

Course Title
Description

PROCESS A NON-GEN-ED PROPOSAL - CURRICULUM PROPOSAL
LEADS TO A COURSE PLAN REQUIRED

SCC #04-05- 766

Deadlines

October 1, 2004 to be implemented Fall 2005 - February 11, 2005 to be implemented Spring 2005

PROPOSAL TITLE: Changing Course Title and Description for "Trial Procedure and the Supreme Court"

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DEPARTMENT: Law and Justice Studies

COLLEGE: Liberal Arts & Sciences

If Liberal Arts & Sciences CHECK: History/Humanities Math/Sciences Social/Behavioral Sciences
 UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATE

THE ATTACHED NON-GEN-ED PROPOSAL IS BEST DESCRIBED BY THE ITEM(S) CHECKED

New non-gen-ed course Minor curricular changes (fewer than three to)
 Short-term non-gen-ed course Existing non-gen-ed course
 Non-gen-ed degree requirements
 Major
 Minor, specialization, concentration track, certificate program

THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES REPRESENT APPROVAL

Department Chair: [Signature] Date: 10/11/04
Department Curriculum Chair: [Signature] Date: 10/4/04
Academic Dean: [Signature] Date: 10/5/04

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

OPEN HEARING Date: 11/29/04 Approved Not Approved

COLLEGE CURRICULUM CHAIR [Signature]

Senate Curriculum Chair Signature [Signature] Date Senate Announcement: 3/28/05

Comments _____

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/PROVOST Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/14/05

Approved Not Approved

Date: 4/11/05 REGISTRAR
Course Description Received & Approved - Reg's Taxonomy & Course # _____

Registrar Signature: [Signature]

NOTIFICATION FORWARD

SCC Chair Academic Dean Department Chair Registrar IR CAP
 Student Affairs Others

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Minor Curricular Proposals

Details:

a. Changes Requested:

- i. Course Title: “Trial Procedure and the Supreme Court” (2105.312) will be renamed “Criminal Procedure II.”
- ii. Course Description: The course description, as it currently exists, read as follows:

“This course deals with U.S. Supreme Court cases involving trial procedures: double jeopardy, self-incrimination, jury trials, plea bargaining, etc., emphasizing present law in these areas and providing insight on the workings and philosophies of the Supreme Court in regards to these procedures.”

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The newly proposed course description reads as follows:

“This course will examine the legal procedures by which the criminal justice system operates. Students will assess United States Supreme Court opinions so as to explore issues related to the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution, including pre-trial processes, speedy trial, the prosecution function, bail, the identification of suspects, the right to counsel, the adjudication process, the law of confessions and interrogation, and the privilege against compelled self-incrimination. This course has two primary objectives. The first is to introduce students to the analysis of judicial opinions, a primary source of law in the American legal system. The second is to become familiar with fundamental doctrines of constitutional criminal procedure and the important policy issues that emanate therefrom.”

b. Sponsor: Michael Scott Weiss, J.D., Ph.D.

Rationale:

- a. Statement of Need: Our department believes that each of these proposed changes will clarify the intended objectives of this course. In the past, the current title- “Trial Procedure and the Supreme Court” has led students and adjunct faculty to mistakenly think that the course focused on lawyering techniques, rather than the law of constitutional criminal procedure. The name

“Criminal Procedure II” more consistently describes the course’s content. It is, moreover, the name characteristically used at other colleges, universities, and law schools to refer to the subject matter taught in this course.

In addition, the proposed course description will provide greater detail to students and potential adjunct faculty about what exactly the course will entail, and thus promote more informed course selection decisions.

Lastly, the renaming of “Police Procedure and the Supreme Court” to “Criminal Procedure I” dovetails with the renaming of “Trial Procedure and the Supreme Court” to “Criminal Procedure II.” The new names and more comprehensive descriptions will make it clear that these courses cover related subject matters and students who find one of the courses compelling can take the other to further their study of the law of constitutional criminal procedure.

- b. Curricular Effect: None
- c. Changes in Requirements: None

Consultation: The proposed changes will have no effect on other departments.

Faison, Christy

From: Milou, Eric
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2005 2:50 PM
To: Faison, Christy
Subject: FW: L/J courses

*Political Science
OK
Eric says good bye!*

See below with respect to 04-05-705 and 04-05-706.
Is this adequate?
Eric

From: Weatherford, B
Sent: Thu 4/21/2005 3:12 PM
To: Vigorita, Michael S.
Subject: RE: L/J courses

Michael,
Sorry this has taken so long but I needed to consult with the other faculty in this department before replying. Our department meeting was yesterday and we concluded that we will remove the two courses from our major. That will require us to seek a minor curriculum change that may require (I'm not sure) a letter of consultation from your department. In any event, I doubt that we will get to that before the end of the semester. The change may also affect some of your majors because some of them have been minoring in Poli.Sci. and using those courses as part of the minor. They will no longer be allowed to count those courses if our curriculum change is approved. In the meantime, let me know if you need another letter in addition to the one I have already written.
Best regards,
Bernadyne

From: Vigorita, Michael S.
Sent: Mon 4/18/2005 11:33 AM
To: Weatherford, B
Cc: Jiao, Allan Yong
Subject: L/J courses

Bernadyne,

Just wanted to touch base with you and see what we can do for these courses. Allan told me your concerns and I appreciate where your coming from. The easiest solution, I believe, would be for us to write a letter to you stating our support for your courses that you develop – in turn, if you would allow these changes to go through we would not have to write new course proposals next year. The way I see it, both departments would need to do some curriculum work next year regardless of what happens this semester. So, if you would be willing to e-mail that you support our changes and/or will not cross-list the courses then our changes would go through and we in turn would write a letter supporting your courses. Sorry for the confusion – I've only been here seven years so I'm not well-versed in the beginning of this cross-listing issue. One way or another we'll get it squared away. Also, please know that we will support your initiatives – I think it's important to offer these courses from both a political science and a criminal justice perspective. In the end the students will gain. Please let me know what you'd like to do.
Take care.
Regards,
Mike Vigorita

----- End of Forwarded Message