

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – PROGRAM CHANGE PROPOSAL

Electronically submit this completed form with attachments in one file to the Chair of the College Curriculum Committee.

COLLEGE (check one):	Arts and Sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Business	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposal Submitted By:	Jason Hayob-Matzke			Date Prepared: 11/20/18		
Department /Program:	Classics, Philosophy, & Religion / Philosophy: Pre-Law					

1. Note: for any program change entailing the addition any new courses, or revisions to existing courses, separate proposal for those course actions must also be submitted. If the proposal involves changes in course credit hours as a part of the program change, "Change_Course_Credits" proposal forms for each course with revised credit hours must also be submitted.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE EXISTING PROGRAM (check no than one of the following).	
Revise requirements for existing major	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revise requirements for a concentration within an existing major	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Revise requirements for an existing degree program	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revise requirements for existing certificate program	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revise requirements for existing minor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation Date: FALL semester, year:	FALL2019

PROPOSAL TO CREATE NEW PROGRAM NOT REQUIRING STATE ACTION (check no more than one of the following)	
New concentration within existing major	Name:
New minor	Name:
New Major but NOT a new degree*	Name:
*Use ONLY for interdisciplinary majors that will be grouped as part of the "Special Majors/General Liberal Arts and Sciences" degree (CIP Code 24.0101) or reported as a BLS degree (CIP Code 24.0199)	
Implementation Date (semester and year):	

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR ALL PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM CHANGE OR FOR NEW PROGRAMS NOT REQUIRING STATE APPROVAL:

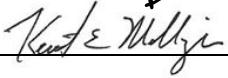
2. **Rationale statement** (Why is this additional program needed? What purposes will it serve?)
3. **Impact Statement** (Provide details about the Library, space, budget, technology, and impacts created by this program change. Supporting statements from the Library, IT Department, etc. evaluating the resource impact and feasibility of adding the new program are required.) If the proposal involves changes in course credit hours as a part of the program change, "Change_Course_Credits" proposal forms for each course with revised credit hours must also be submitted.
4. **Catalog Copy** (Provide the complete Catalog Description for the proposed new program)
5. **Any change that impacts another Department must have a written statement (such as a copy of an email) from the Chair(s) agreeing to the change.**

Department Chair Approval*: _____ Craig Vasey _____

Date: Nov. 26, 2018

CCC Chair Approval:  _____

Date: 1/21/2019

Dean Approval:  _____

Date: 1/24/2019

*COB and COE proposals approved by the Associate Dean.

BEFORE consideration by the UCC, the proposal must be approved the three levels noted above. Approval by the UCC, UFC, and Provost** are noted on the proposal "status history" at the UCC web site.

**Provost approval is required in cases of proposals for new concentrations, new minors, new majors that do not involve a new degree, or program changes involving changes to credit hours of courses in the program's requirements.

6. **Rationale statement** (Why is this additional program needed? What purposes will it serve?)

Proposed change: add five classes as options in the Philosophy: Pre-Law concentration

First, we request the addition of three courses to the current list of options that would satisfy the final 3 credits of the major (see catalog copy below). One is from CoB and two are from our own department: BLAW 201 (Legal Environment of Business), RELG 305 (Religion and Politics in the US), and PHIL 110 (Intro Law & Legal Writing). All are well-established courses. The intent of this portion of the concentration is to have students either complete an internship in law or take one additional law-related course for greater interdisciplinary breadth. The BLAW and RELG courses fit the latter rationale clearly since they are outside of Philosophy and both deal with law. Further, because the Introduction to Law and Legal Writing course is always taught by a non-philosopher (currently alternating between a retired judge and local attorney), its inclusion on this list is appropriate also by the breadth rationale. We have reviewed the content of these courses and believe they offer valuable content on par with the courses already on the list.

Second, we request that PHIL 344: Critical Theory be added to the “Continental Philosophy set” (see catalog copy below). Since it covers the 20th Century German tradition in philosophy, it is appropriate for this category in the major. It will be added in the same place to both the standard Philosophy major and the Philosophy: Pre-Law option.

