

University Senate Curricula and Courses Committee Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2026, 1:00pm-2:30pm

I. Preliminaries

- A. Welcome
- B. Minutes for March 3, 2026 were eApproved
- C. We will next convene in the electronic ether on April 7, 2026
- D. Spring 2026 Meetings: Tuesdays from 1:00pm-2:30pm
 - April 7, 2026
 - April 21, 2026

II. Chair Reports (J. Kleinman)

- A. University Senate – Our bylaw motion on removing TOI language passed.
- B. Senate Executive – Please take a moment to respond to [survey about Code of Conduct](#).

III. Member Reports

- A. UICC (M. Hatfield) – The committee met on 3/9/26 and approved UNIV 1500. UICC is also in the process of setting up non-academic units in CIM for approval so UICC isn't a basket area.
- B. Honors Board of Associate Directors (D. Mercier) – No new business to report.
- C. Scholastic Standards (S. Croucher) – SSC received direction and guidelines back from the SEC on the student attendance/grading policy. One guideline is not to reduce the grade for non-attendance in 2000+-level classes. SSC won't have any proposed changes to consider until Fall. SSC is also acting on direction from the Federal Department of Education. Schools can no longer use the term "regional accreditor" when considering transfers. This has larger implications given the political climate. The norms and expectations in certain disciplines need to be considered. The world of transfer credits is shifting. Two main accreditors are affected by this change.
 - One member noted certain concerns about requiring attendance from the Hartford campus perspective. Some students are worried about being picked up by government agents. Other students work jobs. Some students just don't think the class is worth their time.
 - Another member noted that the cost of gas is also now on the list of attendance considerations.
- D. CCC+ (J. Kleinman) – CCC+ received a request to help on an Engineering project that would use CC Course Learning Objectives from the syllabi and a closed-system ChatGPT AI to help students pick CC courses. The committee had a robust discussion but ultimately had to deny the request on the grounds that 1) syllabi were submitted for the sole purpose of CC review, and we don't have the authority to loan them out for other reasons, and 2) the Course Learning Objectives are not fully finalized for most courses, so the data is messy and might yield erroneous results. Also, the W Task Force will present an initial report on their work on 3/30/26.
 - Will there be a statement on AI? Yes, the W Task Force will be recommending syllabi have an

All statement, but context is up to them.

IV. Tabled Courses (ALL courses below this point can be accessed in [CIM](#))

A. Revised Common Curriculum Courses

1. Motion to untable (M. Hatfield, P. Bedore) COGS 2201 Foundations of Cognitive Science (TOI6) (Remove out of sequence condition)

Note: This course was tabled pending action on the part of the department to remove it from the prereqs of the courses named in the enrollment restriction. The department responded and has revised the change to remove 3599 but keep 3584 and 4596. A CIM to change the prereqs of 3599 is in progress.

Current Catalog Copy

COGS 2201 Foundations of Cognitive Science (3 Credits)

Origins of and current developments within scientific study of the mind-brain. Topics include: computational theories of mind, artificial and natural intelligence, cognitive neuroscience and the mind/body problem, embodied and distributed cognition, neural networks, self-organizing cognitive systems, learning and innateness. CA 3.

Enrollment Requirements: May not be taken out of sequence after passing COGS 3584, 3599 or 4596.

Content Areas: CA3

Topics of Inquiry: TOI-6

Revised Catalog Copy

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Enrollment Requirements: May not be taken out of sequence after passing COGS 3584 or 4596.

Content Areas: CA3

Topics of Inquiry: TOI-6

- No comments.

Motion to revise COGS 2201 was approved unanimously.

B. Revised S/U Graded Courses

1. Motion to revise (M. Hatfield, E. Lim) BADM/MKTG 4882 Practicum in Professional Sales (Revise prereqs for BADM version)

Note: This course was tabled pending receipt of a syllabus and answer to the question about why the prereqs for the MKTG version are not also changing. A syllabus and response have been received by the department.

Current Catalog Copy

BADM 4882. Practicum in Professional Sales (3 Credits)

Course credit for a professional sales internship. Students are responsible for obtaining an

internship with a host company in the field of professional sales. Student performance will be evaluated based on an appraisal by the host company and a detailed written report submitted by the student. Students taking this course will be assigned a final grade of S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory).

Enrollment Requirements: MKTG 3101 or BADM 3750 and consent of instructor; open only to non-business majors of junior or higher status.

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Enrollment Requirements: MKTG 3101 or BADM 3750 or ARE 3222 or COMM 3510 and consent of instructor. Open only to non-business majors of junior or higher status.

