

# Senate Curriculum Committee Report May 2013

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## I. SUMMARY

### 1. ITEMS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE SENATE APPROVAL

#### 1.1 Human Rights Programme (p. 6)

*Removal of courses that are no longer offered (p.6):*

- PHIL 3343: Human Nature, Society, Justice, and Law I: Classical and Christian Theories
- PHIL 3353: Human Nature, Society, Justice, and Law II: Modern Secular Theories
- PHIL 3533: Thomas Aquinas: Law Morality and Society
- POLS 3506: Human Rights and International Relations and Foreign Policy
- POLS 3603: United Nations
- PSYC 4413: Seminar in Prejudice and Discrimination
- PSYC 4483: Seminar in the Psychology of Women

Approved by SCC

*Cross-listing of courses previously designated as "electives"(pp.6-7) :*

- ECON 2203 (HMRT 2203): Community Economic Development
- ECON 2223 (HMRT 2223): Political Economy of Women
- ECON 2303 (HMRT 2233): Women in the Third World
- ENGL 3433 (HMRT 3433): World Literature: West Indies and Africa,
- ENGL 3443 (HMRT 3443): World Literature: India.
- ENVS 2023 (HMRT 2243): Introduction to Perspectives on the Environment
- ENVS 3013 (HMRT 3213): Environmental Policy
- ENVS 3023 (HMRT 3223): Environmental Praxis
- GRID 2006 (HMRT 2206): Quest for the Good Life
- GRID 2206 (HMRT 2216): Human Nature and Technology
- GRID 3306 (HMRT 3206): Justice
- GRID 3506 (HMRT 3216): Freedom
- PHIL 2213 (HMRT 2253): Introduction to Moral Philosophy
- PHIL 2233 (HMRT 2263): Contemporary Moral Philosophy
- PHIL 2243 (HMRT 2273): Current Issues in Ethics
- POLS 1603 (HMRT 1203): Global Politics
- POLS 2806 (HMRT 2236): Western Tradition of Political Philosophy
- POLS 3133 (HMRT 3233): The Charter of Rights and Freedom
- POLS 3503 (HMRT 3243): Human Rights, International Relations and Foreign Policy
- POLS 3613 (HMRT 3253): Model United Nations
- STS 2403 (HMRT 2283): Science, Technology, and War
- STS 3303 (HMRT 3263): Sex, Science, and Gender
- STS 3503 (HMRT 3273): Feminism and Technoscience
- STS 3063 (HMRT 3283): Science, Religion, and Galileo's Trial

Approved by SCC (pending Senate approval of additions in 2.2, below)

## 2. ITEMS THAT REQUIRE SENATE APPROVAL

### 2.1 Department of History (pp. 4-5)

**MOTION:** That History 4903 Independent Study be approved.

**MOTION:** That revised *Calendar* description of 4906 Independent Study be approved.

**MOTION:** That History 3993 Special Topics in Global History be approved.

### 2.2 Human Rights (p. 6)

**MOTION:** That the following courses be added to the Human Rights Programme as electives for students seeking to fulfill the Major:

ECON 2203: Community Economic Development (*Institutions and Applications*)

ECON 2303: Women in the Third World (*Social Issues*)

ENGL 3433: World Literature: West Indies and Africa,

ENGL 3443: World Literature: India.

ENVS 2023: Introduction to Perspectives on the Environment (*Philosophic Foundations*)

ENVS 3013: Environmental Policy (*Institutions and Applications*)

ENVS 3023: Environmental Praxis (*Institutions and Applications*)

PHIL 2213: Introduction to Moral Philosophy (*Philosophic Foundations*)

POLS 3133: The Canadian Constitution: The Charter of Rights and Freedom (*Law*)

POLS 3503: Human Rights and International Relations and Foreign Policy

STS 2403: Science, Technology and War (*Social Issues*)

STS 3303: Sex, Science, and Gender (*Social Issues*)

STS 3503: Feminism and Technoscience (*Social Issues*)

STS 3063: Science, Religion, and Galileo's Trial (*Institutions and Applications*)

## **II. DOCUMENTATION**

### **1. Department of History**

#### ***Proposal to create a 3-ch Independent Study course:***

##### **HIST-4903. Independent Study**

With the approval of the Department, students (normally Honours candidates) may undertake a one-semester course of independent study. Such a course is to be undertaken under the direction of a member of the History Department and must result in at least one scholarly paper. Application to take an independent study course must be made to the Director of Honours. The application must include a written proposal indicating the reason for doing an independent study, as well as a description of the specific area of interest, a statement of research topic, and a preliminary bibliography. In order to complete their degree requirements, students may request that an independent study be considered as an alternative to an Honours seminar.

