Language, Philosophy, and Culture
Texas A&M University

Core Curriculum

Initial Request for a lower division course included in the current Core Curriculum
to be considered for the Fall 2014 Core Curriculum

1. This request is submitted by (department name): English

2. Course prefix and number: ENGL 232

3. Texas Common Course Number: 2323

4. Complete course title: Survey of British Literature II

5. Semester credit hours: 03 SCH

6. This request is for consideration in the following Foundational Component Area:

☐ Communication
☐ Mathematics
☐ Life and Physical Sciences
☐ Language, Philosophy and Culture
☐ Creative Arts
☐ American History
☐ Government/Political Science
☐ Social and Behavioral Sciences

7. This course should also be considered for International and Cultural Diversity (ICD) designation:

☐ Yes ☐ No

8. How frequently will the class be offered? every semester

9. Number of class sections per semester: 2 - 3

10. Number of students per semester: 60 - 150

11. Historic annual enrollment for the last three years: 211 205 156

This completed form must be attached to a course syllabus that sufficiently and specifically details the appropriate core objectives through multiple lectures, outside activities, assignments, etc. Representative from department submitting request should be in attendance when considered by the Core Curriculum Council.

13. Submitted by:

[Signature] 3/8/13

Course Instructor

14. Department Head:

[Signature] 3/8/13

Date

15. College Dean/Designee:

[Signature] 3/8/13

Date

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Foundational Component Area: Language, Philosophy and Culture

In the box below, describe how this course meets the Foundational Component Area description for Language, Philosophy and Culture. Courses in this category focus on how ideas, values, beliefs, and other aspects of culture express and affect human experience. Courses involve the exploration of ideas that foster aesthetic and intellectual creation in order to understand the human condition across cultures.

How does the proposed course specifically address the Foundational Component Area definition above?

English 232 is a survey of British writings (poetry, novels, drama, and non-fiction prose) from the late-eighteenth century to the present. The survey nature of the course will permit us to think about these writings in relation to significant literary themes and movements in the late-eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first centuries, and to consider these texts in relation to the social and intellectual contexts in which they were written and in which they were first read. This course will ultimately reveal how wider social forces shape the philosophical outlooks and aesthetic sensibilities from the late 18th century to the present, and ultimately, help students develop an appreciation for what the study of literatures of different societies and eras can teach us about ourselves and our shared humanity.

Core Objectives

Describe how the proposed course develops the required core objectives below by indicating how each learning objective will be addressed, what specific strategies will be used for each objective and how student learning of each objective will be evaluated.

Critical Thinking (to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information):

Critical Thinking Skills (CTS): The course will enhance critical thinking skills through consistent reading and class discussion of key ideas in various literary traditions in British literature and its colonies from the late 18th century to the present. The evaluation of critical thinking skills will be based on exams and class participation and may include evaluation of written work. Exams will be designed to allow students to demonstrate their ability to evaluate and synthesize key ideas from the assigned reading. Class room discussion will focus on helping students better understand the nuances and complexities of British literary works in Britain and its colonies.

Communication (to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication):

Communication Skills (CS): The course will enhance communication skills through small and large group discussion and writing about ideas, issues, questions, and themes central to course reading. The evaluation of communication skills will be based on class participation in discussions and on exams and may include evaluation of written assignments. Students will demonstrate an understanding of British literary works in Britain and its colonies from the late 18th century to the present through exams in which they will be expected to effectively convey key ideas from the course succinctly and clearly, and through class room discussion in which students will learn how to express questions and thoughts about the subtleties of each text under examination.
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Social Responsibility (to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities):

_Social Responsibility (SR):_ The course will enhance social responsibility by providing students with a cross-cultural understanding of how history and broader social forces have shaped literary traditions in Britain and its colonies from the late 18th century to the present. The evaluation of social responsibility will be based upon an end-of-the-semester short writing assignment in which students will demonstrate how key insights from the course have helped broaden their understanding of the way differing histories, cultures and philosophical outlooks shape the development of a literary tradition, including their own.

Personal Responsibility (to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making):

_Personal Responsibility (PR):_ The course will teach personal responsibility by enhancing students’ understanding of how to ethically use sources to craft a persuasive argument/answer to an essay question. The evaluation of personal responsibility will be based upon an assignment in which students will be expected to ethically cite another person’s work in crafting an answer or essay response to a specific question. The instructor will offer concrete examples of how to paraphrase ideas and integrate in-text citations in order to construct a persuasive argument.

Please be aware that instructors should be prepared to submit samples/examples of student work as part of the future course recertification process.
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English 232-501: Survey of British Literature II  
T-Th 3:55-5:10, 200 HECC

Catalog Course Description: ENGL 232 Survey of English Literature II. Credit 3. Literary works from the late 18th century to the 21st century by authors in Great Britain and its colonies.

Prerequisite: None.

Course description
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Learning Outcomes
The course is designed to help students to do the following:

1. To become familiar with authors, texts, and issues important to the study of British literature from the late eighteenth century to the present.

2. To read these texts in relation to the social and cultural contexts in which they were written and read.

3. To develop a sense of the tradition of British literature, including how that tradition builds upon texts speaking to one another.

4. To develop their knowledge of the goals and strategies of critical/analytical reading and writing, and to be able to articulate critical and interpretive responses to literary works in speech and in writing.
Core Curriculum Objectives:

The course addresses the Foundational Component Area in the following four ways.

*Critical Thinking Skills (CTS):* The course will enhance critical thinking skills through consistent reading and class discussion of key ideas in various literary traditions in British literature and its colonies from the late 18th century to the present.

*Communication Skills (CS):* The course will enhance communication skills through small and large group discussion and writing about ideas, issues, questions, and themes central to course reading.

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Core Evaluation:

CTS: The evaluation of critical thinking skills will be based on exams and class participation and may include evaluation of written work. Exams will be designed to allow students to demonstrate their ability to evaluate and synthesize key ideas from the assigned reading. Class room discussion will focus on helping students better understand the nuances and complexities of British literary works in Britain and its colonies.

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SR: The evaluation of social responsibility will be based upon an end-of-the-semester short writing assignment in which students will demonstrate how key insights from the course have helped broaden their understanding of the way differing histories, cultures and philosophical outlooks shape the development of a literary tradition, including their own.

PR: The evaluation of personal responsibility will be based upon an assignment in which
students will be expected to ethically cite another person's work in crafting an answer or essay response to a specific question. The instructor will offer concrete examples of how to paraphrase ideas and integrate in-text citations in order to construct a persuasive argument.

Grading
A=90-100
B=80-89
C=70-79
D=60-69
F=0=59

Exams
The mid-terms will consist of a) short-answer questions and b) passage identifications that require brief essays. On the second mid-term students will also be asked to answer a question that tests their knowledge of how to ethically cite a source to build a persuasive argument. The final will consist of a) short-answer questions, b) passage identifications that require brief essays, and c) one essay question that will ask the student to think comprehensively about works we have read and talked about this semester. On the final students will also have to answer a short question in which they will have to demonstrate how key insights from the course have helped broaden their understanding of the way differing histories, cultures and philosophical outlooks shape the development of a literary tradition, including their own.

Online posts
Several times during the semester, you will be asked to respond to our readings for class. These responses must be posted on our course Moodle site for your classmates to read. The posts will help you develop your skills as a critical reader and as a writer, and they may sometimes help direct our discussion. Though you may be tempted to think of these as informal because they are short (100-200 words) and online, I am asking you to make thoughtful and intelligent observations about the text you are considering in clearly written, edited, and proofread prose.

Attendance & Participation
Attendance and participation will be based on constant attendance and fidelity to reading and other assignments; quizzes; in-class assignments; contribution to discussion. The TA will take attendance. All students are expected to complete readings before the class period in which they will be discussed. University rules related to excused and unexcused absences are located on-line at http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07.
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact Disability Services, in Cain Hall, Room B118, or call 845-1637. For additional information visit http://disability.tamu.edu.

Academic Integrity Statement and Policy

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Grade will be determined as follows:

- mid-term examination 1 25%
- mid-term examination 2 25%
- final examination 25%
- online posts as assigned 20%
- attendance & participation (including discussion, keeping up with the reading, attendance, quizzes) 5%

Required Texts
Mary Shelley. Frankenstein. 1818 text. Oxford UP.

Our course will also use the course management system Moodle. Find your way here <http://moodle.english.tamu.edu/> to register for our course’s Moodle site before class. Our course enrollment key is “coffee” (without the quotation marks).

Schedule of readings. The syllabus is subject to verbal or written revision.