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Enrollment Requirements: MKTG 3101 or BADM 3750 or ARE 3222 or COMM 3510 and consent of instructor; students in the School of Business should take MKTG 3101. Open only to Business majors of junior or higher status.

- Some members didn't see why we would approve different preparation for the same course. This would be a departure from how the School of Business handles other cross-listed courses.
- Prerequisites should be "what a student needs to know before taking this course." If ARE 3222 and COMM 3510 include what students need to know to take MKTG 4882, then those courses should count.
- MKTG 3101 is a high demand class, and not including ARE 3222 and COMM 3510 could shut down an avenue for some students. If a student has an internship opportunity but couldn't get into MKTG 3101, it would preclude them from taking

the internship.

- This restriction should be at the program level, not the course level. There's a logical inconsistency in doing it here.

Motion to retable (P. Bedore, J. Kleinman) BADM/MKTG 4882 was approved unanimously.

*In a post-meeting email exchange, the department agreed to change the prerequisites for both versions of the course.

V. New Business (Non-CC)

A. New UNIV Courses

1. Motion to add (J. Chandy, D. Mercier) UNIV 1500 Foundations for College Success
Proposed Catalog Copy HIST 3843

UNIV 1500 Foundations for College Success (1 Credit)

Develop knowledge and skillsets for college preparation and transition. Focus on college and career readiness, leadership and personal development, and academic skills development. For pre-collegiate students.

- One member who also sits on UICC noted that this is just another option for similar populations that are already served.

Motion to add UNIV 1500 was approved unanimously.

VI. Common Curriculum

A. New Common Curriculum Courses

1. Motion to add (D. Mercier, A. Perez-Meneses) ANTH 1007/W Health, Culture, and Power: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology (New CA2, TOI2, W)

Proposed Catalog Copy

ANTH 1007. Health, Culture, and Power: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology (3 Credits)

An introduction to medical anthropology that explores how experiences of health, illness, and our bodies are shaped by the sociocultural, political, economic, and historical contexts in which we live. Students are encouraged to think in cross-cultural and comparative ways about what it means to be an embodied being, and about how relations of power shape humans' embodied experience.

Content Areas: CA2, CA4

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2

ANTH 1007W. Health, Culture, and Power: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology (3 Credits)

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humans' embodied experience.

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011.

Skill Codes: W

Content Areas: CA2, CA4

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2

- The CLOs between course and alignment table are misaligned. We will ask the proposer to fix this.

Motion to add ANTH 1007/W was approved unanimously.

2. Motion to add (P. Bedore, S. Chamberland) EPSY 1460W Thriving Through Adolescence: Science and Practice (New CA2, TOI-2, TOI-3)

Proposed Catalog Copy

EPSY 1460W. Thriving Through Adolescence: Science and Practice (3 Credits)

Reframing adolescence as a period of opportunity rather than problems to manage.

Exploration, using brain science and motivational research, of how adolescents (ages 10-25) develop and what they need to thrive. Topics include brain development, identity formation, peer and family relationships, mental health, academic motivation, and digital life. Distinguishing evidence-based understanding from cultural stereotypes by analyzing research alongside popular media portrayals of adolescence; and developing a “mentor mindset” that views adolescents as capable contributors who need respect, purpose, and opportunities for meaningful contribution. Through case studies, media analysis, and discussions, students will create evidence-based resources to support adolescent well-being in schools, families, and communities.

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007, ENGL 1010, or ENGL 1011.

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2, TOI3

- Should there be a credit restriction for pop-up version of course? It was noted that the pop-up course was S/U graded, 1 credit, and doesn't carry TOIs. The credit restriction doesn't seem appropriate.
- This appears to be a popular topic. One member noted that we're also reviewing an HDFS course that looks at a similar topic (i.e. flourishing vs thriving).

Motion to add EPSY 1460W was approved unanimously.

3. Motion to add (M. Hatfield, S. Chamberland) EARTH 2150 Programming for Earth and Environmental Science (New TOI1, TOI6)

Proposed Catalog Copy

EARTH 2150. Programming for Earth and Environmental Science (3 Credits)

An introduction to Python programming and data analysis through hands-on work with real-world Earth and environmental datasets. Using Python in a cloud-based environment (Google Colab), students will build core skills in data processing, visualization, analysis, and scientific communication. No prior programming experience is required.

Content Areas: CA3

Topics of Inquiry: TOI1, TOI6

- No comments.

