

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
The Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee

**Minutes**  
240 SH  
December 7, 2023

*Attending:* Cornelia Lang (chair), Jill Beckman, Asha Bhandary, Jean-François Charles, Rodica Curtu, Emilie Maurel-Destruel, Amira Qidwai, Cinda Coggins Mosher, Christine Shea, Amy Strathman

*Absent:* N/A

1. The committee welcomed Professor Drew Kitchen who is the Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Anthropology. He presented a goal of streamlining the undergraduate BA and BS degrees in Anthropology. The two degrees each have four optional tracks. The proposed curriculum would provide students with two optional tracks: Archaeology and Medical Anthropology. The department plans to close the Gender & Culture track and the Environmental Anthropology track. The proposed curriculum also creates three new categories for required intermediate elective courses: (1) Global Challenges, (2) Comparative Human Experience, and (3) People in Places. Additionally all students will be required to complete coursework (3 s.h. for BA and 6 s.h. for BS) from the category of Practicum Methods and Training. Finally, the department will require that students pursuing the BS complete 3 s.h. in a Quantitative, Mathematical, or Formal Reasoning Tool category, and a topical concentration in one of the following allied fields: biology, chemistry, computer science, earth and environmental sciences, economics, geographical and sustainability sciences, global health studies, health and human physiology, linguistics, mathematics, psychology, science studies, sport studies, or statistics and actuarial science. Minors (or at least five courses) in other fields, chosen in consultation with a student's advisor, also may be applied toward this requirement.

The committee was very supportive of the proposed changes to the BA and BS.

2. The committee then reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from Oct 26.

Respectfully submitted,

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