

AUC Curriculum Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 1 · 3:30 – 6:00pm

Members in Attendance:

Olivia Rosetti
Charlie Roberts
Jessie Oehrlein
Jannette McMenamy
Sara Levine
Will Cortezia
David Svolba
Barbara Cormier
Chrissy Devine
Erin Rehrig
Liz Gordon
Rachelle Dermer
Natasha Kourtonina
Christine Dee

Members Absent:

Laura Baker
Monica Maldari
Heather Urbanski
Yang Liu
Sarah Wright
Hong Yu
Morgan Rule
Jacob Podsiadlo

Guests:

Kim Bennett
Rala Diakite
Jane Fiske
Emma Downs
Jessica Robey
Justin Halterman
Deborah Benes
Min Li
Ozge Ozay
Denise Sargent
Karen DeAngelis
Chris Picone
Daniel Welsh
Katie Covino
Nermin Bayazit

1. Chair: Call to Order

Olivia Rossetti called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

2. Approve minutes from April 10, 2025

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Vote: 12/0/0

3. Proposals for Consideration

a. AUC 87: Honors Seminar in Scientific Inquiry (Emma Downs)

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Discussion: Emma noted that the new Honors course aligns with other Gen Ed Honors Seminars. The focus will change with the instructor.

Vote: 12/0/0

Seeking Gen Ed Designation: SI

Vote: 13/0/0

b. AUC 84: IDIS 1250 as IDIS Elective (Jessica Robey)

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Vote: 13/0/0

c. AUC 85: ART 2215 for IDIS Elective (Jessica Robey)

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Vote: 13/0/0

d. AUC 86: ART 3700 for IDIS Elective (Jessica Robey)

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Vote: 13/0/0

e. **AUC 109: Art of Video Game Music (Jane Fiske)**

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Discussion: Jane is proposing that a popular topics course on the use of classical music in video games become a regular offering. A member noted that the course description exceeds 50 words and will need to be shortened prior to consideration at AUC.

Vote: 13/0/0

Seeking the Gen Ed Designation: FA

Vote: 13/0/0

f. **AUC 111: New Course: Eat, Speak and Learn Italian (Rala Diakite)**

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Discussion: Rala is proposing that a popular Topics course on Italian language, culture, and cuisine become a regular offering. A member asked whether the course will always include a study abroad component? Rala said no, the course may run with or without the study abroad component, and noted that her understanding is that the IHIP designation will be automatically added (along with an S on the Seats List) whenever the course has the study abroad component. A member noted that the course description is too long and will need to be shortened prior to consideration at AUC.

Vote: 13/0/0

Seeking Gen Ed Designations: WS & DP

Discussion: A member noted that foundation courses cannot have Gen Ed outcome designations, meaning that a WS course cannot also have a DP designation. Rala asked about the rationale behind this policy and questioned whether the policy is explicitly stated in AUC 60. A member raised a worry about setting an unwelcome precedent by approving this proposal. A member noted that we could vote on the designations individually and leave the final decision to AUC. At this point Rala said that she would retract the WS request.

Friendly Amendment: The proposal is seeking only the DP designation (as well as IHIP when including Study Abroad).

Vote: 13/0/1

g. AUC 114: MAJ Requests for the Department of Nursing (Deborah Benes)

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Vote: 14/0/0

h. AUC 89: Change to Add Minimum Grade Requirement for Students in Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education Licensure Programs (Dustin Halterman)

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Discussion: A member mentioned that the proposal language under item #24 might be confusing and advised that the proposal clarify that students won't receive credits towards the university 120 requirement when taking the course a second time. The proposer agreed with this proposed revision.

Friendly Amendment: Remove the last sentence from the paragraph under item #24.

Vote: 14/0/0

i. AUC 90: Change to the Educational Studies Major (Denise Sargent)

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Discussion: A member noted that the courses being removed will be replaced with SPED 3150, which has a prerequisite, and asked how the Education department will handle this. Denise replied that the department has and will continue to issue red cards.

Vote: 14/0/0

j. AUC 91: Remove EDUC 2009 Art and Science of Education and EDUC 3035 Arts Integration from the Early Childhood Education Major (Karen DeAngelis)

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Discussion: The proposal is to remove two courses from the Early Childhood Education major. This is being done in response to NECHE's directive to create more space for electives within the major. The courses being removed will remain on the books as electives.

A member noted that it was not clear whether the removed courses would remain on the books as general electives or as electives within the major and suggested that the proposal make this clearer. Karen said that they would be general electives. A member proposed that the language in the proposal read 'free electives' to make this clear.

A member noted that the proposal received several 'no' votes from the department's curriculum committee. Karen explained that there was initial resistance to the proposal from the members of the department currently teaching the courses to be removed, but suggested that these faculty have since come around.