Motion to add ERTH 2150 was approved unanimously.

4. Motion to add (A. Perez-Meneses, N. Munro) HDFS 2070 The Art and Science of Human Flourishing (New TOI2)

Proposed Catalog Copy

HDFS 2070. The Art and Science of Human Flourishing (3 Credits)

An introduction to what it means to flourish, what conditions and structures support or impede flourishing, and how practices such as mindfulness help develop the qualities and skills that can contribute to a flourishing life.

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2

- The course is using a reserved course number (2080). The department will need to choose a new one. (Post-meeting note: The department chose 2070.)

Motion to add HDFS 2070 was approved unanimously.

5. Motion to add (M. McKenzie, A. Perez-Meneses) HIST/AAAS/WGSS 3843 History of Women and Gender in Southeast Asia to 1945 (New TOI2, TOI3)

Proposed Catalog Copy

HIST 3843 History of Women and Gender in Southeast Asia to 1945 (3 Credits)

Changing conditions of women's lives in early modern and modern Southeast Asia. Major themes include religion, trade, education, marriage, colonialism, war, and evolving conceptions of gender. Emphasis on four main countries: Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to sophomores or higher. Not open for credit to students who have passed HIST 1203/WGSS 1121 when offered as "Southeast Asia."

Content Areas: CA1, CA4INT

Topics of Inquiry: TOI-2, TOI-3

AAAS 3843 History of Women and Gender in Southeast Asia to 1945 (3 Credits)

Changing conditions of women's lives in early modern and modern Southeast Asia. Major themes include religion, trade, education, marriage, colonialism, war, and evolving conceptions of gender. Emphasis on four main countries: Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to sophomores or higher. Not open for credit to students who have passed HIST 1203/WGSS 1121 when offered as "Southeast Asia."

Content Areas: CA1, CA4INT

Topics of Inquiry: TOI-2, TOI-3

WGSS 3843 History of Women and Gender in Southeast Asia to 1945 (3 Credits)
Changing conditions of women's lives in early modern and modern Southeast Asia. Major themes include religion, trade, education, marriage, colonialism, war, and evolving conceptions of gender. Emphasis on four main countries: Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Enrollment Requirements: Open to sophomores or higher. Not open for credit to students who have passed HIST 1203/WGSS 1121 when offered as "Southeast Asia."

Content Areas: CA1, CA4INT

Topics of Inquiry: TOI-2, TOI-3

- No comments.

Motion to add HIST/AAAS/WGSS 3843 was approved unanimously.

6. Motion to add (S. Chamberland, M. Hatfield) POLS 2430/W Civil Wars and World Politics (New TOI5, W)

Proposed Catalog Copy

POLS 2430 Civil Wars and World Politics (3 Credits)

Interaction of world politics and contemporary civil wars. Topics may include why civil wars begin, how they are fought, and the consequences to international politics and security.

Enrollment Requirements: Not open for credit to students who completed POLS 2998/W when offered as "Civil Wars and World Politics."

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI-5

POLS 2430W Civil Wars and World Politics (3 Credits)

Interaction of world politics and contemporary civil wars. Topics may include why civil wars begin, how they are fought, and the consequences to international politics and security.

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011. Not open for credit to students who completed POLS 2998/W when offered as "Civil Wars and World Politics."

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI5

- No comments.

Motion to add POLS 2430/W was approved unanimously.

7. Motion to add (N. Munro, A. Perez-Meneses) WGSS 2204W Feminisms and the Arts (New TOI 1, TOI3, W)

Proposed Catalog Copy

WGSS 2204W Feminisms and the Arts (3 Credits)

Interdisciplinary exploration of drama, the visual arts, music, literature, social action art, and/or film through feminist, queer, and trans theory. Includes creative projects and

activities. CA 1. CA 4.

Content Areas: CA1, CA4

Topics of Inquiry: TOI1, TOI3

- The CLOs are not listed in CIM. We have not been enforcing this, even though the field is now required for new courses.

Motion to add WGSS 2204W was approved unanimously.

A. Revised Common Curriculum Courses

1. Motion to revise (M. Hatfield, S. Chamberland) DIET 3231W Writing for Community Nutrition Research (Revise Prereqs)

Current Catalog Copy

DIET 3231W. Writing for Community Nutrition Research (2 Credits)

Develops critical thinking skills through research and writing in community nutrition.

Enrollment Requirements: A "C" or better in DIET 3150, 3155; ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011; concurrent enrollment in DIET 3230; open only to Dietetics majors.

