

APSC Actions – Spring 2020

- I. APSC approved the following new courses:**
- a. SPAN 401: Senior Research Seminar (Jan. 20, 2020)
  - b. RELG 109: Topics in Comparative Religion (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - c. RELG 111: From Abraham to Al-Qaeda: Jews, Christians, and Muslims from their Origins to the Present (Jan 27, 2020)
  - d. RELG 112: Religion & the Internet (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - e. RELG 209: The Age of Faith: Medieval Europe Between Church and State (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - f. RELG 218: Religion and Popular Culture (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - g. RELG 303: Buddhist Ethics (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - h. RELG 307: Heretics, Pagans and Martyrs: Formation of Religions Identities in Late Antiquity (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - i. ARTH 325: Advanced Ceramics (Feb. 10, 2020)
  - j. ENST 345: Agroecology (Feb. 10, 2020)
  - k. POSC 234/LAWP 234/WGSS 302: Gender and Justice (Feb. 17, 2020)
  - l. Food Security in a Rapidly Changing World: Challenges and Global Implications (Graduate course, AWC) (Feb. 24, 2020)
  - m. RELG 223/JDST 223: Eating the Text: Tasting Jewish and Israeli Food Through Literature, Film and...the Mouth (Feb 24, 2020)
  - n. RELG 224/JDST 224: Kabbalah: Healing the Soul, Repairing the Cosmos (Feb. 24, 2020)
  - o. RELG 233/JDST 233: Israeli Cinema (Feb. 24, 2020)
  - p. RELG 234/JDST 234: Love, Sex, and Hebrew Texts (in Translation) (Feb. 24, 2020)
- II. APSC approved the following one-time only courses:**
- a. ITAL 205: Pre-term Program in the South of Italy, August 2020 (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - b. MATH 180/COMP 180: Introduction to Data Science (Feb. 17, 2020)
- II. APSC approved the removal of the following courses from the *Bulletin*:**
- a. SPAN 410: Senior Seminar in Hispanic Literature (Jan. 20, 2020)
  - b. RELG 110: Religion and Modern Culture (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - c. RELG 210: Religions of Africa (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - d. RELG 214: History of Christianity: Reform and Modernity (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - e. RELG 228: Religion—Conflict, Violence, and Peacemaking (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - f. RELG 241: Topics in Art, Literature, and Religion (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - g. RELG 242: Jerusalem, Layer by Layer (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - h. RELG 245: Hidden Scriptures (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - i. RELG 246: The Way of the Shaman (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - j. RELG 248: Religion and Non-Violence (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - k. RELG 304: Religion, Love, and Sex (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - l. RELG 313: Eastern Orthodox Christianity (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - m. RELG 103, 104, 105, 107, 115, 121, 122, 130, 201, 208, 226, 227, 230, 235, 390 as a result of changes in level (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - n. JDST 103, 103, 105, 107 as a result of RELG course level changes (cross-listed courses) (Jan. 27, 2020)
  - o. WRPG 200: Advanced Critical Thinking and U.S. Academic Writing for International Students (April 20, 2020)
  - p. SPAN 310: Studies of the Iberian Middle Ages (May 4, 2020)
  - q. SPAN 311: Pre-Columbian and Colonial Spanish American Texts

(May 4, 2020)

r. **SPAN 320: Studies in Spanish Golden Age Texts** (May 4, 2020)

s. **SPAN 321: Late Colonial and Nineteenth-Century Latin American Literatures** (May 4, 2020)

t. **SPAN 330: Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Spanish Literature** (May 4, 2020)

u. **SPAN 331: Modernismo and Vanguardias** (May 4, 2020)

v. **SPAN 340: Modern and Contemporary Spanish Literature** (May 4, 2020)

w. **SPAN 341: Studies in Contemporary Spanish American Literature** (May 4, 2020)

x. **SPAN 350: Chicano/Chicana Literatures** (May 4, 2020)

y. **SPAN 351: U.S. Latina/o-Caribbean Literature** (May 4, 2020)

**III. APSC approved the following curriculum changes:**

a. **SPAN 305 – change to course title and description** (Jan. 20, 2020)

b. **LALC 390 – change to course description and SPAN cross-listing** (Jan. 20, 2020)

c. **SPAN 201/202 – change to the number of faculty teaching days (201 from five days to four; 202 from three days to four) on a trial basis** (Jan. 20, 2020)

d. **CET course syllabi for Elementary II Spanish (Dickinson Center in Malaga); Intermediate Spanish (Dickinson Center in Malaga); Beginner II Conversational Spanish; Intermediate Conversational Spanish; Advanced Conversational Spanish** (Jan. 20, 2020)

e. **POSC 490 – meeting time** (Jan. 20, 2020)

f. **CET course syllabi for Spain and the European Union** (Jan. 27, 2020)

g. **MUSC – changes to course titles, descriptions, prerequisites and composition emphasis major requirements** (Jan. 27, 2020)

h. **RELG – changes to course titles, descriptions, prerequisites, course levels and major requirements** (Jan. 27, 2020)

