

Summary of Proposed Curriculum Revisions

Ouachita Baptist University
May 2017

The faculty **approved** these curriculum revisions at a faculty meeting on May 2, 2017.

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The **short form** notation indicates informational level curriculum revisions submitted on the Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee's short form, which addresses course title changes, course time offering changes, and non-substantive changes to course content and/or descriptions. These short form revisions will NOT be brought to the faculty for discussion or a vote, unless questions are raised before the faculty meeting.

Christian Studies

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Philosophy	<p>Proposed Change Delete PHIL 4243 Workplace Ethics and add a new course, PHIL 3xx3 Legal Philosophy.</p> <p>Rationale Due to the fact that philosophy tends to attract a good number of students interested in going to law school, a general philosophy of law course covering the basic philosophical issues in law has the potential to attract and be a benefit to more students than Workplace Ethics, at least as the general curriculum now stands. Philosophy of Law courses are also more prominent in the profession as a whole, and Workplace Ethics has so far attracted few students.</p> <p>Catalog Entry PHIL 3xx3 Legal Philosophy A study of the fundamental issues in legal philosophy such as the nature of law, the authority of law, the aims of law, challenges to the law, moral issues in professional jurisprudence, and constitutional and statutory interpretation. Fall of odd numbered years.</p>

Education

ESL Endorsement

Short Form

Proposed Change

Add prerequisites to the following courses in the ESL endorsement series:
EDFN/INTL 2043 and EDFN/INTL/MSSN 3043.

Rationale

Courses EDFN/INTL 2043 and EDFN/INTL/MSSN 3043 serve as foundational courses for EDFN/INTL/MSSN 3xx3 and EDFN/INTL 4xx3.

Catalog Entries

In the Educational Foundations section, pp. 75-76:

EDFN 2043 Teaching Students from Multilingual and Diverse Backgrounds

An introductory course highlighting the important role that culture plays in English language teaching. Teachers apply knowledge of world cultures and how the cultures of different English language learners affect instruction. Also listed as INTL 2043 and MSSN 2043. Online Fall I.

EDFN 3043 Second Language Acquisition

A study of linguistic foundations and functional skills for assisting non-English speakers toward English competency; of particular interest to students who anticipate working in international settings and students seeking licensure for teaching. Also listed as INTL 3043 and MSSN 3043. Online Fall II.

EDFN 3xx3 Methods of Teaching English as a Second Language

This course examines current and previous methods of language teaching so that teachers will be able to incorporate activities, tasks, and strategies to develop meaningful and authentic use of language in the classroom. Available technology will also be employed to integrate listening, speaking, reading and writing for a variety of social and academic purposes. Also listed as INTL 3xx3 and MSSN 3xx3. Prerequisites: EDFN 2043 and EDFN 3043. Online Spring I.

EDFN 4xx3 Second Language Assessment

This course acquaints the language teacher with purposes and types of assessments, including self- and peer-assessments, criterion-based assessments and rubrics, and various performance-based assessment tools. Also listed as INTL 4xx3. Prerequisites: EDFN 2043 and EDFN 3043. Online Spring II.

In the International Education section, p. 39:

INTL 2043 Teaching Students from Multilingual and Diverse Backgrounds

An introductory course highlighting the important role that culture plays in English language teaching. Teachers apply knowledge of world cultures and how the cultures of different English language learners affect instruction. Also listed as EDFN 2043. Online Fall I.

INTL 3043 Second Language Acquisition

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In the Christian Missions section, p. 69:

MSSN 3043 Second Language Acquisition

A study of linguistic foundations and functional skills for assisting non-English speakers toward English competency; of particular interest to students who anticipate working in international settings and students seeking licensure for teaching. Also listed as EDFN 3043 and INTL 3043. Online Fall II.

MSSN 3xx3 Methods of Teaching English as a Second Language

This course examines current and previous methods of language teaching so that teachers will be able to incorporate activities, tasks, and strategies to develop meaningful and authentic use of language in the classroom. Available technology

	<p>will also be employed to integrate listening, speaking, reading and writing for a variety of social and academic purposes. Also listed as EDFN 3xx3 and INTL 3xx3. Prerequisite MSSN 3043. Online Spring I.</p>
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General Academic Programs

<p>European Study Tour</p>	<p>Under current practice, students accepted to participate in the European Study Tour register for INTL 3400 EST Preparation in the spring and then INTL 3836 EST Practicum in May Term. However, INTL 3836 is only a place holder in the student’s schedule. When grades are submitted, the Registrar’s Office individually changes each student’s transcript to record two 3-hour courses—CORE 3063 Humanities and INTL 3833 European Practicum. The following changes would eliminate the 6-hour course and provide updated course descriptions for the two 3-hour courses. These changes will provide greater clarity for students and streamline record-keeping for the Registrar’s Office.</p>
	<p>Proposed Change Change the course description for INTL 3400.</p> <p>Rationale The current course description focuses on the application process and does not describe the course content.</p> <p>Catalog Entry INTL 3400 EST Preparation Readings and assignments designed to help students understand and appreciate the art and culture of Europe as experienced through an extended European Study Tour during the following May Term. Open only to students accepted to the program. Completion of this non-credit course is a pre-requisite for participating in the tour and earning credit for INTL 3433 and FINA 3163. Spring.</p>
	<p>Proposed Change Change INTL 3833 to INTL 3433 and revise the course description.</p> <p>Rationale The new number more closely aligns this course with the required preparatory course, and the new course description clarifies the content. Additionally, the current course description for INTL 3833 mentions a course, CORE 3063—Fine Arts General, that is not actually listed elsewhere in the catalog.</p> <p>Catalog Entry INTL 3433 European Practicum</p>

	<p>Intensive experience of art and culture through an extended European study tour. Open only to students who have been accepted to the program. Students must enroll during May Term for both INTL 3433 and FINA 3163. Prerequisite: INTL 3400 EST Preparation.</p>
	<p>Proposed Change Replace CORE 3063 Humanities with a new course, FINA 3163 Fine Arts and Humanities: Europe.</p> <p>Rationale The new course number, title, and description more clearly communicate the content of the course and its fulfillment of the Artistic Engagement Menu.</p> <p>FINA 3163 Fine Arts and Humanities: Europe. Intensive study of European art, architecture, history, literature, music, and theatre in conjunction with an extended European Study Tour. Open only to students who have been accepted to the program. Students must enroll during May Term for both INTL 3433 and FINA 3163. This course satisfies the Artistic Engagement Menu in the Ouachita Core. Prerequisite: INTL 3400 EST Preparation.</p>
	<p>Proposed Change Delete INTL 3836 EST Practicum and CORE 3063 Humanities.</p> <p>Rationale Assuming the aforementioned changes are approved, INTL 3836 is no longer needed as a place holder, and CORE 3063 will be replaced by FINA 3163.</p>