

**REPORT: COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA AND COURSES**  
(For consideration by the Faculty Senate at its February 4, 2015 meeting.)

Per the USC Policies and Procedures Manual - Academic Affairs section ACAF 2.00 and 2.03 Appendices, any department which has a proposal being recommended by the Committee on Curricula and Courses must have a representative in attendance at the Faculty Senate meeting in which said proposal is to be recommended.

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**1. COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**A. Economics Program**

**Change in curriculum – BA or BS Majors – change in entrance requirement for transfer students**  
(Effective: 2016-2017 Bulletin)

<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
<p><b>Entrance Requirements</b></p> <p>Lower division. Freshmen and transfer students must meet all University and college admission requirements. Students transferring from other institutions or from other majors on the Columbia campus must meet all such requirements <del>and</del> have a GPA of 2.50 or better. All students enter the lower division when the economics major is declared.</p>	<p><b>Entrance Requirements</b></p> <p>Lower division. Freshmen and transfer students must meet all University and college admission requirements. Students transferring from other institutions or from other majors on the Columbia campus must meet all such requirement, have a GPA of 2.50 or better <b><u>and have completed either MATH 122 or MATH 141 with a C or better.</u></b> All students enter the lower division</p>

**Change in curriculum – BA in Economics changes**  
(Effective: 2016-2017 Bulletin)

<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
<p>Major Prerequisites (9-13 Hours)</p> <p>The following courses fulfill some of the general education requirements and must be completed with a minimum grade of C for a degree in economics:</p>	<p>Major Prerequisites (9-13 Hours)</p> <p>The following courses fulfill some of the general education requirements and must be completed with a minimum grade of C for a degree in economics:</p>

<p>•<del>ECON 221 / 222 or ECON 224</del></p> <p>•MATH 122 or MATH 141</p> <p>•STAT 201 - Elementary Statistics</p> <p>2. Economics Major (24 Hours)</p> <p>A minimum grade of C is required in all major courses.</p> <p>Required Courses (<del>9 Hours</del>)</p> <p>•ECON 321 - Intermediate Microeconomic Theory</p> <p>•ECON 322 - Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory</p> <p>•ECON 511 - Senior Seminar in Economics</p> <p>Economics Electives (<del>15 Hours</del>)</p> <p><del>No more than 6 hours of 300-level electives may count toward the economics major electives. ECON 301, 311, and 499 do not count toward the major.</del></p>	<p>•<u>ECON 221 and ECON 222*</u></p> <p>•MATH 122 or MATH 141</p> <p>•STAT 201 - Elementary Statistics</p> <p><u>*Students who took ECON 224 must take either ECON 221 or 222. A student who earned an A in ECON 224 may be exempted.</u></p> <p>2. Economics Major (24-27 Hours)</p> <p>A minimum grade of C is required in all major courses.</p> <p>Required Courses (<u>12 Hours</u>)</p> <p>•ECON 321 - Intermediate Microeconomic Theory</p> <p>•ECON 322 - Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory</p> <p>•<u>ECON 436 – Introductory Econometrics</u></p> <p>•ECON 511 - Senior Seminar in Economics</p> <p>Economics Electives (<u>12-15 Hours</u>)</p> <p><u>Four ECON electives, 400+, excluding ECON 499.</u></p> <p><u>Note: If student earned an A in ECON 224 and is exempted from taking ECON 221 and ECON 222, one additional ECON elective must be taken.</u></p>
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**Change in curriculum – BS in Economics changes**  
**(Effective: 2016-2017 Bulletin)**

<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
<p>2. Major Prerequisites (<del>9-13 Hours</del>)</p> <p>The following courses fulfill some of the general education requirements and must be completed with a minimum grade of C for a</p>	<p>2. Major Prerequisites (<u>17-20 Hours</u>)</p> <p>The following courses fulfill some of the general education requirements and must be completed with a minimum grade of C for a</p>

<p>degree in economics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<del>ECON 221 / 222 or ECON 224</del></li> <li>•<del>MATH 122 or</del> MATH 141</li> <li>•STAT 201 - Elementary Statistics</li> </ul> <p>Economics Major (<u>24 Hours</u>)</p> <p>A minimum grade of C is required in all major courses.</p> <p>Required Courses (<del>9 Hours</del>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ECON 321 - Intermediate Microeconomic Theory</li> <li>•ECON 322 - Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory</li> <li>•ECON 511 - Senior Seminar in Economics</li> </ul> <p>Economics Electives (<del>15 Hours</del>)</p> <p><del>No more than 6 hours of 300-level electives may count toward the economics major electives. ECON 301, 311, and 499 do not count toward the major.</del></p>	<p>degree in economics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<u>ECON 221 and ECON 222*</u></li> <li>• MATH 141</li> <li>• <u>MATH 142</u>•STAT 201 <u>or higher</u> - Elementary Statistics</li> <li>• <u>CSCE 102 or higher</u></li> </ul> <p><u>*Students who took ECON 224 must take either ECON 221 or 222. A student who earned an A in ECON 224 may be exempted.</u></p> <p>Economics Major (<u>24-27 Hours</u>)</p> <p>A minimum grade of C is required in all major courses.</p> <p>Required Courses (<u>12 Hours</u>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ECON 321 - Intermediate Microeconomic Theory</li> <li>•ECON 322 - Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory</li> <li>•ECON 511 - Senior Seminar in Economics</li> <li>•<u>ECON 436 – Introductory Econometrics or ECON 594 – Introduction to Econometrics</u></li> </ul> <p>Economics Electives (<u>12-15 Hours</u>)</p> <p><u>Four ECON electives, 400+, excluding ECON 499.</u></p> <p><u>Note: If student earned an A in ECON 224 and is exempted from taking ECON 221 and ECON 222, one additional ECON elective must be taken.</u></p>
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**Change in curriculum – Minor in Economics changes**  
**(Effective: 2016-2017 Bulletin)**

