

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE

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Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee Five Hundred and Twenty-First Report

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays the CAC from the swift completion of its appointed approvals.

The Curricular Affairs Committee considered the following matters by electronic communication and now presents them to the Faculty Senate.

SECTION I Informational Matters

COURSE CHANGES

A. College of Arts and Sciences:

Change descriptions:

MUS 110 A-W Applied Music (1-3 crs.)

Private instruction in performance at the freshman level. One credit equals a half-hour lesson per week. Two or three credits equal an hour lesson per week and require additional preparation time and higher levels of performance. Music convocation performance is encouraged but not required. (Studio) Pre: audition and permission of chairperson. May be repeated for credit.

MUS 119 Introduction to the Music Profession (1 cr.)

Overview of the music profession. Development of an individualized plan for music study including articulation of learning and career goals. Introduction to skill areas. (Lec. 1) For music majors. May be substituted for URI 101.

MUS 293 University Chorus (0-1 cr.)

Study and performance of choral music. (Rehearsal) May be repeated for a total of 3 credits for general education (A) [D]. S/U only for 0 credit.

B. College of the Environment and Life Sciences:

Change parent department of cross-listing of course:

PLS 354/LAR 354 Landscape Plants II (3 crs.)

Cross-listed as (PLS), LAR 354. Identification and description under winter and spring conditions; classification and adaptation of the coniferous evergreens, vines, and groundcovers and their value in ornamental plantings. (Lec. 2, Lab. 2) Pre: LAR 353 or PLS 353.

ONLINE OFFERINGS

The CAC has approved the following course for online offering:

SOC 100 General Sociology

TEMPORARY COURSES

WRT 334X, Science Writing (3 crs.)

Scientific principles, ethics, and best practices for communicating science to public audiences. (Lec. 3) Competence in basic writing skills expected.

SECTION II Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation by the Faculty Senate

NEW COURSES

A. College of Arts and Sciences:

JPN 205, Pre-Advanced Japanese I (3 crs.)

This pre-advanced course aims to increase accuracy and fluency both in spoken and written Japanese. All four areas of language learning skills will be further developed through intensive practice. (Lec. 3) Pre: Students enrolling in this course should have taken JPN 104 Intermediate Japanese II or equivalent.

JPN 206, Pre-Advanced Japanese II (3 crs.)

This pre-advanced course continues to hone accuracy and fluency both in spoken and written Japanese. All four areas of language learning skills will be further developed through intensive practice. (Lec. 3) Pre: Students enrolling in this course should have taken JPN 205 Pre-Advanced Japanese I or equivalent.

JPN 310, Japanese Language and Culture (3 crs.)

This course, taught in English, examines the close relationship between Japanese language and culture. (Lec. 3)

COURSE CHANGES

A. College of Arts and Sciences:

Change titles and descriptions:

MUS 395 Concert Choir (0-1 cr.)

Study and performance of advanced choral music. (Rehearsal) Pre: audition and permission of instructor. May be repeated for credit. S/U only for 0 credit.

MUS 417 Orchestration (3 crs.)

Range, timbre, transpositions and other characteristics of instruments, singly and in combination. Exercises with attention to part writing, harmony and form. Setting of a small piece of music for orchestra or band required. (Lec. 3) Pre: credit or concurrent enrollment in 227 or equivalent.

B. College of Environment and Life Sciences:

Change title and description:

PLS 331 Horticultural Plant Production (4 crs.)

Foundation of horticulture plant production, growing facilities, equipment and cultural practices. History of the greenhouse and nursery industries, current challenges and recent innovations. (Lec. 3, Lab.1) Pre: BIO 102 or PLS 150 or permission of instructor.

CURRICULUM CHANGES

A. College of Arts and Sciences:

Creation of a Minor in Arabic:

Introduction and Rationale:

Arabic at URI is a growing program, and has recently significantly revamped its curriculum to offer all courses as 4-credit intensive courses. With a new, stable set of classes in place, we are now able to offer a minor in Arabic Language and Culture to meet student demand. The minor is designed to bring students to the Intermediate Mid or Intermediate High level of language proficiency, while also studying Arabo-Islamic culture within Arabic classes and in related course offerings from other departments. Many students are expected to complete the minor by taking ARB 111 through ARB 311 (5 courses total), but they can also complete the minor by taking through ARB 212 (4 courses) and two courses in history, political science, or gender and women's studies, since they would need more than 12 credits at the 200-level or above for the minor (ARB 211, 212 = 8 credits, + e.g. HIS 379 = 11, so an additional course would be required.) We are also considering offering 1 credit courses under ARB 325 (Topics in Arabic Culture in Translation) that would solve this slight mathematical difficulty, and

allow students to get more exposure to Arabic Culture without adding significantly to their course loads (so a student could take ARB 211, 212, a one-credit ARB 325, and one 3 credit course at the 200 level or above from other departments.) Experience has also shown that students interested in the Arabic language tend to take classes on Arabo-Islamic culture even when not required as part of a minor.

Current catalog language (2013-2014):

Arabic

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures offers a number of undergraduate courses in Arabic.

Proposed catalog language:

Arabic

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures offers a number of undergraduate courses in Arabic, as well as a minor in Arabic Language and Culture.

Students taking the Arabic Language and Culture Minor must complete 18 credits of classes on Arabic Language or Arabo-Islamic culture. Students must take 12 credits at the 200 level or above (ARB 211, 212, 311, 312, 325, 497; PSC 312, 482; HIS 379, 376), of which at least 8 credits must be Arabic classes at the 200 level or above. The remaining credits may be from 100-level or higher classes in Arabic language (ARB 111, 112) or Arabo-Islamic culture (HIS 176, 178; HPR 107). Students must earn a minimum of 18 credits in these courses for the minor. For any course which is a topics course, the student must have advisor approval for that course to count towards the minor.

B. College of Environment and Life Sciences:

Change to Degree and Creation of Subplans for Plant Science:

Two changes to the existing program are being proposed:

1. The first piece of the proposal is to change the name of the current degree within Plant Sciences and Entomology from "Environmental Horticulture and Turfgrass Management" to "Plant Sciences". The current name of the major within the department is "Plant Sciences" and this change will allow both the major and degree to share the same name.
2. The second change is to institute three subplans or tracks within the degree: Turfgrass Management, Ornamental Horticulture and Sustainable Crop Production. Currently these three tracks are taught unofficially within the major and the proposed change would recognize them as formal subplans that would appear on a student's transcript under the degree of "Plant Sciences."