

Philosophy Systemwide Committee  
 April 22, 2005  
 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
 Dole St. Conference Room and VTC

revised 7/12/05

Present: Daniel Peterson (Hawaii CC), Ron Pine (Honolulu CC), Sharon Rowe (Kap CC), James West (Lee CC), Ron Loo (Win CC), Larry Heintz (Hilo); Mary Tiles (UHM), Joanne Itano (UH System)

Review of recommendations regarding course numbering

1. ALPHA NO. TITLE CRS. CAMPUS

ALPHA	NO.	TITLE	CRS.	CAMPUS								
PHIL	101	Intro Phil Moral	3									WIN
PHIL	101	Intro to Eastern Philosophy	3		HIL							
PHIL	101	Intro to Phil:Morals & Society	3			HON				MAN		
PHIL	101	Morals & Society	3						LEE		MAU	
PHIL	101	Morals and Society	3	HAW				KAU				
PHIL	101A	Intro to Phil:Morals & Society	3							MAN		
PHIL	101W	WI-Intro Phil Moral	3									WIN

ACTION: UHH (Larry) agreeable to change their 101 to 102 which is Intro to Asian Philosophy at other campuses

2. ALPHA NO. TITLE CRS. CAMPUS

ALPHA	NO.	TITLE	CRS.	CAMPUS								
PHIL	102	Asian Traditions	3							MAN		
PHIL	102	Intro Asian Phil	3									WIN
PHIL	102	Intro Phil: Asian Tradi	3					KAU				
PHIL	102	Intro Phil: Asian	3						LEE			
PHIL	102	Intro Phil: Asian Traditions	3	HAW								

PHIL	202	Asian Traditions	3								MAU	
PHIL	202	Intro to PHIL: Asian	3			HON						

ACTION: HON CC (Ron Pine) agreeable to change 202 to 102; MAUI CC will be asked to do the same.

3. UHM has changed their history of philosophy into 3 courses, numbered 211, 212, 213.

ALPHA NO. TITLE CRS. CAMPUS

ALPHA	NO.	TITLE	CRS.	CAMPUS								
PHIL	200	Hist of Phil	3									WIN
PHIL	200	Hist of Phil I	3						LEE			
PHIL	200	History of Ancient Philosophy	3		HIL							
PHIL	200	History of PHIL (To 1600)	3			HON						
PHIL	200	History of Philosophy I	3					KAP				
PHIL	200	History: Ancient/Medieval Phil	3	HAW								
PHIL	200W	WI-Hist Ancient/Medieval Phil	3	HAW								

ACTION: HAW CC (Daniel), Hilo (Larry), HON CC (Ron P.), KAP CC (Sharon), LEE CC (James), WIN (Ron L.) agreeable to change course number to 211  
 Currently 200 is accepted at UHM for Phil 211.

4. ALPHA	NO.	TITLE	CRS.	CAMPUS									
PHIL	201	Hist Of Modern Philosophy	3		HIL								
PHIL	201	Hist of Phil II	3						LEE				
PHIL	201	History of Modern Philosophy	3	HAW									
PHIL	201	History of PHIL (From 1600)	3			HON							
PHIL	201	History of Philosophy II	3				KAP						
PHIL	201W	WI-History Modern Philosophy	3	HAW									

ACTION: HAW CC (Daniel), Hilo (Larry), HON CC (Ron P.), KAP CC (Sharon), LEE CC (James) agreeable to change 201 to 213. Currently 201 is accepted as 213 at UHM. UHM has a 212 as they split the history of philosophy into 3 courses.

Changes are to submitted to each campus curricular review process in the Fall 2005. Joanne will follow up regarding if change is approved.

Corrections to list of Courses

Phil 255 Cosmology is an active course at Hon CC and will be offered at Haw CC in Fall 2005. The list of courses used for this review was generated from Banner and each campus inputs their courses.

Review of 300+ Philosophy courses for UHM, UHH and UHWO

A file with the Phil 300+ numbers is available at the Systemwide Faculty Committees website ([www.hawaii.edu/vpaa/SFC.html](http://www.hawaii.edu/vpaa/SFC.html)). A meeting of representatives from the four-year campuses will be held in the Fall 2005.

“E” and “O” Courses at UHM

Attached is the memo regarding the status of “E” and “O” courses at the UHM campus.

Phil 101 at UHM

Mary Tiles indicated that UHM is discussing Phil 101. It would be helpful for UHM to share their discussion with the other campuses as 5 of the CCs offer this course also. A listserv has been established ([uhsystem-phil-1@hawaii.edu](mailto:uhsystem-phil-1@hawaii.edu)) to assist in communication among the campuses.



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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

March 29, 2005

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: David McClain  
Interim President

FROM: Neal Smatresk  
Vice Chancellor  
for Academic Affairs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "NS", written over the name Neal Smatresk.

SUBJECT: Review of Ethical Issues and Oral Communication Focus Designations

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UHM as well as the Mānoa General Education Committee have again reviewed the Mānoa General Education Hallmarks limiting the Focus designations of Contemporary Ethical Issues (E) and Oral Communication (O) to classes numbered 300 and above. This limitation was intended to increase the likelihood that students would satisfy their E and O requirements within their majors, thus exposing students to ethical concerns and oral communication demands they would face in their chosen careers. In addition, limiting these focus requirements to classes numbered 300 and above had the added benefit of satisfying WASC's expectations that General Education requirements be distributed across a student's academic career.

All data indicate that our pedagogical intentions for the E and O courses have been a resounding success. As of Spring 2005, we have over 80 sections of upper-division E courses and 80 sections of upper-division O courses. More important, these classes are distributed across about 40 academic majors, as intended.

Student feedback regarding their E and O experience has been strongly positive. Eighty-six percent of students surveyed in O courses agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: *I feel more comfortable to meet the oral demands of my proposed profession/career.* Similarly 90% of students surveyed in E classes agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: *I feel more competent to evaluate ethical issues in my major.*

Examples of student comments include: "[The O Focus requirement] is a great idea because it provides experiences to prepare for the real job" and "I feel this [Biology] course is an excellent way to fulfill the O requirement for Biology or science majors. It allows us to apply our field of knowledge to communicate."

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I would also like to point out that the growing spirit of cooperation on articulation issues between campuses has further created a climate that facilitates “transparency” and clarity in transfer issues. There is better understanding of the new GEC requirements system wide, and in this spirit, we feel it is prudent to build on the progress we have made in articulation through the University Council on Articulation and communication between campuses. Towards this end, we are working hard to develop transfer “road maps” for students and we plan to improve our communications with advisors in other UH components.

In conclusion, upper division E and O courses are working well for our students, and we have dramatically expanded our capacity to provide them with these critical classes in their major disciplines. Thus, we plan no changes at this time in our E and O requirements.

Please let me know if you require further information on this topic.

c: Interim Vice President Linda Johnsrud  
Chancellor Peter Englert  
Associate Vice President Mike Rota  
Council of Chief Academic Officers  
GEC Chair Linda Cox  
Director Thomas Hilgers  
SEC Chair Thomas Schroeder