

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 42**

**Courses in the History of Non-Western Philosophy  
Change description and credit hours of PHIL 313, cross-listing  
it with Asian Studies;  
Add new courses, PHIL 315 and 317, cross-listing them with  
Religious Studies and Africana Studies**

**Effective Date: Fall 2014**

**1a. Delete:** On page 240, the entry for **PHIL 313:**

**313 Asian Philosophy (3)**

A survey of major philosophical ideas and traditions, both classical and contemporary, originating in India and China, and developed generally in Asia. Odd years Spring.

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

**313 Asian Philosophy (ASIA 313) (4)**

A survey of major philosophical ideas and traditions, both classical and contemporary, originating in India and China, and developed generally in Asia. Attention will be given to questions of metaphysics, epistemology and ethics with relation to nature of reality, self and society. Spring.

**1b. Add:** On page 188, cross-listed entry for **ASIA 313:**

**313 Asian Philosophy (ASIA 313) (4)**

A survey of major philosophical ideas and traditions, both classical and contemporary, originating in India and China, and developed generally in Asia. Attention will be given to questions of metaphysics, epistemology and ethics with relation to nature of reality, self and society. 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:** The additional credit hour reflects an added emphasis on specific concepts developed in the philosophies of India, China and other parts of Asia, thereby providing a more in depth understanding. The course will now be cross-listed with Asian Studies.

**2a. Add:** On page, 240, new course, **PHIL 315, Islamic Philosophy:**

**315 Islamic Philosophy (RELS 315) (4)**

A survey of the major philosophers from the Islamic tradition, with a focus on the Islamic golden age (8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> centuries). Topics to be covered include ontology, philosophy of religion, and ethics. Spring.

**2b. Add:** On page, 259, cross-listing entry for **RELS 315, Islamic Philosophy:**

**315 Islamic Philosophy (PHIL 315) (4)**

A survey of the major philosophers from the Islamic tradition, with a focus on the Islamic golden age (8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> centuries). Topics to be covered include ontology, philosophy of religion, and ethics. 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 addition will truly diversify our course offerings and aligns the course offerings with the University mission. The course will be cross-listed with Religious Studies.

**3a. Add:** On page 240, new course, **PHIL 317, Africana Philosophy:**

**317 Africana Philosophy (AFST 317) (4)**

A survey of the philosophical work that has come out of Africa and the African diaspora, beginning with ancient Africa and Egypt, and moving through more recent African philosophies to Afro-Caribbean philosophies and African American philosophies. Philosophical issues such as ontology, the meaning of personhood, and problems of racial discrimination. Fall.

**3b. Add:** On page 70, cross-listing entry for **AFST 317, Africana Philosophy:**

**317 Africana Philosophy (PHIL 317) (4)**

A survey of the philosophical work that has come out of Africa and the African diaspora, beginning with ancient Africa and Egypt, and moving through more recent African philosophies to Afro-Caribbean philosophies and African American philosophies. Philosophical issues such as ontology, the meaning of personhood, and problems of racial discrimination. 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 addition will truly diversify our course offerings and aligns the course offerings with the University mission. The course will be cross-listed with Africana Studies.