Week 1
T Introduction
Week 2
T  
*Frankenstein*, the remainder of Vol. I, Vol. II

Th  
*Frankenstein*, Vol. III

Week 3
T  
W. Wordsworth, “Lines written a few miles above Tintern Abbey” (2A: 429-33)
Romantics introduction in anthology (2A: 7-33)

Th  
Tintern Abbey
Selections from the Preface to *Lyrical Ballads* (2A: 433-445)

Week 4
T  
Barbauld, “Washing Day” (2A: 70-72); “To a Little Invisible Being” (2A: 68-69)
D. Wordsworth, “Thoughts on My Sick-bed” (2A: 602-03)
W. Wordsworth, “We are Seven” (2A: 416-18); “Ode: Intimations of Immortality” (553-58)

Th  

Week 5
T  
Mid-term examination on the Romantic period

Th  
Wilkie Collins, selection from *The Woman in White* (on Moodle)
Introduction to The Victorian Age (2B: 1049-73)
Tennyson, “Ulysses,” “Tithonus” (2B: 1189-93)

Week 6
T  
Robert Browning, “Porphyria’s Lover,” “Soliloquy of the Spanish Cloister,” “My Last Duchess” (2B: 1325-29), “Andrea del Sarto” (2B: 1358-64)

Th  
Wollstonecroft, from *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* (2A: 304-26)
Ruskin, from *Sesame and Lilies* (2B: 1544-47)
Norton, from “A Letter to the Queen” (2B: 1533-35)
Elizabeth Barrett Browning, selection from Aurora Leigh (2B: 1158-62)

Week 7
T  Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol (2B: 1376ff.; Staves 1-2)
Friedrich Engels, selection from The Condition of the Working Class in England in 1844 (2B: 1101-08)

Th  A Christmas Carol (Staves 3-5)
Henry Mayhew, selection from London Labour and the London Poor (2B: 1108-13)

Week 8
T  Doyle, “A Scandal in Bohemia” (2B: 1467ff.) On this day, the instructor will also discuss concrete examples of how to paraphrase ideas and integrate in-text citations in order to construct a persuasive argument. The student will be tested on this material on the next exam.

Th  Christina Rossetti, “In an Artist’s Studio” (2B: 1647), “Goblin Market” (1650ff.) The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood (review paintings reproduced in the front of 2B)

Spring break

Week 9
T  Wilde, The Importance of Being Earnest (2B: 1830ff.)

Th  Mid-term examination on the Victorian age

Week 10
T  Joyce, “The Dead” (2C: 2229ff.)
Introduction to “The Twentieth Century and Beyond” (2C: 1923-48)
Th  Virginia Woolf, Mrs. Dalloway (2C: 2338-2390)

Week 11
T  Mrs. Dalloway (2390-2437)

Th  Mrs. Dalloway continued.
Week 12
T Advertisements (on Moodle)
Ngügi, from *Deconolonizing the Mind* (2C: 2774-77)
Gwyneth Lewis, “Mother Tongue” (2C: 2806)

Th Salman Rushdie, “Chekhov and Zulu” (2C: 2749ff.)

Week 13
T Zadie Smith, “Martha, Martha” (2C: 2861ff)

Th Kazuo Ishiguro, *The Remains of the Day* (1st half)

Week 14
T *The Remains of the Day* (2nd half)

Th *The Remains of the Day*

Final examination on the 20th-century and contemporary readings, with one comprehensive essay question. The final exam will also include a short writing assignment in which students will demonstrate how key insights from the course have helped broaden their understanding of the way differing histories, cultures and philosophical outlooks shape the development of a literary tradition, including their own. TBA
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1. This request is submitted by (department name): International Studies

2. Course prefix and number: FREN 201

3. Texas Common Course Number: FREN 2311

4. Complete course title: INTERMEDIATE FRENCH I

5. Semester credit hours: 3

6. This request is for consideration in the following Foundational Component Area:

☐ Communication
☐ Mathematics
☐ Life and Physical Sciences
☒ Language, Philosophy and Culture
☐ Creative Arts
☐ American History
☐ Government/Political Science
☐ Social and Behavioral Sciences

7. This course should also be considered for International and Cultural Diversity (ICD) designation:
   ☒ Yes   ☐ No

8. How frequently will the class be offered? every Fall and Spring semester

9. Number of class sections per semester: F: 3; S: 2

10. Number of students per semester: F: 90; S: 60

11. Historic annual enrollment for the last three years: 137  130  146

This completed form must be attached to a course syllabus that sufficiently and specifically details the appropriate core objectives through multiple lectures, outside activities, assignments, etc. Representative from department submitting request should be in attendance when considered by the Core Curriculum Council.

13. Submitted by:

   [Signature]
   Course Instructor

   [Signature]
   Approvals:

14. Department Head:

   [Signature]
   Date: 3/18/2013

15. College Dean/Designee:

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   Date

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In the box below, describe how this course meets the Foundational Component Area description for Language, Philosophy and Culture. Courses in this category focus on how ideas, values, beliefs, and other aspects of culture express and affect human experience. Courses involve the exploration of ideas that foster aesthetic and intellectual creation in order to understand the human condition across cultures.

The proposed course must contain all elements of the Foundational Component Area. How does the proposed course specifically address the Foundational Component Area definition above?

The course (FREN 201) is a first-semester intermediate class in French language and culture. Foreign language courses in the department follow the standards of foreign language learning outlined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). These standards encompass five key areas:

- Communication: Students communicate in languages other than English.
- Cultures: Students gain knowledge and understanding of other cultures.
- Connections: Students acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures.
- Comparisons: Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language and the concept of culture through comparisons of the language studied and their own.
- Communities: Students participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world.

Materials in the course include a variety of written texts, audio samples, videos, and other works, all of which enhance students' appreciation of artistic works, cultural and historical traditions, and social and political values and beliefs. Studying these materials in the original language not only helps students to gain a deep appreciation of foreign cultures, but also leads them to reflect on their own cultural experience and to be attentive to communication in their primary language.

Core Objectives

Describe how the proposed course develops the required core objectives below by indicating how each learning objective will be addressed, what specific strategies will be used for each objective and how student learning of each objective will be evaluated.

The proposed course is required to contain each element of the Core Objective.

Critical Thinking (to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information):

The course enhances critical thinking by having students engage with material in the foreign language in a variety of formats. Materials include: poems, songs, interviews, reports, fiction excerpts, and fiction and non-fiction video. Students must understand and interpret written and spoken language on a wide variety of topics, including: consumer and eating habits, living situations in France and the Francophone world, lifestyles of young people, and media and the internet in France. Class discussion and small group work offer opportunities for students to demonstrate their synthesis of information. In written assignments, students demonstrate mastery of the foreign language as they employ it to analyze class materials. Students' cultural knowledge is reflected in their language use. Evaluation of critical thinking skills takes place orally in group/class discussion, through written work, and through testing. Students demonstrate creative and innovative use of language through multi media presentations on key topics from the course material.
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Communication (to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication):

The format of the course is geared to producing effective communicators in the foreign language. These skills include writing and speaking, as well as listening and reading. Students not only read written texts, listen to audio samples, and watch videos, they also must produce written, oral, and visual materials themselves which are assessed to gauge students’ development in these areas.

Social Responsibility (to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities):

The course enhances students’ intercultural competence through their mastery of the foreign language. This familiarity with the foreign language not only provides students access to materials that may never have been translated, but also incorporates viewpoints and other areas of cultural specificity that are communicated only in the foreign language. Students thereby gain an understanding of the relationship between the practices and the perspectives of the culture studied. Students use the language both within and beyond the school setting and participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world. They show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the language for personal enjoyment and enrichment, and to communicate their own culture to an international community. Group/class discussions, written work, tests, and creative productions (audio recordings and video or technology-enhanced skits) are used to assess students’ development in these areas.

Personal Responsibility (to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making):

The course materials provide opportunity for reflection on personal responsibility through topics such as: consumer and eating habits, living situations, generational differences, media and the internet, and other contemporary social issues. Students demonstrate their thoughtfulness on these topics through group discussion, writing assignments, appropriate independent and group work ethic, and adherence to the Aggie Code of Honor.

Please be aware that instructors should be prepared to submit samples/examples of student work as part of the future course recertification process.
Department of International Studies

FREN 201 – Intermediate French I

Request for International and Cultural Diversity (ICD) Designation

Courses with ICD designation are intended to help students develop their global-awareness. The mastery of a foreign language fosters this goal in a variety of ways:

(1) students can interact with diverse populations from different parts of the globe;
(2) students are able to engage with materials produced by populations in different parts of the world, thus gaining access to different viewpoints, as well as social and cultural traditions;
(3) students learn about the values, traditions, beliefs, and histories of the countries whose languages they study through analysis of texts, music, visual art, media, film and video, journalism, and more;
(4) students gain an understanding of how cultural identity is expressed through different traditions and media;
(5) students gain a better understanding of contemporary global issues through interaction with global communities.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

**********SPRING 2013 *** FRENCH 201: INTERMEDIATE FRENCH**********
Instructor: Dr. Sylvie Ragucci

Section: 502
Office: ACAD 201C
Time and Place: MWF 12:40-1:30 HELD 120
E-mail: sragucci@tamu.edu

Office Hours: MWF 3-4pm and by appointment

Prerequisite: French .02 or equivalent credit by placement test or transfer.

REQUIRED TEXTS:
INTERRACTION (8th edition): textbook and Ilrn passcard (on-line workbook)
Course code: ARMNM787
Supplemental readings are posted on elearning.