<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
Prerequisite Courses (6 Hours)	Required Courses (3-6 Hours)
• <del>ECON 224 – Introduction to Economics</del>	• <u>ECON 221 and ECON 222</u>
Or	<u>OR</u>
• <del>ECON 221 – Principles of Microeconomics and ECON 222 – Principles of Macroeconomics</del>	<u>ECON 224 and ECON 221*</u>
	<u>OR</u>
Required Courses (6 Hours)	<u>ECON 224 and ECON 222*</u>
•ECON 321 - Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	•ECON 321 - Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
• <del>ECON 322 – Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory</del>	<u>Electives (9-12 Hours)</u>
Additional Courses (12 Hours)	<u>Three ECON electives, excluding ECON 499 and ECON 511. ECON 322 counts as an elective.</u>
• <del>6 hours of approved electives from courses numbered ECON 300 or above.</del>	<u>*Note: If student earned an A in ECON 224 and is exempted from taking ECON 221 and ECON 222, one additional ECON elective must be taken.</u>
• <del>6 hours of approved electives from courses numbered ECON 400 or above.</del>	

**B. Department of Political Science**

**New Course**

POLI 591 Special Topics in Political Science. (3) Intensive study of special topics in Political Science. May be repeated as content varies by title.

**C. Jewish Studies Program**

**New courses**

JSTU 230 Introduction to Judaism. [=RELG 230] (3) Overview of Jewish experiences, beliefs, practices from a contextual point of view.

JSTU 301 Hebrew Bible (Old Testament). [=RELG 301] (3) Modern study of the Hebrew Bible from historical, literary, and archeological points of view. Reading and analysis of texts in translation.

JSTU 371 Visions of Apocalypse. [=RELG 371] (3) An exploration of the prophetic vision of last things.

JSTU 373 Literature and Film of the Holocaust. [=RELG 373] (3) Film, poetry and literature created in response to the Holocaust as the means for a decades long cultural discussion, in European and American societies, of the moral and religious implications of the Holocaust on our self-understandings as religious and moral beings.

#### **D. Department of Religious Studies**

##### **New course**

RELG 338 Sociology of Religion. [=SOCY 307] (3) Sociological perspectives related to selected aspects of religious behavior. Includes references to non-Western religions.

##### **New course and core designation**

RELG 270 Religion and the Arts. (3) Literary, visual, and/or performance art associated with religious discourse and practice.

##### **Carolina Core AIU**

##### **Addition of cross-listings**

From: RELG 230 Introduction to Judaism. (3)  
To: RELG 230 Introduction to Judaism. [=JSTU 230] (3)

From: RELG 301 Hebrew Bible (Old Testament). (3)  
To: RELG 301 Hebrew Bible (Old Testament). [=JSTU 230] (3)

From: RELG 371 Visions of Apocalypse. (3)  
To: RELG 371 Visions of Apocalypse. [=JSTU 371] (3)

From: RELG 373 Literature and Film of the Holocaust. (3)  
To: RELG 373 Literature and Film of the Holocaust. [=JSTU 373] (3)

##### **Change in title**

From: RELG 315 Introduction to Early Christianity. (3)  
To: RELG 315 Early Christianity. (3)

##### **Change in title and description**

From: RELG 219 Ethics and the Good Life in South Asian Religions. (3) Fundamental questions of ethical and moral inquiry in the religious traditions of South Asia – Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism.

To: RELG 219 Ethics and the Good Life in Asian Religions. (3) Fundamental questions of ethical and moral inquiry in the religious traditions of Asia.

From: RELG 377 The Literature of Religion. (3) Classic literary works from one or more religious traditions which have shaped and/or expressed the core ethos of a religious tradition or of the more general human concern for the religious and spiritual.

To: RELG 377 Religion and Literature. (3) Classic literary works from one or more religious traditions which have shaped and/or expressed the core ethos of a religious tradition or of the more general human concern for the religious and spiritual; and/or general literature (fiction, poetry, plays, essays, non-fiction) which incorporates religious or spiritual references, ideas, symbolism, allusions.

**E. Department of Sociology**

**Addition of cross-listing**

From: SOCY 307 Sociology of Religion. (3)

To: SOCY 307 Sociology of Religion [=RELG 338]. (3)

**2. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING**

**Department of Electrical Engineering**

**Change in prerequisites**

From: ELCT 332 Fundamentals of Communication Systems. (3) Prereq: ELCT 321, 371

To: ELCT 332 Fundamentals of Communication Systems. (3) Prereq: ELCT 321 and STAT 509

**3. ARNOLD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Department of Environmental Health Sciences**

**New course**

ENHS 324 Environment and Obesity. (3) Role of the built environment and environmental toxins in the development and progression of obesity and metabolic syndrome from a public health perspective.