

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 41 **Courses in the History of Western Philosophy**
Change Credit hours and Course Descriptions for PHIL 250, 255,
260 and 352

Effective Date: Fall 2014

1. Delete: On page 239, the entry for **PHIL 250:**

250 Ancient Philosophy (3)

A historical survey of philosophies, from ancient Pre-Socratics to Stoicism, with special emphasis on Plato and Aristotle. Fall.

Add: On page 239, in place of deleted entry:

250 Ancient Greek Philosophy (4)

A historical survey of philosophies, from ancient Pre-Socratics to Stoicism, with special emphasis on Plato and Aristotle. Attention will be given to ancient Greek women philosophers and developments in non-Greek traditions as well. Fall.

Impact: This change will have no known negative impact on the Philosophy major, minor and university requirements. It will also not affect the department's staffing needs and course offerings.

Rationale: This change and additional credit in general reflect an added emphasis upon an inclusive approach thereby providing a more accurate and in depth understanding of Ancient Greek Philosophy.

2. Delete: On page 239, the entry for **PHIL 255:**

255 Medieval Philosophy (3)

Historical survey of philosophies from Christian, Muslim and Jewish writers from 350 C.E. to the 1600s. Prerequisite: PHIL 250 or permission of instructor. Spring.

Add On page 239, in place of deleted entry:

255 Medieval Philosophy (4)

An introduction to the work of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish philosophers from the medieval period. Topics to be covered include ethics, politics, metaphysics, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of religion. Spring.

Impact: This change will have no known negative impact on the Philosophy major, minor and university requirements. It will also not affect the department's staffing needs and course offerings assuming that the current visiting position continues and preferably turns into a tenure track position.

Rationale: This change reflects an added emphasis upon specific concepts especially important in medieval philosophical discussions thereby providing a more in depth understanding.

3. Delete: On page 239, the entry for **PHIL 260:**

260 Modern Philosophy (3)

Introduction to the major movements of Western philosophy since the Renaissance: British empiricism, continental rationalism and German Idealism. Prerequisite: completion of either PHIL 250 or 255 is strongly recommended. Fall.

Add: On page 239, in place of deleted entry:

260 Modern Philosophy (4)

Introduction to the major movements of Western philosophy since the Renaissance: British empiricism, continental rationalism and German Idealism. Specific treatments of concepts like knowledge, mind, body and causation among others will be covered. Completion of either PHIL 250 or 255 is strongly recommended. Fall.

Impact: This change will have no known negative impact on the Philosophy major, minor and university requirements. It will also not affect the department's staffing needs and course offerings.

Rationale: This change reflects an added emphasis upon specific concepts central to modern philosophical developments thereby providing a more in depth understanding.

4. Delete: On page 240, the entry for **PHIL 352:**

352 Contemporary Philosophy (3)

A major tradition of 20th-century philosophy, e.g. American pragmatism, Phenomenology, linguistic analysis, hermeneutics, contemporary ethics, philosophy of science, or contemporary political philosophy. Prerequisite: two courses in philosophy or permission of instructor. May be repeated as subject matter changes. See department chair.

Add: On page 240, in place of deleted entry:

352 Contemporary Philosophy (4)

A major tradition of 20th-century philosophy, e.g. American pragmatism, Phenomenology, linguistic analysis, hermeneutics, contemporary ethics, philosophy of science, philosophy of mind, or contemporary political philosophy. This tradition will be

both analyzed and placed in the context of contemporary philosophical practice.
Prerequisite: two courses in philosophy or permission of instructor. May be repeated as subject changes. Spring.

Impact: This change will have no known negative impact on the Philosophy major, minor and university requirements. It will also not affect the department's staffing needs and course offerings.

Rationale: This change reflects an added emphasis upon context, therefore requiring deeper understanding of each individual tradition within the general context of contemporary philosophical practice.