i. **JDST – changes to cross-listed course numbers with RELG and major/minor requirements resulting from RELG changes** (Jan. 27, 2020)

j. **PSYC – change to the wording regarding study abroad credits** (Jan. 27, 2020)

k. **FDST 201 – change to prerequisite** (Feb. 10, 2020)

l. **COMP 364 – increase course capacity from 15 to 24** (Feb. 10, 2020)

m. **PSYC – change in course titles and descriptions for 150 and 450** (Feb. 10, 2020)

n. **MUPS 114 – change to prerequisites (piano, voice & guitar)** (Feb. 10, 2020)

o. **COMP 132 – change to prerequisites** (Feb. 10, 2020)

p. **Pre-term in the South of Italy program, Summer 2020 (trial basis)** (Feb. 10, 2020)

q. **Department/major name from Latin American, Latino and Caribbean Studies to Latin American, Latinx and Caribbean Studies** (Feb. 17, 2020)

r. **CRWR 219/FMST 211: Screenwriting - prerequisite change** (Feb. 24, 2020)

s. **MATH - changes to course title and descriptions** (Feb. 24, 2020)

t. **FREN 240, 245 and 246 – lower capacities to 15** (March 2, 2020)

u. **Elimination of the current college deans program** (March 2, 2020)

v. **ECON 332 – change to title** (March 16, 2020)

w. **ENST 371 – addition of course prerequisites** (March 30, 2020)

x. **Ethics minor in PHIL** (March 30, 2020)

y. **Increasing summer school offerings, moving all summer courses online** (April 6, 2020)

z. **Revisions to the first-year seminar resolution which will require students to pass the course in order to graduate to bring it in line with other graduation requirements** (April 13, 2020)

aa. **ENGL requirements for the major** (April 20, 2020)

- bb. WGSS 300 – change to prerequisites** (April 20, 2020)
- cc. WRPG 101 – change to title and description** (April 20, 2020)
- dd. FREN 101, 102, 201 blended instruction pilot** (April 27, 2020)
- ee. SPAN/PORT – changes to major name to Spanish and Portuguese, major requirements, course titles, descriptions, prerequisites, course level** (May 4, 2020)
- ff. Department name change from Spanish & Portuguese to Spanish & Portuguese Studies** (May 4, 2020)

**IV. APSC denied the following:**

- a. Request to make changes to the language graduation requirement** (Feb. 24, 2020)
- b. Extension of credit/no credit grading into summer school 2020 (all courses will be graded)** (April 27, 2020)

**V. APSC approved the following policy changes:**

- a. Grading policy – temporary exception for spring 2020** (March 16, 2020; March 23, 2020)
- b. Course transfer policy – one-time exception for students who will lose partial or entire semester’s worth of credits due to program cancellations because of the COVID-19 outbreak** (March 2, 2020; March 23, 2020)
- c. Course transfer policy – one-time exception to allow students to take online summer school 2020 coursework and transfer back to Dickinson** (April 6, 2020)
- d. Withdrawal deadline extended for Summer Session 2020 to 4:30 PM on the last day of classes (July 1)** (April 20, 2020)
- e. Course withdrawals for Summer Session 2020 – one-time exception that any withdrawals will not count against the two permitted over four years** (April 20, 2020)
- f. Summer Session at Dickinson, two-course maximum – exceptions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by Deb Bolen, Mary Ann Leidigh in consultation with Damon Yarnell** (April 27, 2020)
- g. Resolution to approve the continuation of remote instruction through Spring 2021** (May 15, 2020)

**VI. Discussions**

- a. US Diversity 100-level course capacity** (Jan. 27, 2020; Feb. 10, 2020)
- b. Revision of the all-college language requirements** (Feb. 17, 2020; Feb. 24, 2020)
- c. Future thinking subcommittee** (Feb. 17, 2020)
- d. Discussion of Ethics minor in PHIL** (March 16, 2020)
- e. GPA minimums – probation, study abroad, scholarships** (March 23, 2020)
- f. Values Statement on Freedom of Expression** (March 23, 2020)
- g. Future of the academic program brainstorming** (March 23, 2020; March 30, 2020; April 27, 2020)
- h. Use of NG Grading for Spring 2020** (March 23, 2020)
- i. GPA maximums – class rank, Latin honors, Dean’s list, prizes/awards** (March 30, 2020)
- j. Call for additional summer school course offerings as online courses** (April 6, 2020)
- k. Leave of absence policy – exceptions due to COVID-19** (April 6, 2020)
- l. Additional summer school 2020 remote course offerings – criteria** (April 13, 2020)
- m. Discussion of Melinda Schlitt’s question regarding the establishment of a queue for faculty positions** (April 13, 2020)
- n. Discussion of senior grading deadline** (April 20, 2020)
- o. FY Seminars and FY Orientation 2020 schedule** (April 20, 2020)
- p. Shared advising** (April 20, 2020)
- q. Fall semester 2020 opening options** (May 4, 2020)

