



All University Committee (AUC) 2023 – 2024 Summary

Summer 2023 Proposals

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Withdrawal and Readmission Policy Updates – AUC 119

Per DoD mandate, readmission policies need to be specified for veterans. Request to separate the Withdraw from University Policy from the Readmission Policy to make them two separate policies to give greater attention to the Readmission Policy. The veterans readmission requirement is mandated by the DoD. Separating the two (withdrawal and readmission) will help students/veterans to find the specific policy they are looking for.

Reactivation of Admission for Military Service Members – AUC 120

Will add clarifying language and process for student accepted to Fitchburg State University but did not enroll due to their military commitment. This clarifying language and policy will allow us to comply with the Department of Defense MOU as well as clearly articulate a process for admitted students that never enrolled due to their military obligation.

(Fall 2023 – Spring 2024) Proposals

Faculty Committee Members: Laura Garofoli, Co-Chair; Paul Weizer, Co-Chair; Patricia Arend, Rachelle Dermer, Rala Diakite, Jonathan Harvey, Kisha Tracy, Amy Wehe

Administrative Committee Members: Franca Barricelli, Secretary; Laura Bayless, Patricia Marshall

Student Members: Emily Maestri, Vice-Chair; Kervens Blanc, Allison Turner

Staff Assistant Support: Deresa Webb

During the 2023 – 2024 Academic Year, there were **82** proposals. Proposals were referred as appropriate to one of three standing committees, which include Curriculum, Academic Policies and Student Affairs. Of the **82** proposals considered, **80** were approved, **one** was withdrawn, and **one** was not recommended for consideration as and ANR. Those proposals approved by the President are listed below.

Sub-Committees

Academic Policies Sub-Committee:

Jonathan Harvey, Convened

Jessie Oehrlein, Co-Chair | Daniel Welsh, Co-Chair | Pam McCafferty, Secretary

Patricia Arend, Keegan Barrows, Soumitra Basu, Karina Bautista, Lynn D'Agostino, Christian Dedier, Daneen Deptula, Joseph Flanagan, Beverley Hollingsworth, Jane Huang, Amy Kendrick, Nadimpalli Mahadev, Christa Marr, Mary Beth McKenzie, Aisling O'Connor, Elliot Olynciw-Olkuski, Sherry Packard, Lindsay Parisi, Schekina Pericles, Samuel Tobin

Curriculum Sub-Committee:

Amy Wehe, Convened

Peter Staab, Chair | Will Cortezia, Vice-Chair | Rotating Members, Secretary

Barbara Cormier, John Crawley, Christine Devine, Lucas Field, Elizabeth Gordon, Campbell Greeley, Jennifer Hanselman, Aruna Krishnamurthy, Mathangi Krishnamurthy, Sara Levine, Benjamin Lieberman, Monica Maldari, Jannette McMenamy, Matthew Messina, Charles Roberts, Jessica Robey, Olivia Rossetti, David Svolba, Heather Urbanski, Hong Yu

Student Affairs Sub-Committee:

Kervens Blanc, Convened

Jason Smith, Chair | Michael Burns, Vice-Chair | Destiny Zayas, Secretary

DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld, Jay Bry, Zachary Carlson, Jane Fiske, Robert Hynes, Michael Kennedy, Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Jon Krasner, Jacalyn Kremer, Matt Lechter, Brianna Nwachukwu, Nana Kumah, Abdulkeni Zekeria

New Programs

Humanities

- Sustainability Studies Minor – **AUC 81**

New Courses

Behavioral Sciences

- SOC 2025: Environmental Sociology – **AUC 77**

Business Administration

- BSAD 3060: Luxury Brand Management – **AUC 47**

Communications Media

- COMM 1500: Photography as a Visual Language – **AUC 24** (*Cross-listed with ART 1500: Photography as a Visual Language*)
- COMM 3440 – Documentary Development – **AUC 34**

Education

- EDUC 4005: Assessing the Children’s Collection: A Library Development Project – **AUC 74**
- EDUC 3011: Critical Literacy for All Learners – **AUC 75**

English Studies

- ENGL 3011: Writing in Technical Professions – **AUC 21**
- ENGL 2240: Medieval Africa Literature and Culture – **AUC 49**
- SPCH 2200: Environmental Communication – **AUC 67**

Environmental, Geographic, and Public Health Sciences

- PHS 4900 – Independent Study in Public Health Science – **AUC 78**

Honors Program

- HON 2010: Honors Ethical Reasoning – **AUC 9**

Humanities

- ART 1500: Photography as a Visual Language – **AUC 24** (*Cross-listed with COMM 1500: Photography as a Visual Language*)
- IDIS 1250: Introduction to Sustainability Studies – **AUC 35**
- ART 2215: A Cultural History of Nature – **AUC 36**
- PHIL 2004: Environmental Ethics – **AUC 76**

Psychological Science

- PSY 3650: Advanced Research Methods: Social Psychology – **AUC 46**

Program and Course Changes / Modifications**Behavioral Sciences**

- **AUC 55** – Adding courses to the list of elective courses available in the Human Services Minor.
- **AUC 63** – Elevate the course “CJ 2651: Ethics in Criminal Justice” to a 3000-level course and add prerequisites.
- **AUC 64** – Elevate the course “CJ 2550: Criminal Law” to a 3000-level course and add prerequisites.
- **AUC 65** – Add prerequisite of CJ 2270 / POLS 2270: “Introduction to the Legal Process” to the course “CJ 3055: Applied Criminal Procedure for Law Enforcement”.

