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MINUTES

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Meeting of Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC) of Faculty Senate

Monday December 8, 2025 at 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall 102

1. **Minutes of UPC Meeting November 10, 2025** (*Mike Geiger*)
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2871/form> Motion to approve by Mary Kate Keyes, seconded by Dina Bozicas. **Approved: Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**
2. Policy Proposals
 1. **Department Policy – Nursing SSON General Policies** (*Nicole Champagne*) – **Change Policy (Department-Level)** <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2873/form>
Update the Academic Progression policy and remove the following areas of the General Policies: Appeal Process for Program Dismissal, HESI Policy, and Basic Math Competency and Medication Calculation Policy. UPC discussed the nature of proposal and the fact that the change is just bringing catalog in line with current practice. This update is part of preparation for March accreditation visit. Confirmed with the Registrar that a Spring 2026 effective date is fine given nature of this proposal. Motion to approve by Dina Bozicas, seconded by Tanya Coutu. **Approved: Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**
3. Program Proposals
 1. **B.A. Political Science – Law & Politics** (*Joshua Dyck*) – **Change Subplan** <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2833/form>. Change the list of approved electives: Add LGST.2100 Restorative Justice, LGST.2610 Introduction to Legal Concepts, LGST.2870 Legal Writing, LGST.3790 The Relationship of Law, Logic, and Ethics, LGST.3870 Legal Research Methods; and add the following stipulation to the degree

- pathway: "Up to 2 classes (6 credits) from approved LGST electives may be used to fulfill concentration requirements in POLI-Law & Politics. Up to 2 classes (6 credits) may be shared between the POLI-Law & Politics Major and the Legal Studies Minor. UPC discussed program proposals #1 and #8 together with Joshua Dyck and Michelle Veilleux. The Minor in Legal Studies was moved from the Criminal Justice department to the Political Science department this past year. Motion to approve by Walter Toomey, seconded by Mary Kate Keyes. **Approved: Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**
2. **B.S. Biology – Pre-Medical / Pre-Health (Frederic Chain) – Change List of Approved Electives** <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2817/form> Add six courses to the list of approved Pre-Med/Health electives: BIOL.3420 Comp. Vertebrate Anatomy; BIOL.3440L Comp. Vertebrate Anatomy Lab;BIOL.4300 Cancer Genomics; BIOL.4385 Epigenetics & Chromatin; BIOL.4500 Parasitic Protozoology; BIOL.4945L Host-Pathogen; Interaction Lab. Motion to approve by Mary Kate Keyes, seconded by Leslie Farris. **Approved: Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**
 3. **B.S. Business Administration – All concentrations: (1) Accounting, (2) Management, (3) Finance, (4) Management Information Systems, (5) Analytics & Operations Management, (6) Entrepreneurship, (7) Marketing, (8) International Business (Deborah Casey) – Change Subplans** <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2756/form>. Change required courses: Add FINA.2000 Personal Finance, MIST.2020 Emerging Technologies in Data Storytelling, and MATH.2830 Introduction to Statistics; Remove MATH.1220 Management Calculus, ECON.2110 Statistics for Business and Economics I, and HIST.xxxx course for AH elective. Change the sequence of courses in the degree pathway, and add the Career-Connected Experience requirement. The committee discussed students who place out of pre-calc (some students will still take MGMT Calc as recommended) and those who place into algebra first, CCE for online students (next proposal, but they were discussed together), changes in numbers of sections for added/removed courses going forward. Motion to approve by Elissa Magnant, seconded by Leslie Farris. **Approved: Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**
 4. **B.S. Business Administration – All concentrations (online): (1) Management, (2) Finance, (3) Management Information Systems, (4) Analytics & Operations Management, (5) Entrepreneurship, (6) Marketing, (7) International Business, (8) General Business (Deborah Casey) – Change Subplans** <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2773/form>. Change required courses: Add FINA.2000 Personal Finance, MIST.2020 Emerging Technologies in Data Storytelling, and MATH.2830 Introduction to Statistics; Remove MATH.1220 Management Calculus, ECON.2110 Statistics for Business and Economics I, and HIST.xxxx course for AH elective. Change the sequence of courses in the degree pathway, and add the Career-Connected Experience requirement for online students. Motion to approve by Elissa Magnant, seconded by Mary Kate Keyes. **Approved: Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**