## **VII. Announcements**

- a. Neil updated the committee on faculty positions filled for 2020-21 (Jan. 13, 2020; Jan. 20, 2020; Feb. 24, 2020)**
- b. Neil told the committee that the college will officially be recognized as a Carnegie Foundation civically engaged institution as of Jan. 31, 2020 (Jan. 13, 2020)**
- c. Neil reported on the admissions applications for Fall 2020 and the academic status of the Class of 2023 after their first semester (Jan. 20, 2020)**
- d. Neil informed the committee that David Ball (ENGL) and Blanka Bednarz (MUSC) resigned effective June 30, 2020 (Feb. 24, 2020)**
- e. Neil reported that tenure-line hiring for 2020-21 was complete – five new tenure-track positions (March 2, 2020)**
- f. Neil updated the committee on the status of the campus community due to the COVID-19 situation (March 16, 2020)**
- g. Cathy Davenport updated the committee on admissions procedures during COVID-19 (March 16, 2020)**
- h. Deb told the committee that all CET high school classes were cancelled for summer 2020 (March 16, 2020)**
- i. Deb said the three graduate courses will continue to be held beginning in April at the AWC (March 16, 2020)**
- j. Samantha Brandauer told APSC that all study abroad programs have been suspended through summer 2020 (March 16, 2020)**
- k. Neil updated the committee on remote instruction for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester (March 23, 2020; March 30, 2020; April 6, 2020)**
- l. Neil told the committee that the college has permission to offer any online course that would begin before June 1, which would make this possible for summer school (March 30, 2020)**
- m. Deb told the committee that modifications were being made to IB and AP exams as a result of the COVID-10 outbreak (March 30, 2020)**
- n. Cathy Davenport updated the committee on fall 2020 enrollments (March 30, 2020; April 6, 2020; April 13, 2020; April 20, 2020; April 27, 2020; May 4, 2020)**
- o. Neil told the committee that a task force was being formed to discuss fall 2020 issues (April 6, 2020)**
- p. Neil said the college annual day of giving would continue as scheduled on April 7, 2020, with an additional relief fund for donations to assist students in dire need following the COVID-19 outbreak (April 6, 2020)**
- q. Neil said Margee was forming a “ready for fall” working group focused on the academic program, health issues in bringing people back to campus, housing and staff. He will also form a separate working group which will include academic technology and those experienced in remote instruction to look at the academic program (April 13, 2020)**
- r. Deb updated the committee on the students who had not selected courses during course request (April 13, 2020)**
- s. Neil updated the committee on the two working groups announced at April 13 meeting (April 20, 2020)**
- t. Neil updated the committee on the work of the “ready for fall academic group” (April 27, 2020)**
- u. Samantha Brandauer updated the committee on study abroad suspensions for 2020-21 and potential new programs (May 4, 2020)**

## **VIII. Reports and Updates**

- a. Subcommittee on Academic Standards Actions Fall 2019 (March 23, 2020)**
- b. Update on Grant Activity (April 6, 2020)**
- c. Student Senate (Jan. 20, 2020; Feb. 10, 2020; Feb. 17, 2020; April 6, 2020; April 13,**

2020; April 20, 2020; April 27, 2020)

**d. Roll Call Report** (March 23, 2020)

**e. Report on First-Year Seminar Information Literacy Program** (Feb. 24, 2020)

**f. Withdrawal Report, Fall 2019** (Feb. 24, 2020)

**g. First-year seminar proposals for Fall 2020** (March 23, 2020)

**h. Pass/Fail trends; overall statistics report** (Feb 24, 2020)

**i. Grade Analysis Report, Longitudinal Class GPA Report, Fall 2019** (Feb. 24, 2020)

**j. Report on Internship Notation Program (INP) and Research Experience REXP**  
(March 23, 2020)

**k. Reports on the faculty and student sustainability course questionnaires** (Feb 24, 2020)

**IX. External Departmental Reviews**

**a. Discussion of AFST, Access & Disability Services, Trout Gallery, Library, Internships self-studies and specific questions determined for reviewers for each**  
(Jan. 13, 2020)

**b. Discussion of the EDST self-study and specific questions determined for reviewers**  
(Jan. 20, 2020)

**c. Discussion of revised reviewer questions submitted by the library** (March 2, 2020)

**d. Discussion of the ADS/SOAR external reviewers' report** (March 2, 2020)

**e. Discussion of the Internships external reviewers' report** (March 23, 2020)

**f. Discussion of the AFST external reviewers' report** (March 30, 2020)

**g. Discussion of the Trout Gallery external reviewers' report** (April 13, 2020)

**X. Unfinished Business**

**a. Responses to APSC following discussion of the external reviewers' reports – AFST, ADS/SOAR, Internships, Trout Gallery**

**b. EDST and Library on-campus reviewer visitations**

**c. Philosophical question regarding prerequisites across the curriculum**

**d. Reports not received: Report on Service Learning (Gary Kirk); LOWG Report (Brenda Bretz); Annual Report from Damon Yarnell**

**e. Shared advising**

**f. Future of the academic program**