Recommended:

COURSE DESCRIPTION
In this third-semester language sequence, we will enhance all four skills in French: listening comprehension, reading, writing, and speaking. In addition, we will strive to develop further cultural and social awareness. Class will be conducted in French.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon completion of the course students will be able to:
- communicate orally and in writing with Francophone speakers on uncomplicated matters related to the student’s personal experience;
- perform functions such as stating preferences, giving orders and directions, expressing intentions, describing daily routines, describing states and conditions, asking and answering questions, describing people and places, making comparisons, recounting and describing in the past;
- demonstrate social and cultural awareness and sensitivity with regard to diversity;
- employ critical thinking in interpreting and summarizing;
- practice lifelong learning via technology and improved linguistic understanding of foreign and native languages.

Core Curriculum Objectives

Critical Thinking: The course enhances critical thinking through engagement with a variety of inputs on multiple topics in the context of French culture. Group/class discussion, written work, and interpreting and summarizing readings in a foreign language are all exercises in which students demonstrate critical thinking skills.

Communication: The course enhances communication skills through participation in class discussions, the production of written essays, and through collaborative oral presentations
Social responsibility: The course enhances social responsibility by developing intercultural competence through mastery of a foreign language, which allows students to understand the relationship between the practices and the diverse perspectives of the culture they are studying.

Personal responsibility: The course enhances personal responsibility through engagement with contemporary social issues in France, appropriate independent and group work ethic, and adherence to the Aggie Code of Honor.

GRADING
The final course grade will be calculated according to the following percentages:

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(A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F = 59 and below)

PARTICIPATION
- Practice, and thus, participation, is of the utmost importance in the acquisition of a foreign language. Attending classes is imperative, and after 3 absences without University accepted excuses, each new unexcused absence will delete 5 points off the student's participation grade.

- The student's participation will be evaluated using the following criteria:
  A. (90-100) The student is very well prepared, always volunteers to answer questions or write on the blackboard, shows a genuine interest in the work, participates actively in the class activities, is not afraid to experiment with the language and be heard, and never uses English to communicate with his peers or the instructor in situations where French is called for.
  B. (80-89) the student is prepared, sometimes volunteers to answer, but participates moderately, is less vocal than an 'A' student and more afraid to experiment. He or she almost never uses English.
  C. (70-79) The student is not always prepared, rarely volunteers to answer questions, participates only occasionally and/or occasionally uses English to communicate with his/her peers or the instructor in situations when he/she should have used French.
  D. (60-69) The student is rarely prepared, is very passive, very rarely volunteers to answer questions, rarely participates and/or relies mostly on English to express herself/himself.
  E. (59 and under) The student is never prepared, never volunteers to answer questions, is extremely passive and silent in class and/or relies on English to communicate.

HOMEWORK There is homework assigned in the on-line workbook listed in the syllabus. These assignments are due before class but late assignments for a chapter will be accepted until the test covering that particular chapter.

EXAMS There are 3 written exams scheduled during the semester worth 10 percent each. The exams include listening, reading and writing portions. At the end of the semester there is an oral exam worth 10 percent. The professor will give you a list of subjects to study with your partner in preparation for the oral exam. There will be a final written exam worth 20 percent similar in structure to the written exams. Any scheduling changes will be announced in class and through email.
COMPOSITIONS/DISCUSSIONS
Students will post 4 paragraphs on 4 given topics in the discussion portion of the elearning site. These paragraphs will be available for viewing by other students in the class.

EXTRA CREDIT
- Students will have the possibility of watching French movies for an additional 3 points on their participation average per movie. Participation will be graded twice: mid-semester and end of semester. There will be 2 movies to count for the first half, two for the second. Students will have to watch movies within that half.
- Students will have the opportunity to do additional readings (3 available on elearning) and answer questions about them. Each reading will add 2 points to a student’s homework grade.

MAKE-UP POLICY
Tests which are missed due to an authorized absence can be made up and should be administered within a week of the student's return to class. Students who miss a scheduled exam or composition must contact the instructor within 24 hours and indicate their intention to arrange a make-up. Instructors will offer make-up exams only for authorized absences. If you need to review what constitutes an excused absence go to http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule7.htm. Please note that for an absence of fewer than three days (section 7.1.6.2 of the Student Attendance Rules), the instructor will accept either (a) or (b), at student's choice.

a) Student may provide a Texas A&M University Explanatory Statement of Absence from Class (available at http://attendance.tamu.edu <http://attendance.tamu.edu/>).

b) Student may provide confirmation of visit to a health care professional affirming date and time of visit.

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A student enrolling for the first time in a Texas A & M foreign language course who has previously acquired knowledge of that foreign language, whether acquired through high school study or cultural/family experience, and who has not received college credit for that language must have taken a placement test to determine the appropriate course for his/her level of ability. Concurrent enrollment in two language courses, one of which is a prerequisite for the other, is also not permitted. Students found to be in violation of prerequisite rules are subject to removal from their sections at any time during the semester.
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All dates are tentative. Changes will be announced in class

Jan 14
Intro. Reading p 2-3; Vocabulary p 4-5
Discussion 1: Je me présente on elearning.

Jan 16
Regular and irregular verbs in the present tense, p 6-8, 11-12
For 18th : WB 1-2-A; 1-2-B ;

Jan 18
Regular and irregular verbs in the present tense, p42-44 ; 59-61 ; 78-79 ; 126-129 ; reading p9
For 23rd : WB 2-2-D ; 4-2-B ; WB (activités orales) 2-1-3E (written)

Jan 23
Faire + infinitive, Near future  p12
For 25th : WB 1-2-C ; WB (activités orales) 1-1A; 1-1B, 1-1C; 1-1D, 1-1E

Jan 25
future tense, reading p15
For 28th 10-2-B; 10-2-D

Jan 28
Nouns and articles p 16-21
For 30th: WB 1-2-E; 1-2-G; WB (activités orales) 1-1-F

Jan 30
Expression of quantity p 21-23 reading p24
For 1st : WB 1-2-F; WB (activités orales) 1-1-2

Feb 1
Voilà/Il y a p 27; Impérative p10
For 4th: WB 1-2-D; 2-2-G WB (activités orales)1-1-K (written); 1-1-J (written)

Feb 4
readings and culture p30-33
For 4th: WB 1-2-3A; 1-2-3B; 1-2-3D

Feb 6
Review for 1st test

Feb 8
TEST 1
Discussion 2 : Mes achat on elearning

Feb11

CHAPITRE 4
Reading p118-119, Vocabulary p122-123

Feb 13
Passé Composé avec avoir p134-136, reading p 125
For 14th: WB 4-2-A; WB (activités orales) 4-1-D; 4-1-E; 4-1-F

Feb15
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Feb 18

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For 19th: WB 4-2-3B; 4-2-3D

Feb 20

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For 21st: WB (activités orales) 4-1-2; 4-1-J (written); 4-1-H (written)

Feb 22

Formation de l'imparfait p162-163, reading p170, 173-174
For 24th: WB 5-2-A; 5-2-B

Feb 25

Passé Composé/ Imparfait p164-166
For 26th: WB 5-2-C; 5-2-D; 5-2-E

Feb 27

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For 28th: WB 5-2-F; 5-2-G; WB (activités orales) 5-1-K

Mar 1

Temps du passé p175-178; reading p188-189
For 3rd: WB (activités orales) 5-1A; 5-1B; 5-1-C

Mar 4

Temps du passé, Dates p183-185
For 5th: WB (activités orales) 5-1-J (written); 5-1-L (written); 5-1-M (written)

Mar 6

review for 2nd test

Mar 8

TEST 2
Discussion 3: Ma communication avec les autres on elearning

SPRING BREAK

Mar 18

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For 24th: WB 4-2-E; WB (activités orales) 2-1-I (written), 2-1-H (written)

Mar 25

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Mar 27
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For 28th: WB: 4-1-K; WB (activités orales) 2-1-K (written); 2-1-A; 2-1-B; 2-1-C

READING DAY

Mar 29

Apr 1

Reading p58, idioms p63-64
For 2nd: WB 2-2-I, WB (activités orales) 2-1-L (written); 2-1-G (written)

Apr 3

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Review

Apr 26

Test 3
Discussion 4 Mes activités préférées on elearning

Apr 29

Cours 40 Examens oraux

Apr 30

Cours 41 Examens oraux

Final: May 6th 10:30-12:30 in classroom
Texas A&M University
Core Curriculum
Initial Request for a lower division course included in the current Core Curriculum
to be considered for the Fall 2014 Core Curriculum

1. This request is submitted by (department name): International Studies

2. Course prefix and number: FREN 202

3. Texas Common Course Number: FREN 2312

4. Complete course title: INTERMEDIATE FRENCH II

5. Semester credit hours: 3

6. This request is for consideration in the following Foundational Component Area:
   □ Communication
   □ Mathematics
   □ Life and Physical Sciences
   □ Language, Philosophy and Culture
   □ Creative Arts
   □ American History
   □ Government/Political Science
   □ Social and Behavioral Sciences

7. This course should also be considered for International and Cultural Diversity (ICD) designation:
   □ Yes        □ No

8. How frequently will the class be offered? every Fall and Spring semester

9. Number of class sections per semester: F: 2; S: 3

10. Number of students per semester: F: 60; S: 90

11. Historic annual enrollment for the last three years: 132 114 131

This completed form must be attached to a course syllabus that sufficiently and specifically details the appropriate core objectives through multiple lectures, outside activities, assignments, etc. Representative from department submitting request should be in attendance when considered by the Core Curriculum Council.