5. **B.S. Exercise Science – Pre-Physician Assistant** (*Kyle Coffey*) – **Change List of Approved Electives** <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2866/form>. Add four courses to the list of required chemistry course choices: CHEM.1210 Chemistry I, CHEM.1230L Chemistry I Laboratory, CHEM.1220 Chemistry II, and CHEM.1240L Chemistry II Laboratory. A reminder came up that Chem I carries a math pre-requisite now, and interested students will therefore have to take the ALEKS test and potentially algebra if they don't score high enough on the test. Motion to approve by Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, seconded by Mary Kate Keyes. **Approved: Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**

6. **Certificate (UG) Post-Baccalaureate – Pre-Dental** (*Frederic Chain*) – **Change List of Approved Electives** <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2816/form>. Add two courses to the list of required course choices: BIOL.2200 Principles of Cellular Biology; BIOL.2350 Genetics. The program is designed to allow students to take courses to use for their application for dental school. Motion to approve by Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, seconded by Mary Kate Keyes. **Approved: Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**

7. **Certificate (UG) Post-Baccalaureate – Pre-Medical** (*Frederic Chain*) – **Change List of Approved Electives** <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2815/form>. Add three courses to the list of required course choices: BIOL.2001 Biology MCAT Analysis; BIOL.2200 Principles of Cellular Biology; BIOL.2350 Genetics. Required courses, but from a list of approved electives. The program is designed to allow students to take courses to use for their application for medical school. Motion to approve by Wen Zhu, seconded by Dina Bozicas. **Approved: Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**

8. **Minor in Legal Studies** (*Michelle Veilleux*) – **Change Plan** <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2716/form>. Change the list of approved electives: Add POLI.2300 Law & the Legal System, POLI.3110 Foundations of Law, POLI.3350 Constitutional Law: Power and Principles, POLI.3370 Constitutional Law: Rights & Liberties, POLI.3390 Supreme Course Seminar; update the catalog description, and add the following language to the degree pathway: "Up to 2 classes (6 credits) from approved POLI electives may be used to fulfill the Legal Studies minor. Up to 2 classes (6 credits) may be shared between the Legal Studies Minor and the POLI-Law & Politics Major. Motion to approve by Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, seconded by Leslie Farris. **Approved: Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**

4. Course Proposals

New Courses

1. **FAHS.4600 Graduate School Preparation Seminar** (*Alison McConwell*) – New Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2727/form>. This seminar helps FAHSS

students prepare for their graduate school applications. Students will learn to structure their semesters around graduate school application cycles working within benchmark dates, they will learn how to coordinate, consult, and "manage up" with their primary research advisors from their own departments concerning the content of their materials, school lists, and effectively plan for and request letters of support from faculty, along with preparing goal-based plans and cared-based strategies for before and after the process. This career-connected one credit course meets once per week and assessments are calculated on a satisfactory basis and not qualitatively weighted and thus will not affect cumulative average. When possible, students will engage with their disciplinary cohorts around workshopping their materials. The course is part of FAHSS's Transformative Internships and Engagement (TIE) Hub.