**RATIONALE:** The creation of a 3-credit hour Independent Study is intended to offer students more flexibility in course options. The course description for HIST 4903 is derived from HIST 4906, our existing 6 ch Independent Study course. We have revised the language somewhat to offer students the possibility of counting their Independent Study as a seminar, without directly implying that one must be a typical seminar candidate (i.e. usually an Honours student) in order to undertake an independent study. Some students who are not Honours candidates may wish to complete an Independent Study – we did not wish to discourage them, but have retained the possibility of counting an Independent Study as a seminar equivalent if a student chooses.

#### ***Proposal to revise the Calendar description of HIST 4906:***

In creating HIST 4903, we also propose a revision of the course description for our existing 6 ch Independent Study so that the two align.

##### **OLD VERSION:**

HIST-4906. Independent Study

With the approval of the Department, students (normally Honours candidates) may undertake one full-year course of independent study as an alternative to an Honours seminar. Such a course would be undertaken under the direction of a member of the history Department and must result in at least one scholarly paper. Application to take an independent study course must be made to the Director of Honours. The application must include a written proposal indicating the reason for doing an independent study, as well as a description of the specific area of interest, a statement of research topic, and a preliminary bibliography.

##### **NEW VERSION:**

HIST-4906. Independent Study

With the approval of the Department, students (normally Honours candidates) may undertake a full-year course of independent study. Such a course is to be undertaken under the direction of a member of the History Department and must result in at least one scholarly paper. Application to take an independent study course must be made to the Director of Honours. The application must include a written proposal indicating the reason for doing an independent study, as well as a description of the

specific area of interest, a statement of research topic, and a preliminary bibliography. In order to complete their degree requirements, students may request that an independent study be considered as an alternative to an Honours seminar.

***Proposal for New Special Topics Course:***

**HIST-3993. Topics in Global History**

This course will examine specific topics in world history. The topics will change from year to year. For information regarding course content students should contact the Chair of the History Department.

Prerequisite: At least 9 credit hours in History courses at STU or permission of the instructor.

**RATIONALE:** Our existing course, HIST 3983: Topics in World History, is used regularly to test out new courses. It allows for experimentation with new material and for faculty members to offer courses on a “one-off” basis before deciding whether or not to make them permanent additions to the Calendar. On at least two occasions in the recent past, two separate faculty members have sought to offer a course as HIST 3983 in the same academic year. To avoid confusion, it would have been convenient to have a second special topics option available to use. Since we anticipate that this situation may repeat itself, we request that a second special topics option be created. The course description is derived from the existing description for HIST 3983.

## 2. Human Rights Programme

### ***Proposal to remove courses that are no longer offered:***

*Rationale:* In consultation with these departments, it has been indicated that the following courses are no longer offered on a regular basis by their departments.

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PHIL 3353: Human Nature, Society, Justice, and Law II: Modern Secular Theories

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POLS 3603: United Nations

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PSYC 4483: Seminar in the Psychology of Women

### ***Proposal to add courses to electives:***

*Rationale:* New courses relevant to human rights have been added to the overall curriculum since the last time the electives in the Human Rights Programme were reviewed.

Please add the following courses to the indicated category for students seeking to fulfill their electives for a major in Human Rights *[Please note: Also included in the submission to SCC from the Human Rights Programme were approvals from all relevant departments and programmes.]*

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ECON 2303: Women in the Third World (*Social Issues*)

ENGL 3433: World Literature: West Indies and Africa,

ENGL 3443: World Literature: India.

ENVS 2023: Introduction to Perspectives on the Environment (*Philosophic Foundations*)

ENVS 3013: Environmental Policy (*Institutions and Applications*)

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POLS 3133: The Canadian Constitution: The Charter of Rights and Freedom (*Law*)

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STS 2403: Science, Technology and War (*Social Issues*)

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STS 3503: Feminism and Technoscience (*Social Issues*)

STS 3063: Science, Religion, and Galileo's Trial (*Institutions and Applications*)

### ***Proposal for cross-listing of courses:***

*Rationale:* These courses are taken as part of the 15 credit hours of electives that students take in Human Rights to complete the major. Cross-listing these courses will allow them to appear on a student's transcript with a HMRT designation which could be useful for students who are applying to graduate school or jobs in a field related to human rights. *[Please note: Also included in the submission to SCC from the Human Rights Programme were approvals from all relevant departments and programmes.]*

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