Skill Code: W

Revised Catalog Copy

DIET 3231W. Writing for Community Nutrition Research (2 Credits)

Develops critical thinking skills through research and writing in community nutrition.

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011; concurrent enrollment in NUSC 3230; open only to Dietetics majors and Allied Health Science majors.

Skill Code: W

- The department can't put a grade restriction on the FYW prereqs. Is this a clerical error? (Yes.)

Motion to revise DIET 3231W was approved unanimously. (Conditional)

2. Motion to revise (M. Hatfield, P. Bedore) PATH 2800 Medical Cell Biology (Add CA3, TOI6)

Current Catalog Copy

PATH 2800. Medical Cell Biology (3 Credits)

Foundations of cellular structures and molecular basis of disease, from essential components of eukaryotic cells to cellular responses to injury and disease.

Enrollment Requirements: BIOL 1107 or equivalent.

Revised Catalog Copy

PATH 2800. Medical Cell Biology (3 Credits)

Foundations of cellular structures and molecular basis of disease, from essential components of eukaryotic cells to cellular responses to injury and disease.

Enrollment Requirements: BIOL 1107 or equivalent.

Content Areas: CA3

Topics of Inquiry: TOI6

- No comments.

Motion to revise PATH 2800 was approved unanimously.

3. Motion to revise (N. Munro, E. Lim) POLS 3606 (to 2606) How to Fix an Election: The Politics of Election Administration in the United States (Revise level; add CA2, TOI5)

Current Catalog Copy

POLS 3606. How to Fix an Election: The Politics of Election Administration in the United States (3 Credits)

An analysis of the politics of election administration. Topics include: the roles of state and local governments; the participation of candidates, political parties, and voters; convenience-voting options, new technologies, voter turnout, and voter errors; redistricting; voter suppression and voter fraud; and prospects for reform.

Enrollment Requirements: POLS 1602

Revised Catalog Copy

POLS 2606. How to Fix an Election: The Politics of Election Administration in the United States (3 Credits)

An analysis of the politics of election administration. Topics include: the roles of state and local governments; the participation of candidates, political parties, and voters; convenience-voting options, new technologies, voter turnout, and voter errors; redistricting; voter suppression and voter fraud; and prospects for reform.

Enrollment Requirements: POLS 1602

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI5

- No comments.

Motion to revise POLS 2606 was approved unanimously.

4. Motion to revise (M. Hatfield, S. Chamberland) POLS 3610W (to 2615W) American Politics in Film (Revise level and prereqs; add TOI5; already approved for TOI1)

Current Catalog Copy

POLS 3610W. American Politics in Film (3 Credits)

An examination of films that describe the development of American political institutions, norms, and values; that portray the processes exhibited in contemporary political institutions or the behaviors that characterize modern-day politicians; or that interpret recurring clashes in American politics. CA 2.

Enrollment Requirement: POLS 1602, and ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011.

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI1

Revised Catalog Copy

POLS 2615W. American Politics in Film (3 Credits)

An examination of films that describe the development of American political institutions, norms, and values; that portray the processes exhibited in contemporary political institutions or the behaviors that characterize modern-day politicians; or that interpret recurring clashes in American politics.

Enrollment Requirement: POLS 1602, and ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011.

Content Areas: CA2

Topics of Inquiry: TOI1, TOI5

- We will omit the credit restriction. It's the same course, so repeat forgiveness rules apply.
- This course has a suspended non-W version. The Office of the Registrar requested that the department drop that version.

Motion to revise POLS 2615W was approved unanimously.

5. Motion to revise (M. Hatfield, D. Mercier) STAT 2215Q Introduction to Statistics II (Revise prereqs)

Current Catalog Copy

STAT 2215Q. Introduction to Statistics II (3 Credits)

Analysis of variance, multiple regression, chi-square tests, and non-parametric procedures.

Enrollment Requirements: STAT 1000Q or STAT 1100Q. May not be taken out of sequence after passing STAT 3115Q, STAT 3215Q, or STAT 3515Q.

Skill Codes: Q

Revised Catalog Copy

STAT 2215Q. Introduction to Statistics II (3 Credits)

Analysis of variance, multiple regression, chi-square tests, and non-parametric procedures.

Enrollment Requirements: STAT 1000Q or STAT 1100Q.

Skill Codes: Q

- What are the "Undergraduate Learning Goals" on the last page? No one knows what these are or where they came from.

Motion to revise STAT 2215Q was approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn (P. Bedore, J. Kleinman) was approved.

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