. CA 1.

Content Areas: CA1

Topics of Inquiry: TOI5

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011.

ENGL 2605W. Capitalism, Literature, and Culture

How capitalism and its alternatives have been critiqued and defended through literature and other cultural forms. CA 1.

Skill Areas: W

Content Areas: CA1

Topics of Inquiry: TOI5

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011.

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ENGL 2605. Capitalism, Literature, and Culture

How capitalism and its alternatives have been critiqued and defended through literature and other cultural forms.

Content Areas: CA1

Topics of Inquiry: TOI3, TOI5

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011.

ENGL 2605W. Capitalism, Literature, and Culture

How capitalism and its alternatives have been critiqued and defended through literature and other cultural forms.

Skill Areas: W

Content Areas: CA1

Topics of Inquiry: TOI3, TOI5

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011.

- Yes, the course meets TOI3. K. McDermott forgot to upload the revised syllabus.

Motion to revise ENGL 2605/W was approved unanimously.

2. Motion to revise (J. Kleinman, A. Perez-Meneses) HDFS 3103 Adolescent Development (Add CA2, TOI1, TOI3)

Current Catalog Copy

HDFS 3103. Adolescent Development (3 Credits)

Theoretical approaches to adolescence; contextual research findings regarding adolescent development, with an emphasis on evaluating the match between these findings and the lived experience of adolescents; interventions designed to help adolescents meet the challenges of contemporary life.

Enrollment Requirements: HDFS 2100, or PSYC 2400; HDFS 2004, or NURS 3205, or PSYC 2100Q, or SOCI 3201, which may be taken concurrently; open to juniors or higher. May not be taken out of sequence after passing HDFS 3341.

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HDFS 3103. Adolescent Development (3 Credits)

Theoretical approaches to adolescence; contextual research findings regarding adolescent development, with an emphasis on evaluating the match between these findings and the lived experience of adolescents; interventions designed to help adolescents meet the challenges of contemporary life.

Enrollment Requirements: HDFS 2100, or PSYC 2400; HDFS 2004, or NURS 3205, or PSYC 2100Q, or SOCI 3201, which may be taken concurrently; open to juniors or higher. May not be taken out of sequence after passing HDFS 3341.

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI1, TOI3

- No comments.

Motion to revise HDFS 3103 was approved unanimously with one abstention.

3. Motion to revise (M. Hatfield, A. Perez-Meneses) HDFS 3249 Gender and Aging (Add CA2, TOI3, TOI5)

Current Catalog Copy

HDFS 3249. Gender and Aging (3 Credits)

Aging process as it impacts on men and women; historical and cross-cultural perspectives, changing family roles, including grandparenthood and widowhood, and implications of changing gender roles for self-actualization of older persons.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to juniors or higher.

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HDFS 3249. Gender and Aging (3 Credits)

Aging process as it impacts on men and women; historical and cross-cultural perspectives, changing family roles, including grandparenthood and widowhood, and implications of changing gender roles for self-actualization of older persons.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to juniors or higher.

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI3, TOI5

- No comments.

Motion to revise HDFS 3249 was approved with one abstention.

4. Motion to revise (J. Kleinman, M. Hatfield) HDFS/WGSS 3277 Issues in Human Sexuality (Add CA2, TOI2, TOI5)

Proposed Catalog Copy

HDFS 3277. Issues in Human Sexuality (3 Credits)

(Also offered as WGSS 3277) Contemporary issues concerning human sexuality; impact upon individuals and family units.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to juniors or higher.

WGSS 3277. Issues in Human Sexuality (3 Credits)

(Also offered as HDFS 3277) Contemporary issues concerning human sexuality; impact upon individuals and family units.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to juniors or higher.

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HDFS 3277. Issues in Human Sexuality (3 Credits)

(Also offered as WGSS 3277) Contemporary issues concerning human sexuality; impact upon individuals and family units.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to juniors or higher.

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2, TOI5

WGSS 3277. Issues in Human Sexuality (3 Credits)

(Also offered as HDFS 3277) Contemporary issues concerning human sexuality; impact upon individuals and family units.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to juniors or higher.

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2, TOI5

- No comments.

Motion to revise HDFS 3277 was approved with one abstention.

5. Motion to revise (J. Kleinman, L. Wagner) HDFS 3520 Legal Aspects of Family Life (CA2, TOI5)

Proposed Catalog Copy

HDFS 3520. Legal Aspects of Family Life (3 Credits)

Overview of historical roots and key aspects of family law. The case method is used to analyze the causes and effects of contemporary trends. Topics include: the regulation of marriage, separation, and divorce; procreation and abortion; adoption; child custody and support; and, end-of-life issues.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to juniors or higher.

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HDFS 3520. Legal Aspects of Family Life (3 Credits)

Overview of historical roots and key aspects of family law. The case method is used to analyze the causes and effects of contemporary trends. Topics include: the regulation of marriage, separation, and divorce; procreation and abortion; adoption; child custody and support; and, end-of-life issues.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to juniors or higher.

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI5

- No comments.

Motion to revise HDFS 3520 was approved unanimously.

6. Motion to revise (J. Kleinman, A. Perez-Meneses) SOCI 2701E Sustainable Societies (Adding TOI1 to CA2, E, TOI-4)

Current Catalog Copy

SOCI 2701E. Sustainable Societies

Sociological perspectives on the concepts of sustainability, focusing on issues of climate change mitigation and adaptation, including questions of social transitions based on concepts of social justice, biomimicry, permaculture and the future of life on earth. CA 2.

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI4

Skill Areas: Environmental Literacy

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SOCI 2701E. Sustainable Societies

Sociological perspectives on the concepts of sustainability, focusing on issues of climate change mitigation and adaptation, including questions of social transitions based on concepts of social justice, biomimicry, permaculture and the future of life on earth.

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI1, TOI4

Skill Areas: Environmental Literacy

- No comments.

Motion to revise SOCI 2701E was approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn (J. Kleinman, A. Perez-Meneses)

In Attendance (in bold): **Diego Valente** (Chair), **Pam Bedore**, Kristin Bott, **Sally Chamberland**, John Chandy, **John Cooley**, Amanda Crawford, **Sarah Croucher** (Ex-officio, non-voting), **Marc Hatfield**, **Jamie Kleinman**, Edward Junho Lim, **Alvaro Lozano-Robledo**, Natalie Munro, Gustavo Nanclares, **Matt McKenzie**, Dan Mercier, **Julian Norato**, **David Ouimette**, **Andrea Perez-Meneses**, **Theodore Ramussen**, Karen Skudlarek, **Laura Wagner** (USG), Terra Zuidema (Registrar alternate)