Business Administration

- **AUC 40** – Change seven BSAD course number levels.

Communications Media

- **AUC 7** – Changes to the Graphic Design Minor.
- **AUC 18** – Creation of new course prefix: DMI.
- **AUC 19** – Remove “COMM 3306: Web Design and UX Basics” from the DMI minor as one of the optional electives.
- **AUC 20** – Add “DATA 2000: Principles of Data Analysis” to the Data Studies Pathway of the DMI Major.
- **AUC 22** – Add “ART 3003: Media History” to the requirement list for Photography Concentration.
- **AUC 23** – Add “ART 3003: Media History” to the list of electives for the Photography Minor.

Computer Science

- **AUC 11** – Changes to statistics course requirements for Computer Science and Computer Information Systems majors.

Education

- **AUC 37** – Change the course name of EDUC 4550 from “Collaboration: Co-Teaching, Building Community, & Working with Families” to “Practicum Seminar” and change the course description.

English Studies

- **AUC 17** – Require World Literature as the “Third Survey” for Licensure Students in the English Studies Core.

Exercise and Sports Science

- **AUC 72** – Remove “EXSS 4040: Fitness Management” from the Clinical Exercise Physiology concentration.

General Education Program

- **AUC 59** – Study Abroad and Study Away course selections. (*Co-Sponsored with the International Education Department*)
- **AUC 82** – Eliminate the Transfer Student Experience requirement.

Honors Program

- **AUC 2** – Changes to the Honors Program GPA Requirements.
- **AUC 8** – Adding a prerequisite to the course HON 2100: Honors Seminar in Literature.

Humanities

- **AUC 52** – Change name of B.A. “Expressive Arts Therapies” to “Creative Arts Therapies”.
- **AUC 53** – Changing requirements for the Minor in Music Performance.

International Education Department

- **AUC 59** – Study Abroad and Study Away course selections. (*Co-Sponsored with the General Education Program*)

Mathematics

- **AUC 10** – Add an alternative prerequisite to the course MATH 3003: Advanced Statistics.

- **AUC 38** – Add Data Analytics as an option for Applied Mathematics minor requirements.
- **AUC 44** – Updating the Mathematics Progress Requirement in the Catalog.

Psychological Science

- **AUC 54** – Updates to the Neuroscience Behavior Minor.

New LAS Designations

Behavioral Sciences

- Civic Learning (CV) designation for HMSV 1100: Introduction to Human Services – **AUC 68**
- Diverse Perspectives (DP) designation for the course HMSV 2005: Social and Cultural Diversity in Human Services – **AUC 69**
- AIA designation for the course HMSV 2500: Interviewing Techniques – **AUC 70**
- Civic Learning (CV) and Diverse Perspectives (DP) designations for the new course SOC 2025: Environmental Sociology – **AUC 77**

Biology and Chemistry

- MAJ and Interactive High Impact Practice (IHIP) designations to the course BIOL 3060: Biochemical Techniques – **AUC 80**

Communications Media

- Fine Arts Expression and Analysis (FA) designation for the new course COMM 1500: Photography as a Visual Language – **AUC 24**
(Cross-listed with ART 1500: Photography as a Visual Language)
- AIA: Integrative High Impact Practice (IHIP) designation for the new course COMM 3440: Documentary Development – **AUC 34**

Engineering Technology

- MAJ, Advancing and Applying Liberal Arts and Science Learning (AIA), and Integrative High Impact Practice (IHIP) designations for Construction Management capstone courses and Engineering Technology internships – **AUC 50**
- Designations of MAJ and Civic Learning (CV) for the course CMGT 4025: Construction Law and the Legal System – **AUC 51**

English Studies

- AIA: Integrative High Impact Practice (IHIP) designation for the new course ENGL 3011: Writing in Technical Professions – **AUC 21**
- AIA, Diverse Perspective (DP), and Literary Inquiry and Analysis (LI) designations for the new course ENGL 2240: Medieval Africa Literature and Culture – **AUC 49**
- Civic Learning (CV) and AIA: Interactive High Impact Practice (IHIP) designations for the new course SPCH 2200: Environmental Communication – **AUC 67**

