

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 46**

**Change the Major and Minor Requirements for Philosophy**

**Effective Date: Fall 2014**

**1. Delete:** On page 238, the entry under **Major in Philosophy:**

- I. Required courses in the major—33 hours, including: PHIL 101, 200, 250, 255, 260, 303, 304, 352, 402, one additional course at the 300 level or above, and 3 credit hours of 499. PHIL 402 may be waived for double majors with the consent of the department.
- II. Required courses outside the major—12 hours in a single other department offering a major.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency is satisfied in PHIL 499 by demonstration of basic logic skills and knowledge of the history of philosophy. Oral competency is demonstrated in PHIL 402.

**Add:** On page 238, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses in the major—40 hours: PHIL 101, 200, 230, 499; 12 hours from the History of Western Philosophy: 250, 255, 260, 352; 4 hours from the History of Non-Western Philosophy: 313, 315, 317; 4 hours from 303, 304, 305, 307, 310; 4 hours from 302, 320, 365.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency is satisfied in PHIL 499 by demonstration of basic logic skills and knowledge of the history of philosophy. Oral competency is demonstrated in PHIL 499.

**Impact:** This change will have no known negative impact on the Philosophy major and university requirements. It will also not affect the department's staffing needs and course offerings. If at all, this change will have a positive impact in terms of student interest and also in bringing our course offerings on par with that of other solid undergraduate philosophy departments.

**Rationale:** This change allows us to align our major requirement with one of the core values of our university mission, namely, diversity. The addition of Introduction to Metaphysics & Epistemology (PHIL 230) allows us to address long term student interest and reflect current trends and standards in strong undergraduate philosophy programs in American universities. Further, this change in requirements allows philosophy majors far more choice in selecting their courses.

**2. Delete:** On page 238, the entry under **Minor in Philosophy:**

18 hours in Philosophy: 3 hours at the 100 level, two courses from PHIL 250, 255, 260; 9 additional hours at the 200 level or higher, at least 6 of which must be at the 300 level or above. Students must earn a minimum 2.00 grade-point-average on all minor courses taken at UNC Asheville. One-half of the hours required for a minor must be completed at UNC Asheville, to include at least 6 semester hours of 300-400 level courses.

**Add:** On page 238, in place of deleted entry:

20 hours in Philosophy: 4 hours from PHIL 100, 101, 200, 230; 8 hours from the History of Western Philosophy: 250, 255, 260, 352; 4 hours from the History of Non-Western Philosophy: 313, 315, 317; 4 additional hours at the 300 level or higher. Students must earn a minimum 2.00 grade-point-average on all minor courses taken at UNC Asheville. One-half of the hours required for a minor must be completed at UNC Asheville, to include at least 6 semester hours of 300-400 level courses.

**Impact:** This change will have no known negative impact on the Philosophy major and university requirements. It will also not affect the department's staffing needs and course offerings. The change should have a positive impact in terms of student interest and also in bringing our course offerings on par with that of other solid undergraduate philosophy departments.

**Rationale:** This change allows us to align our minor requirement with one of the core values of our university mission, namely, diversity. Further, it allows philosophy minors far more choice in selecting their courses.