

Fall 2016 Actions of the Curricular Review Committee

Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences
Northwestern University

1. New courses approved by the CRC
2. Administratively approved new courses
3. Current courses approved for counting toward the Distribution Requirements
4. Changes to existing majors and minors

1. CRC-Approved New Courses

If a course was also approved for fulfilling distribution requirements, the entry in the “Distro” column indicates the Area(s) for which it was approved.

Dept/Pgm	#	Title	Distro
ECON	372	Environmental Economics	none
ECON	373	Natural Resource Economics	none
GERMAN	244	Analyzing Freud	VI
RELIGION	375	Death: Myth and Meaning	V

2. Administrative Approvals of New Courses

The following new courses were approved by the Weinberg College administration without CRC review.

Dept/Pgm	#	Title	Distro
NEUROSCI	206	Systems and Behavioral Neuroscience (renumbering of existing course, taught before as NEUROSCI 306 / BIOL SCI 306)	I
BIOL SCI	326	Neurobiology of Learning and Memory (combined with existing NEUROSCI 326)	none
HUM	310-3	Global Humanities Lab (already exists with -4, -5, and -6 suffix, correlating with equivalent distribution area)	III
HUM	325-3	Humanities in the Digital Age (already exists with -4, -5, and -6 suffix, correlating with equivalent distribution area)	III
HUM	370-3	Special Topics in the Humanities (already exists with -4, -5, and -6 suffix, correlating with equivalent distribution area)	III

3. Current Courses Approved for Counting Toward Distribution Requirements

The following existing courses were approved for counting toward the indicated Weinberg College Distribution Requirements. *Each was a first-time, administrative approval except where noted.*

Dept/Pgm	#	Title	Distro
PERF ST	103	Analysis and Performance of Literature (existing course renumbered; previously GEN CMN 103 in Area VI)	VI
RELIGION	312	Zen Buddhism	V
RELIGION	314	Buddhism in the Contemporary World	V
RELIGION	315	Contemporary Buddhist Philosophy	V
RELIGION	318	Topics in East Asian Religions	V
RELIGION	320	The Art of Biblical Narrative	V
RELIGION	329	Topics in the Bible	V
RELIGION	331	Body and Soul in Ancient Judaism	V
RELIGION	332	Modern Jewish Thought	V
RELIGION	333	Judaism in the Modern World	V
RELIGION	339	Topics in Judaism	V
RELIGION	341	Medieval Christianity	V
RELIGION	342	Christian Mystical Theology	V
RELIGION	343	Feminist Theology	V
RELIGION	345	The Idea of Sainthood in Christianity	V
RELIGION	346	Church Architecture	V
RELIGION	349	Topics in Christianity (previously approved temporarily; now for permanent listing)	V
RELIGION	353	Trends in Islamic Thought	V
RELIGION	354	Sufism	V
RELIGION	359	Topics in Islam	V
RELIGION	360	African American Religions	V
RELIGION	364	American Teenage Rites of Passage (approved for Area V in 2014, so this is a correction rather than a new approval)	V
RELIGION	369	Topics in American Religion	V
RELIGION	371	Religion and Film	V
RELIGION	372	Asian Religions in Literature and Film	V
RELIGION	379	Topics in Comparative Religion	V
RELIGION	395	Theories of Religion	V

4. Changes to Existing Majors and Minors

Important Notes regarding changes to Weinberg College requirements:

1. Official versions of the new requirements will be in the 2017-2018 *Undergraduate Catalog*.
2. Weinberg College rules permit students to graduate under any set of requirements in effect during their years at Northwestern.

Changes to the major in Computer Science

Highlights of approved changes:

1. Change replaces 6 Depth courses with 6 Technical Electives.
2. Declaring a concentration is optional.
3. Total number of required units remains unchanged.