Environmental, Geographic, and Public Health Sciences

- AIA: Integrative High Impact Practices designation for the new course PHS 4900: Independent Study in Public Health Science – **AUC 78**
- Add Civic Learning (CV), Procedural & Logical Thinking (PL), and AIA: Integrative High Impact Practice (IHIP) designations to the course GEOG 3006 / POLS 3006: Environmental Policy – **AUC 79**

Honors Program

- Ethical Reasoning (ER) designation for the new course HON 2010: Honors Ethical Reasoning. As well as CTW and GDC designations from the previous general education program. – **AUC 9**

Humanities

- Fine Arts Expression and Analysis (FA) designation for the new course ART 1500: Photography as a Visual Language – **AUC 24**
(Cross-listed with COMM 1500: Photography as a Visual Language)
- Ethical Reasoning (ER) designation for the new course PHIL 2004: Environmental Ethics – **AUC 76**

Additional Proposals

Academic Calendars – AUC 1

Academic calendars for the academic years of 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 were approved.

Leave of Absence Policy Edits – AUC 39

Policy revisions. **(See proposal)**

Approval Not Required (ANR) Changes

Behavioral Sciences

- **AUC 12** – Course description changes to “PSY 4810: Research Practicum (3 credits)” and “PSY 4820: Research Practicum (6 credits)”.
- **AUC 13** – Course description changes to PSY 4900: Independent Study.
- **AUC 14** – Course description changes to PSY 4904: Advanced Seminar in Psychological Science.
- **AUC 15** – Course description changes to “PSY 4949: Internship: Psychological Science (9 credits)”, “PSY 4950: Internship: Psychological Science (6 credits)”, and “PSY 4960: Internship: Psychological Science (12 credits)”.
- **AUC 16** – Course description changes to PSY 3500: Psychology of Learning.
- **AUC 61** – Elevate “CJ 2500: Correctional Law” to a 3000-level course.
- **AUC 62** – Remove the following five inactive courses from the catalog – “CJ 2012: Police Administration”, “CJ 2016: Private Security”, “CJ 3056: Homeland Security”, “CJ 3135: Advanced CJ Research Methods”, and “CJ 3300: Community-Based Corrections”.

Communications Media

- **AUC 4** – Change the course name of COMM 3880 from “Typography” to “Typographic Design”.
- **AUC 5** – Remove field of study restrictions and remove courses no longer offered.
- **AUC 6** – Description change for the course COMM 3900: Image and Design.
- **AUC 31** – Change course number, course description, and prerequisite of COMM 3640: Color Photography.
- **AUC 32** – Remove “COMM 3350: DVD Authoring”; it is an inactive course.
- **AUC 33** – Remove “COMM 4270: Pre-Press Production”; it is an inactive course.
- **AUC 56** – Prerequisite change for the course COMM 4010: Information Design.
- **AUC 57** – Change the course names for COMM 2405 from “History of Film I” to “World Cinema I” and COMM 2415 from “History of Film II” to “World Cinema II” and change the course descriptions for both.
- **AUC 60** – Renumbering of the Communications Media department courses.
- **AUC 73** – Remove the course “COMM 2003: History of Interactive Media and Games”, from the list of Production electives in the Game Design Minor.

Economics, History, and Political Science

- **AUC 28** – Remove prerequisites for “ECON 2140 / HIST 2140: U.S. Economics History” courses.
- **AUC 29** – Removal of two POLS courses from the university catalog.
- **AUC 30** – Changes to Political Science course numbering sequence.
- **AUC 41** – Change the course title for HIST 3700 from “U.S. Interwar Period” to “America in Crisis 1920-1945”.
- **AUC 42** – Deletion of History courses.
- **AUC 43** – Renumbering of History courses.
- **AUC 58** – Removing inactive courses of “ECON 2550: Urban Economics” and “ECON 2300: Industrial Organizations”, from the University Catalog.

English Studies

- **AUC 27** – Updates to the course ENGL 0100: Essentials for College Writing.

Environmental, Geographic, and Public Health Sciences

- **AUC 71** – Update the course number level and prerequisites for GEOG 3006 / POLS 3006: Environmental Policy.

Exercise and Sports Science

- **AUC 45** – Change the title of EXSS 4000 from “Fundamentals of Coaching” to “Fundamentals and Psychology of Coaching”.
- **AUC 66** – Change the course title of EXSS 3110 from “Weight Training for Fitness” to “Essentials of Personal Training for Fitness”.

Humanities

- **AUC 25** – Prerequisite change for the course SPAN 3200: Latino/a/x Studies.
- **AUC 26** – Change course description of SPAN 1100: Spanish for Beginners II.

Approval Not Required (ANR) Changes – Not Recommended for ANR

Computer Science

- **AUC 3** – Statistics requirement changes to Computer Science and Computer Information Systems Majors.

Proposals Withdrawn

Communications Media

- **AUC 48** – Course title change of GAME 3075 from “Advanced Game Art” to “Digital Sculpting for Game Development” and remove the prerequisite of GAME 3070.