12. Submitted by:

   Course Instructor

   Approvals:

13. Date

14. Department Head

   Date

15. College Dean/Designee

   Date

For additional information regarding core curriculum, visit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board website at
www.thecb.state.tx.us/corecurriculum2014

See form instructions for submission/approval process.
Texas A&M University

Core Curriculum

Initial Request for a Course Addition to the Fall 2014 Core Curriculum

Foundational Component Area: Language, Philosophy and Culture

In the box below, describe how this course meets the Foundational Component Area description for Language, Philosophy and Culture. Courses in this category focus on how ideas, values, beliefs, and other aspects of culture express and affect human experience. Courses involve the exploration of ideas that foster aesthetic and intellectual creation in order to understand the human condition across cultures.

The proposed course must contain all elements of the Foundational Component Area. How does the proposed course specifically address the Foundational Component Area definition above?

The course (FREN 202) is a second-semester intermediate class in French language and culture. Foreign language courses in the department follow the standards of foreign language learning outlined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). These standards encompass five key areas:

- Communication: Students communicate in languages other than English.
- Cultures: Students gain knowledge and understanding of other cultures.
- Connections: Students acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures.
- Comparisons: Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language and the concept of culture through comparisons of the language studied and their own.
- Communities: Students participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world.

Materials in the course include a variety of written texts, audio samples, videos, and other works, all of which enhance students' appreciation of artistic works, cultural and historical traditions, and social and political values and beliefs. Studying these materials in the original language not only helps students to gain a deep appreciation of foreign cultures, but also leads them to reflect on their own cultural experience and to be attentive to communication in their primary language.

Core Objectives

Describe how the proposed course develops the required core objectives below by indicating how each learning objective will be addressed, what specific strategies will be used for each objective and how student learning of each objective will be evaluated.

The proposed course is required to contain each element of the Core Objective.

Critical Thinking (to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information):

The course enhances critical thinking by having students engage with material in the foreign language in a variety of formats. Materials include: poems, songs, interviews, reports, fiction excerpts, and fiction and non-fiction video. Students must understand and interpret written and spoken language on a wide variety of topics, including: cultural politics of the movies industry, technology of transportation in first and third world countries, education, contemporary history of France, work-life balance. Class discussion and small group work offer opportunities for students to demonstrate their synthesis of information. In written assignments, students demonstrate mastery of the foreign language as they employ it to analyze class materials. Students' cultural knowledge is reflected in their language use. Evaluation of critical thinking skills takes place orally in group/class discussion, through written work, and through testing. Students demonstrate creative and innovative use of language through multimedia presentations on key topics from the course material.
Communication (to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication):

The format of the course is geared to producing effective communicators in the foreign language. These skills include writing and speaking, as well as listening and reading. Students not only read written texts, listen to audio samples, and watch videos, they also must produce written, oral, and visual materials themselves which are assessed to gauge students’ development in these areas.

Social Responsibility (to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities):

The course enhances students’ intercultural competence through their mastery of the foreign language. This familiarity with the foreign language not only provides students access to materials that may never have been translated, but also incorporates viewpoints and other areas of cultural specificity that are communicated only in the foreign language. Students thereby gain an understanding of the relationship between the practices and the perspectives of the culture studied. Students use the language both within and beyond the school setting and participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world. They show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the language for personal enjoyment and enrichment, and to communicate their own culture to an international community. Group/class discussions, written work, tests, and creative productions (audio recordings and video or technology enhanced presentations) are used to assess students’ development in these areas.

Personal Responsibility (to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making):

The course materials provide opportunity for reflection on personal responsibility through topics such as: contemporary French history, the relationship of French speakers from former colonies with the language and culture of the former colonialists, ecology and the environment, work-life balance, and other contemporary social issues. Students demonstrate their thoughtfulness on these topics through group discussion, writing assignments, appropriate independent and group work ethic, and adherence to the Aggie Code of Honor.

Please be aware that instructors should be prepared to submit samples/examples of student work as part of the future course recertification process.
Department of International Studies

FREN 202 – Intermediate French II

Request for International and Cultural Diversity (ICD) Designation

Courses with ICD designation are intended to help students develop their global-awareness. The mastery of a foreign language fosters this goal in a variety of ways:

1. Students can interact with diverse populations from different parts of the globe;
2. Students are able to engage with materials produced by populations in different parts of the world, thus gaining access to different viewpoints, as well as social and cultural traditions;
3. Students learn about the values, traditions, beliefs, and histories of the countries whose languages they study through analysis of texts, music, visual art, media, film and video, journalism, and more;
4. Students gain an understanding of how cultural identity is expressed through different traditions and media;
5. Students gain a better understanding of contemporary global issues through interaction with global communities.
Intermediate French II French 202-200 and 503

Instructor: Dr. Françoise Vionnet-Bracher
E-mail: f-vionnet@tamu.edu
Phone 845-2124 (Department office)
Office: Academic 329D.
Office hours: Tuesday-Thursday 11:00-12:00, and by appointment (online or at the office)

Course sites:
http://elearning.tamu.edu (please go to http://itsinfo.tamu.edu/elearning-orientation/ if you are not familiar with it)
And http://ilrn.heinle.com

Course description
In this fourth-semester language sequence, students will refine the skills acquired in the past 3 semesters. They will implement these tools with greater ease and begin to function at a higher linguistic level.
This will be achieved through a review and expansion of grammatical knowledge and vocabulary, and practice of writing, reading, listening and speaking, with an awareness of the appropriate cultural context, and a constant use of the target language. In order to mimic language immersion, we will navigate the Web in French and use technology to enhance communication and collaboration and create a multi-faceted learning environment.
Students are expected to be prepared and to participate actively. All exchanges will be conducted in French except for discussions of grammar and technical explanations.

Learning Objectives
Incoming students are at the lower end of the intermediate level on the ACTFL scale (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages). Our goal is to give them the means to function at the higher end of the range. By the end of the semester, students are going to:

• Demonstrate effective communication in the target language orally and in writing, on uncomplicated daily topics, such as movies, travels, education and vacation;
• Compose and edit a poem and a letter, and participate in discussions or chats in French about movies, arts or technology, education, and travels;
• Demonstrate critical thinking in analyzing, understanding, and editing more complex grammar structures at the paragraph level, including relative clauses and subjunctive clauses, hypotheses, and sentences with personal, demonstrative and possessive pronouns;
• Recognize, conjugate and use common verbs in the past, present, future, subjunctive, and conditional tenses;
• Prepare a multi-media project in French through collaborative work with peers;
• practice lifelong learning by becoming independent learners with the help of technology and the internet.

Core Curriculum Objectives

Critical Thinking: The course enhances critical thinking through engagement with a variety of inputs on multiple topics in the context of French culture. Group/class discussion, written work, and interpreting and summarizing readings in a foreign language are all exercises in which students demonstrate critical thinking skills.

Communication: The course enhances communication skills through participation in class discussions, the production of oral and written works, and through collaborative oral presentations

Social responsibility: The course enhances social responsibility by developing intercultural competence through mastery of a foreign language, which allows students to understand the relationship between the practices and the diverse perspectives of the culture they are studying.

Personal responsibility: The course enhances personal responsibility through engagement with contemporary social issues in France, appropriate independent and group work ethic, and adherence to the Aggie Code of Honor

Prerequisite: French 201 or equivalent credit by placement test or transfer
Time commitment:

This is a **hybrid course**. Usually, we will be meeting twice a week face to face, and you’ll have to complete once a week an online session (online lessons are located) in the e-Learning “Learning Modules” area which will include communicative or creative activities. So, besides the two face-to-face weekly class meetings, you are expected to block out an appropriate amount of time for study and practice, in order to complete and submit your assignments. The weekly time commitment for this course will be **equal to or greater** than the time you would spend on a fully face to face course.

**Textbook and workbook**:


**Attendance and Make-up Policy**

Course attendance is required. Students will be allowed to miss two classes unexcused. For every additional unexcused absence, **one percent of the final grade will be deducted**. An authorized absence entitles students to complete missed assignments. Exams and assignments can be made up only after legitimate absences. Please refer to University Rules (1.7) for University approved absences.

For an absence of fewer than three days (section 7.1.6.2 of the Student Attendance Rules), the instructor will accept either (a) or (b), at student’s choice:

a) Student may provide a Texas A&M University Explanatory Statement of Absence from Class (available at [http://attendance.tamu.edu](http://attendance.tamu.edu)).

b) Student may provide confirmation of visit to a health care professional **affirming date and time of visit**.

