

Program Change Request

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Viewing: **CERT-CU43 : Philosophy Pre-Law - Certificate**

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Changes proposed by: Iradzik

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[Philosophy Pre-Law - Certificate](#)

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Academic level Undergraduate

Effective Term 2019-2020

Department Philosophy & Humanities

College Liberal Arts

Program type Certificate

Associated Program **Not Applicable**

With a certificate in Philosophy Pre-Law

Catalog Program Title
Philosophy Pre-Law - Certificate

CIP and Fund code 2200010001

Rationale for Proposal

In order to make it possible to assess this certificate program, we will require students to sign up for the certificate before accruing 105 hours. Also for assessment purposes, we are adding a 0 hour requirement of PHIL 491. Students will be required to take this at the end of the program (after or concurrent with their finishing the other requirements for the certificate). They will be required to submit a sample of their written philosophical work, which may be work previously submitted for PHIL 332 or 334.

In order to make the certificate program better meet its learning objectives, we are narrowing the set of philosophy courses that count toward the certificate, and adding a requirement of either COMM 203 or COMM 243, which will help students develop their oral communication skills. We are also adding a minimum grade requirement of C for the courses that count toward the certificate.

Program hours 12

Is this program eligible for financial aid? Yes

Will program hours change (increase/decrease) due to the proposed curriculum changes? No

In Workflow

1. PHUM Department Head
2. Curricular Services Review
3. LA Committee Preparer UG
4. LA Committee Chair UG
5. LA College Dean UG
6. UCC Preparer
7. UCC Chair
8. Faculty Senate Preparer
9. Faculty Senate
10. Provost II
11. President
12. Curricular Services

Approval Path

1. 10/19/18 12:24 pm
Clare Palmer
(c.palmer): Approved for PHUM Department Head
2. 10/23/18 8:23 am
Angel Mario Carrizales (carri1214): Rollback to Initiator
3. 10/24/18 1:36 pm
Clare Palmer
(c.palmer): Approved for PHUM Department Head
4. 10/26/18 2:59 pm
Angel Mario Carrizales (carri1214): Approved for Curricular Services Review
5. 10/26/18 3:25 pm
Steve Oberhelman (s-oberhelman): Approved for LA Committee Preparer UG
6. 11/20/18 8:33 am
Steve Oberhelman (s-oberhelman): Approved for LA Committee Chair UG
7. 11/20/18 8:39 am
Steve Oberhelman (s-oberhelman): Approved for LA College Dean UG
8. 11/20/18 9:10 am
Sandra Williams (sandra-williams): Approved for UCC Preparer
9. 12/10/18 10:35 am
Terra Bissett (t.bissett):

Certificate type
Degree-dependent

Program delivery mode
On-campus

Approved for UCC Chair

History

- Feb 13, 2017 by Steve Oberhelman (s-oberhelman)
- Sep 11, 2018 by Sandra Williams (sandra-williams)

Catalog Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Semester Credit Hours |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| COMM 203 or COMM 243 | Public Speaking 1 or Argumentation and Debate | 3 |
| PHIL 240 | Introduction to Logic 1 | 3 |
| Select one from: | | 3 |
| PHIL 332 | Social and Political Philosophy 1 | 3 |
| PHIL 334 | Philosophy of Law 1 | 3 |
| Select one from: | | 3 |
| PHIL 485 | Directed Studies | |
| PHIL 491 | Research 2,3 | 0 |
| PHIL 497 | Independent Honors Studies | |
| PHIL 300 to 499 1 | | |
| PHIL 300 to 499 | | 3 |
| Total Semester Credit Hours | | 12 |

1 Must earn a grade of "C" or higher.

2 **Must be taken after or concurrent with the completion of the other credit hours for the certificate. Students must submit a philosophical writing sample, which may be a piece of writing previously submitted for [PHIL 332](#) or [PHIL 334](#).**

3 **Students must sign up for the certificate through an advisor before completing 105 credit hours.**

Additional information **Requested change made. ~~09.11.2018 updates made to include CIP code. sw~~**

Required Proposal [street email 10 11 18.pdf](#)
Forms [UGCT-PPLW Degree EvaluationEDITED.pdf](#)

Reviewer Comments **Angel Mario Carrizales (carri1214) (10/22/18 5:21 pm):** Edits made to conform to catalog style guidelines.
Angel Mario Carrizales (carri1214) (10/23/18 8:23 am): Rollback: Please include a statement about the "C or better requirements in all certificate courses in the catalog program requirements. The statement can be added as text after the footnote table.
Angel Mario Carrizales (carri1214) (10/26/18 2:59 pm): Initial concerns addressed.
Terra Bissett (t.bissett) (12/10/18 10:35 am): UCC approved December 2018.

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From: Street, Nancy A n-street@tamu.edu
Subject: Re: Request
Date: October 11, 2018 at 2:49 PM
To: Radzik, Linda C lradzik@tamu.edu

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Dear Linda,

Yes, certainly. Please include COMM 203 and COMM 243 in the Philosophy Pre-Law Certificate. This is a great match.

Best,
Nancy

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

From: Radzik, Linda C
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 2:40 PM
To: Street, Nancy A
Subject: Request

Hi Nancy,

I meant to ask you this today in person but forgot.

My department offers something called the "[Philosophy Pre-Law Certificate](#)." We need to revise it both to make it more assessable and to make it better serve its declared purpose. As part of this, we would like to require students to take a course that will help them develop their oral communication skills. So, I would like to request permission to list as one of the requirements for the certificate that students take either:

COMM 203
or COMM 243

Would this be okay? I understand that both are core courses and so open to all students. But I also understand that they are very popular. We are not asking for special consideration to get our students into sections of the course.

Thanks for considering this,
Linda