Third, we request that PHIL 383: Yoga in Theory, History, & Contemporary Society be added to the “Non-Western set” (see catalog copy below). **NOTE:** This is a recently approved (2017) course currently listed as RELG 383. A concurrent proposal is being submitted to the Curriculum Committee asking that this course be cross-listed as PHIL 383. If that proposal is denied, please substitute here in this major change proposal “RELG 383” for “PHIL 383.” The content of the course is largely philosophical in nature—much like the other courses in this category, such as Buddhism—and it nicely represents the non-Western tradition in philosophy.

7. **Impact Statement** (Provide details about the Library, space, budget, technology, and impacts created by this program change. Supporting statements from the Library, IT Department, etc. evaluating the resource impact and feasibility of adding the new program are required.) **If the proposal involves changes in course credit hours as a part of the program change, “Change_Course_Credits” proposal forms for each course with revised credit hours must also be submitted**

We do not anticipate a noticeable change to student enrollment in these four classes. First, the total number of Philosophy: Pre-Law majors is stable at about twenty-five in any given year. Second, the list of courses that satisfies the three affected categories within the major requirements are long enough that no single course is targeted by all students, and certainly not all at once. Third—relevant to the first change requested above—most of the students in the major satisfy the internship/law-related course requirement by doing the internship.

There are no anticipated changes to needed Library, budget, technology, etc., resources.

8. **Catalog Copy** (Provide the complete Catalog Description for the proposed new program)

2. Requirements for the Pre-Law Concentration in Philosophy

Eleven courses (33 credits) in Philosophy, including PHIL 151, 201, 202, 320, 325; one of PHIL 301, 302, 303; one course from the Ethics set (PHIL 160, 225, 226, 330, 335); one course from the Continental Philosophy set (PHIL 260, 342, 343, **344**, 450); one course from the non-Western set (PHIL 283, 284, **383**, 440); PHIL 485 (Research in Philosophy); and 3 credits of either PHIL 499 (Internship) or one of the following: **BLAW 201 (Legal Environment of Business)**, ECON 342 (Law and Economics), HIST 416 (American Legal History), HIST 417 (American Constitutional History), **PHIL 110 (Intro Law & Legal Writing)**, PSCI 422 (American Civil Liberties), **RELG 305 (Religion and Politics in the US)**, or SOCG 415 (Sociology of Law).

[Proposed additions are in bold.]

9. Any change that impacts another Department must have a written statement (such as a copy of an email) from the Chair(s) agreeing to the change.

Included here is the email exchange with Interim Dean Machande and Prof. Kim Kinsley, both of CoB:
(The other four course additions are from within our department; Craig's signature as chair indicates departmental support.)

Hi Jason,

I have read your proposed change and appreciate that you are including our BLAW course as an alternative for students pursuing the pre-law concentration. I agree with Kim's position that we, in the COB, have sufficient capacity to include students who choose to take the course without any impact on resources within the College of Business. Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

All my best,

Ken

-----Original Message-----

From: Kimberley Kinsley (kkinsley) <kkinsley@umw.edu>

Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 10:37 AM

To: Ken Machande (kmachand) <kmachand@umw.edu>

Subject: RE: Adding BLAW 201 to PHIL: Pre-Law

Hi Ken -

I think that it is a good idea, from my perspective. Of course, I'll defer to your wisdom.

My thoughts are that BLAW 201 is offered many times per year, including summers - historically. The PHIL: Pre-Law program students can easily be managed with the existing courses. I have been to the pre-law events, and don't think that the demand will be a problem.

Best!

Kim

From: Jason Matzke (jmatzke)

Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 10:17 AM

To: Ken Machande (kmachand); Kimberley Kinsley (kkinsley)

Cc: Craig Vasey (cvasey)

Subject: Adding BLAW 201 to PHIL: Pre-Law

Dear Ken and Kim,

This email is a follow-up to our in-person conversations regarding adding BLAW 201 (Legal Environment of Business) to the Philosophy: Pre-Law concentration. Please find attached the proposal that will go to the Curriculum Committee. The Committee requires proof that you are in favor of the change (or at least not in objection). If you would be so kind as to reply to this email, attesting to your view, I can attach the exchange in evidence of that fact.

Thank you both!

Best,

Jason

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