**Participation**

The student’s participation will be evaluated using the following criteria:

A. (90-100) The student is very well prepared and do her/his homework on time, always volunteers to answer questions or write on the blackboard, shows a genuine interest in the work, participates actively in the class and group activities, is not afraid to experiment with the language and be heard, very often **explores and uses the tools, sites and cultural information offered on the online site outside of class**, * has regular exchanges with an online language partner (Honors section), and never uses English to communicate with his peers or the instructor in situations where French is called for.

B. (80-89) the student is prepared, sometimes volunteers to answer, but participates moderately, is less vocal than an "A" student and more afraid to experiment. He or she often explores the tools and sites provided on the eLearning pages * and has occasional exchanges with a language partner (Honors section). He or she almost never uses English.

C. (70-79) The student is not always prepared, rarely volunteers to answer questions, participates only occasionally and/or occasionally uses English to communicate with his/her peers or the instructor in situations when he/she should have used French. He or she explores and uses the material offered on eLearning only from time to time.

D. (60-69) the student is rarely prepared, is very passive, very rarely volunteers to answer questions, rarely looks at the online material offered online, rarely participates and/or relies mostly on English to express herself/himself.

F. (59 and under) The student is never prepared, never volunteers to answer questions, never checked the material on the eLearning site, is extremely passive and silent in class and/or relies on English to communicate.
Honors work: Language Exchange partners

In order to receive an A in participation, Students in the Honors section will also have to obtain an online language partner by registering with Livemocha.com, Mylanguageexchange.com, or a similar site, and regularly communicate in French with their partner. They'll document their exchanges by copying and pasting them in the e-Learning discussion opened for that purpose. Students from the other section who would also participate and get a French speaking e-pal can get a bonus of up to 10% on their participation grade depending on the frequency and length of exchanges.

Exams

There are 3 major exams (including oral and written sections) scheduled during the semester, including the final exam. Each will be comprehensive, covering material studied up to that point, and will include audio comprehension, grammar, and writing. Two of the exams may be taking place in a computer lab to facilitate grading and feedback. These two exams are scheduled on a Friday, which means that there will not be online sessions on those weeks.

Oral presentation and project

This semester, you are going to research online some aspects of Francophone culture. First you’ll choose to focus on a specific Francophone country, and then you’ll have to find and present a piece of work exemplifying an aspect of that country (art, technology work, etc...). The next step will be to read and present an article about an event in that country. Forming teams with fellow students who have elected to present the same geographical area, you’ll finally use, develop, and organize the material gathered together to prepare an audio-visual show for your end-of-semester audio visual project, with the goal of teaching your classmates and the instructor something interesting.

Grade distribution

The final course grade will be calculated according to the following percentages:

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(A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F = 59 and below)

A student enrolling for the first time in a Texas A & M foreign language course who has previously acquired knowledge of that foreign language, whether acquired through high school study or cultural/family experience, and who has not received college credit for that language must have taken a placement test to determine the appropriate course for his/her level of ability. Concurrent enrollment in two language courses, one of which is a prerequisite for the other, is also not permitted. Students found to be in violation of prerequisite rules are subject to removal from their sections at any time during the semester.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Department of Student Life, Services for Students with Disabilities, in room B-118 Cain Hall. The phone number is 845-1637.

Useful links:
- Academic Calendar [http://admissions.tamu.edu/registrar/general/calendar.aspx](http://admissions.tamu.edu/registrar/general/calendar.aspx)
- For computing assistance, go to [http://hdc.tamu.edu/](http://hdc.tamu.edu/) or call (979) 845-8300
**The following schedule for coursework and testing is tentative and may be modified if circumstances require it. Any change however, will be announced in advance in class or through iLrn, elearning, or Neo email**

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7 mars exercice 5 |
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« Discussions » Chapitre 7:
A. 1er mars. *Google translate* (avec deux partenaires. discutez des résultats que vous obtenez après avoir « traduit » avec Google un des 3 articles en français proposés par la prof)
B. March 8. visite d’un site (journal) de nouvelles/ informations sur Internet. *Choisir un article* à présenter pour le projet final: un événement. Résumer et enregistrer avec Vocaroo.com |
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Texas A&M University

Core Curriculum Cover Sheet

Initial Request for a course to be considered for the Fall 2014 Core Curriculum

1. This request is submitted by (department name): International Studies

2. Course prefix and number: GERM 201

3. Texas Common Course Number: GERM 2311

4. Complete course title: Intermediate German I

5. Semester credit hours: 3 SCH

6. This request is for consideration in the following Foundational Component Area:
   - Communication
   - Mathematics
   - Life and Physical Sciences
   - Language, Philosophy and Culture
   - Creative Arts
   - American History
   - Government/Political Science
   - Social and Behavioral Sciences

7. This course should also be considered for International and Cultural Diversity (ICD) designation:
   - Yes □ Approved □ No

8. How frequently will the class be offered? Fall and Spring semesters

9. Number of class sections per semester:
   - F: 2 sections; S: 1 section

10. Number of students per semester:
    - F: 60; S: 30

11. Historic annual enrollment for the last three years: 80 64 70

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12. Date
   - March 6, 2013

13. Submitted by:
    - Course Instructor

14. Date
    - 3/7/2013

15. Department Head

16. Date
    - 3/8/2013

College Dean/Designee

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See form instructions for submission/approval process.

Texas A&M University
Department of International Studies

GERM 201 – Intermediate German I

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Texas A&M University

Core Curriculum

Initial Request for a Course Addition to the Fall 2014 Core Curriculum

Foundational Component Area: Language, Philosophy and Culture

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GERM 201 — Intermediate German I

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Course Description
This is an intermediate class that builds on students’ linguistic and cultural competence in German.

Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of the course students will be able to:
• demonstrate German-language skills at the B1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;
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Personal responsibility: The course enhances personal responsibility through engagement with contemporary social issues in Germany.

Prerequisite information
Students enrolled in this class must have passed GERM 102 with a grade "D" or higher. A student enrolling for the first time in a Texas A&M University foreign language course who has previously acquired knowledge of that foreign language, whether acquired through high school study or cultural/family experience, and who has not received college credit for that language must take a placement test to determine the appropriate course for her/his level of ability. Students can take the placement test at the Office of Data and Research Services (DARS), Room 1117 General Services Complex (phone: 845-0532).
**Required texts**
- *Berliner Platz 3 Neu*, Susan Kaufmann, et al. (Langenscheidt).
- *German Grammar. Spark Charts*, Lilian Friedberg (Spark Educational Publishing).
- medium-sized German-English/English-German dictionary (about 50,000 entries or more)

**Optional text**

**Study tips**
Make the commitment to build daily study time into your schedule. Spend at least 1 hour per day memorizing new vocabulary, reviewing old and new grammar material, preparing for class, completing homework assignments, and working on the long-term audio and video projects. Forming study groups is another way of improving your language skills. Moreover, it is fun to study in a group rather than sitting at your desk at home.

**IMPORTANT**
In order to advance to the next level of German, students must receive a course grade of "D" or better. This applies to all German courses from GERM 101 through GERM 202.

**Grade distribution**

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Grading scale:
- 90%-100% (A); 80%-89% (B); 70%-79% (C); 60%-69% (D); 0%-59% (F)

**Attendance and Participation (10%)**
Course attendance is required. Students will be allowed to miss two classes unexcused. For every additional unexcused absence, one percent per absence will be deducted from the final grade. An authorized absence entitles students to complete missed assignments. Exams and assignments can be made up only after university approved absences. Please refer to University Rules (1.7) for University approved absences ([http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07](http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07)). Note especially the Student Attendance Rule 7.1.6. concerning absences due to injury or illness. If a health related absence is fewer than three days, a note from a medical provider confirming day and time of the visit is sufficient; it does not have to specify that the student cannot attend class. For absences of three and more days, the note of the medical provider must specify inability to attend. A note for any excused absence must be provided at the end of the second working day after the absence.

All electronic devices MUST be turned off during class and exam periods.

In order to be rewarded the full points for participation and attendance, students need to attend classes regularly and participate actively in class discussions.
Homework (20%)  
Grammar and vocabulary exercises including their due dates will be assigned through eLearning. You will have four attempts to finish these assignments. Your best score will be recorded in the gradebook in eLearning. There will be no grace period for homework assignments. Please make sure that you finish all of your work on time. Late work will be accepted only if your absence is excused by the university. The same is true for group projects.

Audio recordings (10%)  
In the course of the semester, students will listen to short phonetic and intonation exercises. After listening to these exercises, they will then record the sentences and phrases they had listened to with the help of Vocaroo. These exercises serve to improve students' pronunciation and intonation. The grading rubrics for these assignments will be published on eLearning so that it is transparent what you will be graded for. Other audio recordings will need to be made with Voki. You will also find more information and more detailed instructions for these assignments on eLearning under Learning Modules and in the eLearning calendar (elearning.tamu.edu). There will be no grace period for these assignments, except in the case of university-excused absence. Please make sure that you finish all of your work on time.