Friendly Amendment: Change the language in the proposal to 'free electives.'

Vote: 14/0/0

k. AUC 92: Remove EDUC 2009 Art and Science of Education and EDUC 3035 Arts Integration from the Elementary Education Major (Karen DeAngelis)

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Discussion: Karen noted that this is the same proposal as above, but relating to the Elementary Education Major.

Friendly Amendment: Change the language in the proposal to 'free electives.'

Vote: 14/0/0

l. AUC 93: Remove EDUC 2009 Art and Science of Education and EDUC 3036 Arts Integration from the Moderate Disabilities (PreK-8) Major (Karen DeAngelis)

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Discussion: Karen noted that this is the same proposal as above, but relating to the Moderate Disabilities Major.

Friendly Amendment: Change the language in the proposal to 'free electives.'

Vote: 14/0/0

- m. **AUC 94: Remove EDUC 2009 Art and Science of Education and EDUC 3036 Arts Integration from the Severe Disabilities Major** (Karen DeAngelis)

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Discussion: Karen noted that this is the same proposal as above, but relating to the Severe Disabilities Major.

Friendly Amendment: Change the language in the proposal to 'free electives.'

Vote: 14/0/0

- n. **AUC 98: Creation of Social Research Methods (SOC 3XXX) course** (Min Li)

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Discussion: The proposal is to consolidate two current research methods courses (one quantitative, one qualitative). A member asked for the rationale. Min noted that the goal is to increase enrollments.

Vote: 14/0/0

Seeking Gen Ed AIA and IHIP designations.

Vote: 14/0/0

- o. **AUC 99: Designation of Social Research Methods (SOC 3XXX) as a core required course** (Min Li)

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Discussion: The proposal is to add Social Research Methods to the core requirements for the SOC major. A member asked whether this new consolidated course means that the SOC major requirements will decrease by 3. Min replied that no, the major will add an elective. A member asked whether other departments, such as Psychological Sciences, had been consulted about the change. Min replied that they had not. A member replied, and two members agreed, that this should have been done.

Vote: 13/0/1

p. **AUC 115: Designation of Social Research Methods (SOC 3XXX) as a MAJ course (Min Li)**

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Ohrlein

Discussion: A member noted that there is a limit on the number of MAJ courses that can have GenEd designations (3), and asked whether this proposal would exceed that limit. Min replied that no, this is only the second MAJ course in SOC with a GenEd designation.

Vote: 14/0/0

q. **AUC 112: New Course: Tropical Ecology in Latin America (BIOL 2006) (Chris Picone)**

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Ohrlein

Vote: 14/0/0

Seeking Gen Ed: AIA / IHIP / SI

Vote: 14/0/0

r. **AUC 116: Make Changes to BIOL 1700- add designations, change course catalog (Daniel Welsh)**

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Ohrlein

Vote: 14/0/0

Seeking Gen Ed: SI and LAB

Vote: 14/0/0

s. **AUC 117: Revisions to the International Business and Economics Concentration Curriculum (Ozge Ozay)**

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Ohrlein

Vote: 14/0/0

t. **AUC 103: New Course: Introduction to Education (5-12) - Middle and Secondary Minor (Nermin Bayazit)**

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Vote: 14/0/0

Seeking Gen Ed: AIA

Discussion: Concerns were raised about the fact that this is a 1000-level course seeking the AIA designation. Nermin and Katie replied that they were seeking AIA under the advice of Kisha Tracey, who said that (i) the course meets one of the two sets of requirements for AIA courses, and that (ii) there was in general a need to create more AIA courses for students to choose from. Discussion centered around the two requirements, one being that AIA courses have a prerequisite (which the proposed course lacks), the other being that AIA courses integrate content from multiple disciplines (which the proposed course claims it will do).

The crucial question is whether AIA requires that both of these requirements be met, or rather that one of the two requirements be met. A member noted that the original intent behind the AIA designation was to create a vertical structure in the GenEd curriculum, which suggests that a prerequisite should be necessary for any course seeking the AIA designation, but acknowledged that this might not be reflected in the language of AUC 60. It was eventually decided that AUC 60 settles the current issue, as it treats the two requirements in question as disjunctive (AIA courses must satisfy one requirement *or* the other).

Vote: 13/0/1

u. **AUC 104: Change in Middle and Secondary Education Minor - Course Replacement (Nermin Bayazit)**

Motion: Will Cortezia

Second: Jessie Oehrlein

Discussion: A member noted that the catalog descriptions were cut off on the proposal pdf. Nermin said that she would email the proposals as Word documents to AUC Chairs Paul and Laura.

Vote: 14/0/0

4. **Meeting Adjourned at 4:55pm**