2. **POLI.3460 Race and Racism in the Foundations of IR** (*Joshua Dyck*) – New Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2834/form>. International Relations (IR) as a discipline did not arise in a vacuum, nor was it born solely out of abstract theorizing about an idealized international order. Rather, its emergence was deeply entangled with the historical dynamics of empire, colonialism, and the global management of racial hierarchies. Though much of the discipline has since sought to distance itself from these origins—through race-neutral frameworks or the language of scientific objectivity—the imprint of imperial power and racialized governance continues to shape its core assumptions and practices. Students in this course will be challenged to interrogate how the discipline has narrated its own history, and to explore the possibilities of a more honest, inclusive, and critically engaged IR.
3. **POLI.3880 Strategy in International Security** (*Joshua Dyck*) – New Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2832/form>. In this course, students will explore military strategy, doctrine and tactics. They will ultimately come to understand the state of arms control policy and scholarship.
4. **WLSP.3105 Spanish Musicals and Film** (*Maria Matz or Danielle Boutwell*) – New Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2782/form>. This course (prerequisite: WLSP.2120 Spanish 4 and Culture or equivalent) studies Spanish zarzuelas in theater and musical films to delve into Hispanic culture and its identity. This course will examine forms of Spanish theater and film focused on dance and musical (1700s-present), while students obtain a knowledge of cultural trends in Spanish literature studies. By analyzing literary texts and the aesthetics in music, clothing, sets or traditional characters, the course explores topics such as race, gender, and marginality on the Hispanic stage. The study of present-day musical films helps us appreciate their modernity as well. Conducted entirely in Spanish, the course targets Advanced Mid proficiency (ACTFL Guidelines) by the end of semester.
5. **WLSP.3115 Spanish Horror and Film** (*Maria Matz or Danielle Boutwell*) – New Course <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2783/form>. This course (prerequisite: WLSP.2120 Spanish 4 and Culture or equivalent) studies the horror subgenre in

Spanish literature and films to delve into Hispanic culture and its identity. By discussing its most representative literary texts and movies, this course will explore Spain's particular vision of horror, discovering its diverse traditions, culture, and history. Students can expect to achieve a better grasp of the cultural movements in Spain focused on horror and the macabre (1700s-present), while obtaining a knowledge of trends in Spanish literature studies. The study of present-day horror films and TV series helps us appreciate their modernity as well. Conducted entirely in Spanish, the course targets Advanced Mid proficiency (ACTFL Guidelines) by the end of semester.

Change Courses

6. **BIOL.4930 Immunology** (*Frederic Chain or Sarah Rozelle*) – Change Course: <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2819/form>. Change pre-requisite courses: Remove BIOL.1170L Principles of Biology I and BIOL.1180L Principles of Biology II.
7. **BIOL.4950L Immunology Laboratory** (*Frederic Chain or Sarah Rozelle*) – Change Course: <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2818/form>. Change pre-requisite courses: Add BIOL.2330L Experimental Methods in Biology.
8. **BUSI.3100 Co-op Assessment 1 (3-months)** (*Amit Deokar, Karoline Evans*) – Change Course: <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2785/form>. Change number of credits from 2-credits to 3-credits. Updating credit count to bring in line with internship, make students more likely to report on co-op experience if they get 3 credits, since they'd be "missing" one credit otherwise they'd need to make up elsewhere. Discussed whether similar issues exist in other co-op programs; engineering faculty on committee said, "Maybe."
9. **BUSI.4100 Co-op Assessment 2 (3-months)** (*Amit Deokar, Karoline Evans*) – Change Course: <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2787/form> Change number of credits from 2-credits to 3-credits. There is no difference between BUSI.3100 and BUSI.4100; students will take BUSI.4100 if they wish to do a second Co-op after taking BUSI.3100.
10. **CHEM.2230 Organic Chemistry IIB** (*Khalilah Reddie*) – Change Course: <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2808/form>. Change the enrollment requirements: Remove "and Biology Majors Only".
11. **LIFE.1010 Life Science I** (*Sarah Rozelle*) – Change Course: <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2848/form>. Change the catalog description to clarify which BOK students will receive based on the combination of the lecture and lab versus the lecture alone.

12. **LIFE.1020 Life Science II** (*Sarah Rozelle*) – Change Course:
<https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2849/form>. Change the catalog description to clarify what BOK students will receive with just the lecture versus taking the lecture and lab combined.

13. **MUSR.1100 Introduction to Music Technology** (*Ramon Castillo*) – Change Course: <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2809/form> Change enrollment requirements: Add "Music Business" to the existing enrollment requirements.

14. **POLI.3870 Politics of International Organizations** (*Joshua Dyck*) – Change Course: <https://uml.curriculog.com/proposal:2296/form>. Change course title to "Politics of International Law & Organization".

Motion to approve course list by Mary Kate Keyes, seconded by Elissa Magnant. **Approved: Yes 10, No 0, Abstain 0.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm.

Next UPC Meeting: Monday February 9, 2026 at 3:30-5:00pm in Alumni Hall 102.