Tests (25%)  
Tests will cover vocabulary, grammar, and cultural topics from each chapter. Test dates are listed on the syllabus. You are allowed to use the Spark Chart for German Grammar and your own dictionary in the tests. Tests can be made up only in the case of a university-excused absence.

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The skits will be due on April 25. For the skits, students will work in groups of three or four. The students need to work on the skits throughout the semester in order to produce a successful result. The skits will be a video with a length of two to four minutes. The skit will need to include a set of common phrases. The topics for the skits will be listed on eLearning under Learning Modules. The members of the group will need to participate in preparing the skit, i.e. developing ideas, writing the skit, and performing the skit. Each of the group members needs to have an equally weighted speech portion in the skit. The grading criteria for the skit will be published on eLearning. During the last three days in class the students will watch the skits and fill in a grading sheet and vote for their favorite skit. The best skit of each section (according to students' votes) will be used as example in the 201 sections next semester and will be published as students' work on the departmental website.

Final Exam (20%)  
The final exam is a cumulative exam of German 201. Should you have a grade of 90% in every grading category (homework, audio recordings, attendance and participation, tests, and skit) then you may be excused from the final exam. Students who are excused from the final exam will receive written notification from the instructor; any student who does not receive a notification from the instructor must take the final exam.
German Movie Nights
You will have the chance to watch German films throughout the semester, which is an additional opportunity to listen to idiomatic German and learn more about German culture and the topics discussed in the movies. German movie nights will take place every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm at the EdMS (fourth floor of the library annex), and attendance is optional. However, ten points will be credited toward your homework by attending these movies. There will be a sign-in list at the beginning and end of each screening. You can only earn these points only by attending the movie nights (and remaining for the entire screening), not by watching the movies at home.

Movie schedule
1/23  Das Boot
1/30  Das Experiment
2/6   Sophie Scholl [The Final Days]
2/13  Lola rennt [Run Lola Run]
2/20  Alles auf Zucker [Go for Zucker]
2/27  Auf der anderen Seite [The Edge of Heaven]
3/6   Nirgendwo in Afrika [Nowhere in Africa]
3/20  Young Goethe in Love
3/27  Phantom Pain
4/10  The Forest for the Trees
4/17  My Führer
4/24  Comedian Harmonists

Auditing the class
If you do not want to take this class for credit, you are welcome to audit it. As an auditor you do not have to participate in the quizzes, exams, and other forms of tests regularly enrolled students have to take. The instructor is not obligated to grade your work. You will not receive any credit for this class. If you registered for this class by accident or because you did not know how to become an auditor, please drop the course and let me know that you will not take this course for credit.

Academic integrity
"An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do." You are expected to be aware of the Aggie Honor Code and the Honor Council Rules and Procedures, stated at http://www.tamu.edu/aggiehonor.

Disabilities
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute providing comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe that you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Department of Student Life, Services for Students with Disabilities, B-118 Cain Hall (phone: 845-1637). For additional information, visit http://disability.tamu.edu.
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S. 11  
Alt und Jung  
Frau Schmieder - die Leihoma | HörAufgabe S.11, Ü6                    |
|       | 25. Januar   | Kapitel 25  
Grammatik  
- Präpositionen mit Akkusativ  
- direkte und indirekte Fragen | Audio recording 1: sich vorstellen   |
| 3     | 28. Januar   | Kapitel 26  
S. 20-21  
An der Rezeption  
Ich habe ein Problem |                                       |
|       | 30. Januar   | Kapitel 26  
S. 24-25  
Ein Winterwochenende  
Reiseland Deutschland |                                       |
|       | 1. Februar   | Kapitel 26  
Grammatik  
- n-Deklination  
- Adjektivkomparation  
- Deklination: Artikel + Superlativ/Komparativ + Adjektivendung | Name members of the skit group        |
| 4     | 4. Februar   | Kapitel 27  
S. 30-31  
Gesunde Ernährung |                                       |
|       | 6. Februar   | Kapitel 27  
S. 34-35  
Essen gehen; im Restaurant |                                       |
|       | 8. Februar   | Kapitel 27  
Grammatik  
- Satzgefüge (Hauptsatz + Nebensatz)  
mit obwohl  
- Infinitiv mit zu | Tell your instructor which chapter you will base your skit on. |
| 5     | 11. Februar  | Prüfung 1  
Kapitel 25-27 | eLearning assessments Kapitel 25, 26 und 27 fällig |
|       | 13. Februar  | Kapitel 28  
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Zwanzig Jahre |                                       |
|       | 15. Februar  | Kapitel 28  
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Drei Meinungen zu Europa |                                       |
| 6   | 18. Februar | Kapitel 28  
|     |             | Grammatik  
|     |             | - Präteritum und Perfekt  
|     |             | - Plusquamperfekt  
|     |             | - Satzgefüge mit *als* und *nachdem*  
|     | 20. Februar | Kapitel 29  
|     |             | S. 60-61  
|     |             | Eltern geld  
|     | 22. Februar | Kapitel 29  
|     |             | Grammatik  
|     |             | - zwei gliedrige Konjunktionen  
|     |             | - Satzgefüge mit *während*, *bis* und *bevor*  
| 7   | 25. Februar | Kapitel 30  
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|     | 1. März     | Kapitel 30  
|     |             | Grammatik  
|     |             | - Relativsätze  
| 8   | 4. März     | Prüfung 2  
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|     |             | S. 86-87  
|     |             | Das Verkehrsmittel Nr. 1  
|     | 8. März     | Kapitel 31  
|     |             | Grammatik  
|     |             | - Pronominaladverbien (*domit*, *dagegen*,  
|     |             | *wogegen*, *womit*, etc.)  
|     |             | - Präpositionaler gänzungen und  
|     |             | Nebensätze  
|     |             | - Reflexivpronomen im Dativ und  
|     |             | Akkusativ  
|     |             | - Satzgefüge mit *damit* - *um* ... *zu*  
| 9   | 18. März    | Skit Meeting  
|     | 20. März    | Skit Meeting  
|     | 22. März    | Skit Meeting  
| 10  | 25. März    | Kapitel 32  
|     |             | S. 92-93  
|     |             | Verbraucher fragen – Experten antworten  
|     | 27. März    | Kapitel 32  
|     |             | S. 94-95  
|     |             | Tipps zum Telefonieren  
| 11  | 1. April    | Kapitel 32  
|     |             | Grammatik  
|     |             | - der Genitiv  
|     |             | - Wortstellung von Objekten  
|     | 3. April    | Kapitel 33  
|     |             | S. 102-103  
|     |             | Spar tipps: günstig, ökologisch und  
|     |             | gesund  
|     | 5. April    | Kapitel 33  
|     |             | S. 106-107  
|     |             | Kleingärten  
|     |             | eLearning assessments Kapitel 28, 29  
|     |             | und 30 um Mitternacht fällig  
|     |             | Audio Recording 2 fällig.  
|     |             | Partnerprojekt. Go to Learning Module  
|     |             | Audio Recordings and look up what to  
|     |             | do. Textbuch S. 78-79.  

| 12  | 8. April | Kapitel 33  
    |       | Grammatik  
    |       | - Futur mit *werden*  
    |       | - Konjunktiv II von Verben und  
    |       | Modalverben  
    | 10. April | Prüfung 3  
    |       | Kapitel 31-33  
    | 12. April | Kapitel 34  
    |       | S. 120-121  
    |       | Ein Interview mit Nikola Lainović  
    | 13  | 15. April | Kapitel 34  
    |       | S. 122-123  
    |       | Wir sind Mutter und Tochter und  
    |       | Kolleginnen  
    | 17. April | Kapitel 34  
    |       | Grammatik  
    |       | - Satzverbindungen mit  
    |       | *deshalb, deswegen, trotzdem*  
    |       | - Kurzwörter  
    | 19. April | Kapitel 35  
    |       | S. 130-131  
    |       | Arbeiten im Ausland  
    | 14  | 22. April | Kapitel 35  
    |       | Grammatik  
    |       | - Satzgefüge mit *während* und *seit*  
    |       | - Zusammenfassung von  
    |       | Satzverbindungen  
    |       | - Abkürzungen in Texten  
    | 24. April | Kapitel 36  
    |       | Grammatik  
    |       | - *nicht brauchen* + *zu* + Infinitiv  
    |       | - Partizipien als Adjektive  
    | 26. April | Skits  
    | 29. April | Skits  
    | 30. April | Skits  
    |       | (redefined Friday)  
    | 6. Mai | Abschlussprüfung  
    |       | 10.30 Uhr - 12.30 Uhr  

*Audio Recording 3 fällig: Aussprache und Intonation. Go to Learning Module: “Audio Recordings” and follow the instructions.*
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Core Curriculum Cover Sheet

Initial Request for a course to be considered for the Fall 2014 Core Curriculum

1. This request is submitted by (department name): International Studies

2. Course prefix and number: GERM 202

3. Texas Common Course Number: GERM 2312

4. Complete course title: Intermediate German II

5. Semester credit hours: 3 SCH

6. This request is for consideration in the following Foundational Component Area:

☐ Communication
☐ Mathematics
☐ Life and Physical Sciences
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☐ Creative Arts
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☐ Government/Political Science
☐ Social and Behavioral Sciences

7. This course should also be considered for International and Cultural Diversity (ICD) designation:

☐ Yes  ☐ No

8. How frequently will the class be offered? Fall and Spring semesters

9. Number of class sections per semester: F: 1 section; S: 2 sections

10. Number of students per semester: F: 30; S: 60

11. Historic annual enrollment for the last three years: 54 70 79

This completed form must be attached to a course syllabus that sufficiently and specifically details the appropriate core objectives through multiple lectures, outside activities, assignments, etc. Representative from department submitting request should be in attendance when considered by the Core Curriculum Council.

