6. Change in Curriculum

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Philosophy and Humanities
B.A. in Philosophy
MEMORANDUM

TO: Pamela Matthews, Associate Dean
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THROUGH: Daniel Conway, Head
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RE: Departmental request for splitting PHIL 413 and 418

The object of this request is to divide two of the upper-division courses currently
required for our major, and to make the correlated changes in major requirements and
prerequisites.

PHIL 413, Modern Philosophy, currently covers the entire range of seventeenth- and
eighteenth-century philosophy. We wish to split it into PHIL 412, Seventeenth-Century
Philosophy, and PHIL 413, Eighteenth-Century Philosophy. This will create a new
course, PHIL 412, and redescribe an existing course, PHIL 413.

Similarly, PHIL 418, Phenomenology and Existentialism, currently covers two large
movements in philosophy, each of which spans two centuries. We wish to split it into
PHIL 417, Phenomenology, and PHIL 418, Existentialism. This will create a new
course, PHIL 417, and redescribe an existing course, PHIL 418.

The rationale for these requests is pedagogical. Instructors report that it is impossible to
do justice to such a large amount of material in a single semester’s time.

This will have several results.

PHIL 413 is currently required of all majors. We wish to change this requirement, and
require either PHIL 412 or PHIL 413.

The major currently requires one course from PHIL 414, 418, or 419 of all majors.
We wish to change this to a requirement of one course from PHIL 414, 417, 418, or 419.

PHIL 495, our one-credit Writing-Intensive course, currently requires co-enrollment
in one of PHIL 305, 307, 314, 315, 320, 331, 332, 351, 361, 371, 375, 381, 410, 411,
413, 414, 415, 416, 418, 419, or 424. We wish to add the newly created PHIL 412 and
417 to this list. We also wish to add PHIL 334, 409, and 480 to the list. These are
courses created during the last few years which the list does not yet incorporate.

Finally, the department has voted to make PHIL 240 a prerequisite for PHIL 424.
Philosophy. 30 credits minimum; no more than 33 credits in philosophy can be applied to the degree. Students choose at least one course from each category in philosophy. A grade of C or higher is required for a course to be counted in the major field.

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<td>PHIL 415 (Classical American Philosophy), 416 (Recent British/American Philosophy), or 424 (Philosophy of Language)</td>
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*Philosophy Electives: to be selected from any philosophy courses, including the above.

All majors must take at least one logic course. If a logic course is used to fulfill part of the University requirement in logical/mathematical reasoning, one additional philosophy course must be taken to fulfill the departmental requirement of 30 credits.