

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

Designation Code: **2009-10 CAPR 11**

Date Submitted: February 23, 2010

TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: Committee on Academic Planning & Review (CAPR)
SUBJECT: Philosophy Option Discontinuances
PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION

REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate approve the request of the Philosophy program to discontinue all of their options (effective for the 2011-12 catalog), specifically:

- Option in Classical Philosophy
- Option in Law, Human Rights and Social Justice
- Option in Religious Studies
- Option in Science, Technology and Values
- Special Option

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

CAPR unanimously recommended at its February 18, 2010 meeting that the Academic Senate approve the discontinuance of all of the Philosophy options as requested by the Philosophy faculty. The stated purpose of this discontinuance, which will mean that any combination of philosophy courses totaling 60 units (52 upper division) that suits a student's educational and career goals will satisfy the major, is to streamline the offerings in the department, maximize student choices, and maximize faculty ability to offer different courses. Note that no member of the Philosophy program was present to explain this request. However, CAPR was issued with a written copy of the Request for Approval of the Revision. CAPR decided, in the absence of a Philosophy representative but with an explanation provided by CLASS Associate Dean Gale Young, that if the Philosophy faculty felt that an individualized, advisor-aided degree structure was best for the health of the program, that this should be their prerogative.

See also 09-10 CIC 24

First Quarter/Year of Discontinuance
Quarter: **FALL**
Year: 2011
Date Submitted to APGS: 1/7/10
Catalog: 2011-12

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DISCONTINUANCE OF THE OPTIONS IN
CLASSICAL PHILOSOPHY; LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE; RELIGIOUS STUDIES;
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND VALUES; AND SPECIAL, B.A. PHILOSOPHY**

1. **Department:** Philosophy
2. Full and exact title of program, with name of major for options:
B.A. in Philosophy, Classical Philosophy Option
B.A. in Philosophy, Law, Human Rights and Social Justice Option
B.A. in Philosophy, Religious Studies Option
B.A. in Philosophy, Science, Technology and Values Option
B.A. in Philosophy, Special Option
3. List of **other options** in the major/department.
No other options
2. **Purpose** of the Proposed Discontinuance.
To streamline the offerings in the department, and to maximize student choice/ flexibility and our ability to offer different courses. Students will choose courses with the help of a faculty advisor.
3. **How many students** are currently pursuing these options?
Classical Philosophy: 7
Law, Human Rights and Social Justice: 2
Religious Studies: 2
Science, Technology and Values: 3
Special: 0
[Note: All majors are in one of the five options, but most majors do not declare an option until they fill out a major check sheet, so numbers in each option are difficult to track. Philosophy currently has 60 active majors.]
4. The **Department is responsible for accommodating students** who are currently pursuing this option, minor, certificate, or credential in finishing their program.
We will substitute courses as needed.
5. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**
Will be offered within available resources.
6. **CONSULTATION** with other affected departments and program committee:
 - a) The following **department(s)** has (have) been consulted and raise **no objections**:
All Departments in CLASS were consulted, as well as the University community via SharePoint, and there were no objections.
 - b) The following **department(s)** has (have) been consulted and **raise concerns**: None.
7. Certification of **DEPARTMENT APPROVAL** by the chair and faculty.
Chair: Jennifer L. Eagan Date: 11/4/2009
8. Certification of **COLLEGE APPROVAL** by the dean/associate dean and college curriculum committee.
Dean/Associate Dean: Gale Young Date: 11/30/09

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

First Quarter/Year of Modification Quarter: FALL Year: 2010 Date Submitted to APGS: 2/4/10 Catalog: 2011-12

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REVISION OF THE
DEGREE MAJOR IN B.A. PHILOSOPHY**

1. **Department:** Philosophy
2. Full and exact **title** of major, including degree earned: B.A. in Philosophy
3. **Purpose** of the proposed revision: To streamline major by eliminating options and to provide more student choice/ flexibility in course selection, as well as allowing for flexibility in course offerings.
4. List of all **program requirements** including prerequisites and **courses**.
Old and New major (60 units)

Please consult an advisor in the Department of Philosophy for clarification and interpretation of your major requirements. The Philosophy major consists of 60 units of Philosophy courses of which at least 56 units must be upper division. Philosophy majors should consult with a Philosophy department advisor or the chairperson for advice in selecting Philosophy courses that suit their individual educational and career goals. The Philosophy major consists of 60 units; the B.A. degree requires a total of 180 units.

I. Core Courses (32 units)

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Required Courses (24 units)

- PHIL 3100 Ethics (4)
- PHIL 3305 Fundamental Questions: Self, Nature, and God (4)
- PHIL 3311 Metaphysics (4)
- PHIL 3602 Modern Philosophy (4)
- PHIL 3604 Roots of Contemporary Philosophy (4)
- PHIL 4606 Seminar in Philosophy (4)

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Epistemology Elective (4 units)

Select one course from the following:

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- PHIL 3301 Theory of Knowledge (4)
- PHIL 3321 Philosophy of the Human Sciences (4)
- PHIL 3332 Philosophy of Science (4) (required for students pursuing the Science, Technology and Values option.)