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13. Submitted by:

Course Instructor

14. Department Head

15. College Dean/Designee

Date

March 6, 2013

Date

3/7/2013

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3/18/13

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Spring 2013
MWF 10:20-11:20 PM (501)
MWF 11:30-12:20 PM (502)
ACAD 130

Course description
Development of students’ language skills and cultural awareness to a competency level at which one would be able to live, work, and/or study in Germany (CEFR Level B1/B2).

Learning outcomes
Upon completion of the course students will be able to:
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• interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers possible;
• produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects;
• explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options;
• describe socio-cultural issues in contemporary German life;
• compare their own culture through a deeper understanding of German culture;
• participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world.

Core Curriculum Objectives
Critical Thinking: The course enhances critical thinking through engagement with a variety of inputs on multiple topics in the context of German culture. Group/class discussion, written work, and a group presentation analyzing an important cultural profile are all exercises in which students demonstrate critical thinking skills.

Communication: The course enhances communication skills through participation in class discussions, the production of written essays, and through collaborative work with a team in the preparation of a group presentation.

Social responsibility: The course enhances social responsibility by developing intercultural competence through mastery of a foreign language, which allows students to understand the relationship between the practices and the perspectives of the culture they are studying.

Personal responsibility: The course enhances personal responsibility through engagement with contemporary social issues in Germany.

Prerequisite information
Students enrolled in this class must have passed GERM 201. A student enrolling for the first time in a Texas A&M University foreign language course who has previously acquired knowledge of that foreign language, whether acquired through high school study or cultural/family experience, and who has not received college credit for that language must take a placement test to determine the appropriate course for her/his level of ability. Students can take the placement test at the Office of Measurement and Research Services (MARS), Room 1117 General Services Complex (phone: 845-0532).
Required texts
- *Aspekte 1, Textbook 1 without DVD*, by Ute Koithan, et al. (Langenscheidt)
- *Aspekte 1, Workbook 1*, by Ute Koithan, et al. (Langenscheidt)

Study tips
Make the commitment to build daily study time into your schedule. Plan to spend at least 1 hour per day memorizing new vocabulary, reviewing old and new material, preparing for class, and completing homework assignments.

Academic integrity
"An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do." You are expected to be aware of the Aggie Honor Code and the Honor Council Rules and Procedures, stated at http://www.tamu.edu/agghonor.

Disabilities
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*IMPORTANT*
In order to advance to the next level of German, students must receive a course grade of "D" or better. This applies to all German courses from GERM 101 through GERM 202.

Grading scale
90%-100% (A); 80%-89% (B); 70%-79% (C); 60%-69% (D); 0%-59% (F)

Grade distribution
- **Preparation, participation, and attendance (15%)**
Preparation for class and participation in class are essential for success in learning a foreign language. Preparation includes completion of any assigned reading, vocabulary study, and grammar review. Students earn participation points based on class preparation, contributions to class discussions, and involvement in group activities.

Students start with 16 participation points “in the bank,” and will have their performance assessed weekly: satisfactory adds ½ point per week, outstanding adds 1; poor performance subtracts ½ point, unsatisfactory subtracts 1. The maximum to be accumulated in this way is 30 points (= 10% of the course grade). On a standard grading scale, this translates to the following: A=30-27 points; B=26-24 points; C=23-21 points; D=20-18 points; F=17 or fewer points. Your weekly participation grade will be posted to eLearning.

Course attendance is required. **After the third unexcused absence, 5 percentage points will be deducted from the final participation grade for each additional unexcused absence.** Please see http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule7.htm for current policy on university-excused absences. For illness- or injury-related absences of fewer than three days, a note from a health care professional confirming date and time of visit will be required in order to count the absence as university-excused; for absences of three days or more, the note must also contain the medical professional’s confirmation that absence from class was necessary (see Rule 7.1.6.1).
An authorized absence entitles you to complete assignments and make up quizzes, tests, or exams you may have missed. You must notify the instructor at least 48 hours before the absence except in the case of emergency. Quizzes, tests, exams, and assignments can be made up only after university-excused absences.

All cell phones, laptops, tablets and any other electronic devices must be turned off during class and exam periods. An exception is made for the LEO app.

- **Homework (20%)**
  Exercises from the *Arbeitsbuch, Lehrbuch*, and/or handouts will be assigned. Students must write out exercises from the *Arbeitsbuch* and *Lehrbuch* in their entirety. You may write in your book or separately (i.e., write the entire sentence even if the exercise is a fill-in-the-blank-test) on a separate piece of paper suitable to turn in to the instructor, except when noted. When you have finished, check your answers against the key on pp. 126-139 of the *Arbeitsbuch* where available and make corrections on your own paper with a pen/pencil of a different color. Homework will be checked for completion on Quiz days. See Lehrplan for details.

- **Quizzes (35%)**
  Quizzes will be given periodically, with an emphasis on vocabulary (Glossar) and grammar (at the end of each chapter). Quiz dates are listed on the syllabus.

- **Porträt (15%)**
  Together with 2 other partners, you will give a 10 Minute presentation portraying one of the people at the end of any chapter in *Aspekte*. You will be given more detailed information on this in-class assignment, which takes place in the final weeks of the semester.

- **Final Exam (15%)**
  The final exam will be comprehensive, focusing on grammar, vocabulary, and cultural knowledge. **A student may be exempted from the final exam if her/his cumulative grade on the last day of classes is within the “A” range. The instructor will inform these students in writing confirming their exemption.**

**German movie night**
You will have the chance to watch German films throughout the semester, which is an additional opportunity to listen to idiomatic German and learn more about German culture and the topics discussed in the movies.
German movie nights will take place every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm at the EdMS (fourth floor of the library annex), and they are not mandatory. However, ten points will be credited toward your homework by attending these movies. There will be a sign-in list at the beginning and end of each screening. **You can only earn these points by attending the movie nights (and remaining for the entire screening), not by watching them at home.**

**Movie schedule**
Please see eLearning for the schedule, starting in week 2 of the semester.
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Core Curriculum Cover Sheet
Initial Request for a course to be considered for the Fall 2014 Core Curriculum

1. This request is submitted by (department name): Philosophy

2. Course prefix and number: PHIL 111

3. Texas Common Course Number: 2306

4. Complete course title: Contemporary Moral Issues

5. Semester credit hours: 3

6. This request is for consideration in the following Foundational Component Area:
   - Communication
   - Mathematics
   - Life and Physical Sciences
   - Language, Philosophy and Culture
   - Creative Arts
   - American History
   - Government/Political Science
   - Social and Behavioral Sciences

7. This course should also be considered for International and Cultural Diversity (ICD) designation:
   - Yes
   - No

8. How frequently will the course be offered? Every Fall and Spring Semester

9. Number of class sections per semester: 5

10. Number of students per semester: 165


   This completed form must be attached to a course syllabus that sufficiently and specifically details the appropriate core objectives through multiple lectures, outside activities, assignments, etc. Representative from department

12. Submitting request should be in attendance when considered by the Core Curriculum Council.

13. Submitted by:
   Course Instructor

   Date: 3-8-13

   Approvals:

   Date

14. Department Head

   Date: 3-10-13

15. College Dean/Designee

   Date: 6-19-13

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Foundational Component Area: Language, Philosophy and Culture

In the box below, describe how this course meets the Foundational Component Area description for Language, Philosophy and Culture. Courses in this category focus on how ideas, values, beliefs, and other aspects of culture express and affect human experience. Courses involve the exploration of ideas that foster aesthetic and intellectual creation in order to understand the human condition across cultures.

The proposed course must contain all elements of the Foundational Component Area. How does the proposed course specifically address the Foundational Component Area definition above?

**PHIL 111** (Contemporary Moral Issues) includes study discussion and written argument about the nature of the person, justice, society, and animals; about the values that different people associate with each of these; about the beliefs about value and about the nature of these entities; about cultural factors that influence each debate and about the place of each in human society and personal life. The course explores a variety of ideas and demands that students come to understand, express, evaluate and develop different conceptions of the person as a moral being.

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**Core Objectives**

Describe how the proposed course develops the required core objectives below by indicating how each learning objective will be addressed, what specific strategies will be used for each objective and how student learning of each objective will be evaluated.

The proposed course is required to contain each element of the Core Objective.

**Critical Thinking (to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information):**

**PHIL 111** develops critical thinking both in the effort to interpret the arguments and ideas of others and in the effort to build and defend the student’s own ideas. Strategies used to develop critical thinking include readings, class discussion, in class assignments, and written assignments. Evaluation will be based upon examinations and written assignments.

**Communication (to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication):**

**PHIL 111** develops communication in the interpretation of difficult texts and images, and the effort to understand and express ideas about morality. Reading, lecture, discussion, and writing assignments are strategies for this objective. Evaluation will be based upon examinations, graded in class assignments, and written assignments.

**Social Responsibility (to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities):**

**PHIL 111** develops social responsibility through an examination of pressing moral debates in society today, which include questions about one’s own and other societies, civil law, and international issues. Strategies used to develop social responsibility include readings, class discussion, lecture, and writing assignments. Evaluation will be based upon examinations, graded in class assignments, and written assignments.

**Personal Responsibility (to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making):**
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PHIL 111 develops personal responsibility through a close examination of pressing moral issues that affect society today. Strategies used to develop personal responsibility include readings, class discussions, lecture, and writing assignments. Evaluation will be based upon examinations, graded in class assignments, and written assignments.

Please be aware that instructors should be prepared to submit samples/examples of student work as part of the future course recertification process.
Course Objectives: This introductory course starts with a brief look at two of the most influential theories of value, Mill's utilitarianism and Kant's deontological theory of right action. These theories of value will help us in two ways. First, because most of the arguments that we shall read fall under utilitarian or Kantian traditions, they will help us to understand the rest of the course authors. Second, Mill and Kant provide theories of value under which we can begin to build a constructive moral debate. Notably, each theory gives an account of the moral value of particular actions under which moral reasons are equally available to all of us. Some of us may ultimately decide that we simply cannot productively discuss sensitive issues like abortion and capital punishment. On such a perspective, my beliefs about the good are based upon reasons or feelings that, in some cases, I simply cannot communicate to you. The point of this course, however, is to see what progress we can make in understanding the reasoning of others and in building moral views that others can understand and appreciate.

Texts:  
Judith Boss (ed.), *Analyzing Moral Issues*  
Immanuel Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*  
John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism*

Requirements:

2 Area Papers (25% each): The area papers will give students an opportunity to defend particular positions on given topics. They will be 3-4 pages in length. The quality of the argument, the expression of understanding of course texts, and the clarity of writing will be the basis of the paper grades. *Only university approved excuses are acceptable for late papers.* Papers turned in late without university approved excuses will be penalized a full letter grade for each day late.

Area Paper 1 due: 11/3  
Area Paper 2 due: 12/6

10 in class exercises (2% each): Various exercises designed to promote discussion.

3 Exams (10% each): The exams will test students' knowledge of course material, including facts about various issues that will be presented in class. Students will be responsible for knowing: 1. Course authors' positions and arguments. 2. Facts about the issues presented in supplementary readings during the course. 3. All lecture material. *Only university approved excuses are acceptable for missed exams.***

Exam 1: 9/27  
Exam 2: 10/27  
Exam 3: 12/1
Assigned Reading:

Area One: Theories of Value
Week One (8/29-9/2): Introduction and Utilitarianism
Week Two (9/5-9/9): Utilitarianism
Week Three (9/12-9/16): Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals

Area Two: Biomedical Ethics
Week Seven (10/10-10/14): Euthanasia, cont. Readings from Boss: Callahan, “‘Aid in Dying’: The Social Dimensions;” Hardwig, “Is there a duty to die?”

Area Three: Social Justice

Paper 2 Due 12/6
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1. This request is submitted by (department name): Philosophy

2. Course prefix and number: PHIL 251

3. Texas Common Course Number: PHIL 1301

4. Complete course title: Introduction to Philosophy

5. Semester credit hours: 3

6. This request is for consideration in the following Foundational Component Area:
   □ Communication
   □ Mathematics
   □ Life and Physical Sciences
   X Language, Philosophy and Culture
   □ Creative Arts
   □ American History
   □ Government/Political Science
   □ Social and Behavioral Sciences

7. This course should also be considered for International and Cultural Diversity (ICD) designation:
   □ Yes  X  No

8. How frequently will the course be offered? Every Fall and Spring semester

9. Number of class sections per semester: 7

10. Number of students per semester: 215


This completed form must be attached to a course syllabus that sufficiently and specifically details the appropriate core objectives through multiple lectures, outside activities, assignments, etc. Representative from department submitting request should be in attendance when considered by the Core Curriculum Council.

13. Submitted by:
   
   Course Instructor
   
   Approvals:
   
   Department Head
   
   College Dean/Designee

   3/12/13
   Date

   3/19/13
   Date

   3/19/13
   Date

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Foundational Component Area: Language, Philosophy and Culture

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The proposed course must contain all elements of the Foundational Component Area. How does the proposed course specifically address the Foundational Component Area definition above?

**PHIL 251** (Introduction to Philosophy) includes study, discussion, and written argument concerning different accounts of the good life for human beings, theories of value, theories of knowledge and belief, theories of culture and society, theories of the beautiful, and the process of philosophical inquiry into these subjects. It meets every element of the foundational component area directly and by means of discussion and a variety of readings invites a deep, diverse, and closely examined study of each.

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### Core Objectives

Describe how the proposed course develops the required core objectives below by indicating how each learning objective will be addressed, what specific strategies will be used for each objective and how student learning of each objective will be evaluated.

The proposed course is required to contain each element of the Core Objective.

**Critical Thinking (to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information):**

**PHIL 251** develops critical thinking both in the effort to interpret the arguments and ideas of others and in the effort to build and defend the student's own ideas. Strategies used to develop critical thinking include readings, class discussion, and written assignments. Evaluation will be based upon examinations and written assignments.

**Communication (to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication):**

**PHIL 251** develops communication in the interpretation of difficult texts and images, and the effort to understand and express philosophical ideas and arguments. Readings, lecture, discussion and writing assignments are strategies for this objective. Evaluation will be based upon exams reflecting the student's ability to understand ideas from written texts and from class discussion and upon essays in which students develop and present their ideas.

**Social Responsibility (to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities):**

**PHIL 251** develops social responsibility through the examination of the good life, which includes questions about the fundamental structure of society and its justification. Strategies used to develop social responsibility include readings, class discussion, and written assignments. Evaluation will be based upon examinations and written assignments.

**Personal Responsibility (to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making):**
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PHIL 251 develops personal responsibility through the study of human will, the good life, and moral value. Strategies used to develop personal responsibility include readings, class discussion, and written assignments. Evaluation will be based upon examinations and written assignments.

Please be aware that instructors should be prepared to submit samples/examples of student work as part of the future course recertification process.
Introduction to Philosophy
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Course Description:
This course will introduce students to a range of core philosophical issues, and engage with numerous important figures across the history of philosophy. We will read Plato, Aristotle, Epictetus, Descartes, Kant, and Nietzsche. The class will examine such topics as the good life, human knowing, human willing, the nature of reality, and moral goodness. Class time will be a mix of lecture and discussion, and students will be encouraged to investigate philosophical issues in depth through their reading and questions in class.

Course Objectives:
Students should complete the course with knowledge of some key figures in the history of philosophy, and be able to demonstrate acquaintance with various approaches and frameworks for thinking about important aspects of human life. Students should also come away from the course with a sense of the different fields and guiding questions that make up the discipline of philosophy.

Course Requirements:
To foster understanding of philosophical concepts and texts, students will be required to write two papers and complete a final examination. The first paper will be a take-home written exam, focusing on thinkers from the first part of the semester. The second paper will require the student to offer an in-depth comparison of two of the authors from the semester. Students are expected to come to class having read the assigned materials, and prepared to ask questions and engage in discussion about the text read.

Grading:
Midterm Exam (Take-home) 30%
Comparative Paper 40%
Final Exam (Cumulative) 30%

Appointments and Correspondence:
It is my goal to help you succeed in your academic endeavors, and I am therefore more than willing to meet with you outside of scheduled office hours to accommodate your schedule. To set up an appointment, you may stop by my office, call, or email. If you choose to email me (for any reason), I will expect that your email be professional and courteous in tone and structure, and I will do the same.
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy Statement:
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Department of Student Life, Services for Students with Disabilities, in Cain Hall or call 845-1637.

Academic Integrity Statements: Aggie Honor Code
"An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do."
Upon accepting admission to Texas A&M University, a student immediately assumes a commitment to uphold the Honor Code, to accept responsibility for learning, and to follow the philosophy and rules of the Honor System. Students will be required to state their commitment: on examinations, research papers, and other academic work. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the TAMU community from the requirements or the processes of the Honor System. For additional information, please visit: http://www.tamu.edu/aggiehonor/

Plagiarism and/or cheating in this class will not be accepted, and may result in failure of the course. This includes plagiarism that is unintentional or results from ignorance regarding proper citation practices. If you are unsure about what constitutes acceptable citation practices, please consult with the writing center or library resources on writing styles.
Course Assignments

These assignments are subject to change as the semester progresses. All changes will be announced in class, and it is your responsibility to take note of them when such announcements are made. All changes and updates will, however, be reflected on the syllabus posted online.

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