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Social and Political Diversity Elective (4 units)

Select one course from the following:

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- PHIL 3403 Philosophies of the East (4)
- PHIL 3502 Social and Political Philosophy (4) (required for students pursuing the Law, Human Rights, and Social Justice option.)
- PHIL 3515 Race and Social Justice
- PHIL 3720 Feminist Philosophy (4)
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II. Options (20-28 units)

Students must complete the requirements for at least one option and may choose to complete additional options if they wish.

A. Classical Philosophy Option (20-28 units)

PHIL 3601 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (4)
PHIL 3603 Thinkers of the Enlightenment (4)
PHIL 3605 Studies in Contemporary Philosophy (4)

Epistemology and Metaphysics (0-4 units)

PHIL 3301 Theory of Knowledge (4) (may also count as an Epistemology elective in the Core)

Value Inquiry (8 units)

PHIL 3201 Aesthetics (4)
PHIL 3925 Contemporary Ethical Issues (4)

Asian Philosophy (0-4 units)

Select one of the following:

PHIL 3403 Philosophies of the East (4) (may also count as a Social and Political Diversity elective in the Core)

PHIL 3410 Comparative Themes in Eastern and Western Philosophy (4)

B. Law, Human Rights and Social Justice Option (24-28 units)

PHIL 3503 Philosophy of Law (4)
PHIL 3510 Human Rights and Social Justice: Cultural Groups and Women in the U.S. (4)
PHIL 3511 Philosophy of Human Rights and Global Justice (4)

Applied Ethics (8 units)

Select two courses from the following:

PHIL 3151 Environmental Ethics (4)
PHIL 3152 Biomedical Ethics (4)
PHIL 3153 Biology and Ethics (4)
PHIL/MGMT 3560 Business and Professional Ethics (4)
PHIL 3925 Contemporary Ethical Issues (4)

Social and Political Philosophy (4-8 units)

Select two courses from the following:

PHIL 3321 Philosophy of the Human Sciences (4) (may also count as an Epistemology elective in the Core)
PHIL 3335 Science, Technology and Values (4)
PHIL 3720 Feminist Philosophy (4)

The following lower division course may be counted towards fulfillment of this requirement:

PHIL 1101 Contemporary Social and Ethical Issues (4)

C. Religious Studies Option (24-28 units)

PHIL 3400 Philosophy of Religion (4)
PHIL 3401 Contemporary Religious Thinkers (4)
PHIL 3601 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (4)

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~~Select four courses from the following; two courses in religious studies from other departments may be counted towards this requirement with advisor approval (12-16 units):~~

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~~PHIL 3403 Philosophies of the East (4) (may also count as a Social and Political Diversity elective in the Core)~~

~~PHIL 3410 Comparative Themes in Eastern and Western Philosophy (4)~~

~~PHIL 3411 Jewish Philosophy (4)~~

~~PHIL 3417 The Philosophy of Islam (4)~~

~~PHIL 3421 Atheism (4)~~

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~~The following lower division course may be counted towards fulfillment of this requirement:~~

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~~PHIL 1401 Religions of the World (4)~~

D. Science, Technology and Values Option (24 units)

~~PHIL 3335 Science, Technology and Values (4)~~

~~Select 4 units of upper division coursework covering history of science, with consent of department (4)~~

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~~Nature of Knowledge (8 units)~~

~~Select two courses from the following:~~

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~~PHIL 3301 Theory of Knowledge (4)~~

~~PHIL 3321 Philosophy of the Human Sciences (4)~~

~~PHIL 3341 Philosophy of Cognition and Artificial Intelligence (4)~~

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~~Applied Ethics (8 units)~~

~~Select two courses from the following:~~

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~~PHIL 3151 Environmental Ethics (4)~~

~~PHIL 3152 Biomedical Ethics (4)~~

~~PHIL 3153 Biology and Ethics (4)~~

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~~The following lower division course may be counted towards fulfillment of this requirement:~~

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~~PHIL 1103 Science, Ethics, and Technology (4)~~

E. Special Option (20-28 units)

~~An option designed by the student and his or her advisor, consisting of a coherent selection of courses with an identifiable theme substantially different from those offered above. Must be approved by the department chair.~~

III. Electives (0-12 units)

~~Up to one lower division philosophy course, and/or upper division philosophy courses, including those not chosen from the above lists, to bring total units in the major to 60 units.~~

5. List of **New Course, Course Modification, and Course Discontinuance Requests**, if any, submitted along with this proposal: None
6. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS** of the proposed revision, if any: No new resources required.
7. Relationship of Revised Program to requirements for **teaching credentials, accreditation** and/or

licensing, if any: None

8. **CONSULTATION** with other affected departments and program committee:

a) The following **department(s)** has (have) been consulted and raise **no objections**:
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and there were no objections.

b) The following **department(s)** has (have) been consulted and **raise concerns**: NONE

Department:

Concern:

9. Certification of **DEPARTMENT APPROVAL** by the chair and faculty.

Chair: Jennifer L. Eagan

Date: 11/4/2009

10. Certification of **COLLEGE APPROVAL** by the dean and college curriculum committee.

Dean/Associate Dean: Gale Young

Date: 1/4/2010