

MINUTES

BOR PHILOSOPHY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Meeting of December 4, 2010
at Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA**

In Attendance: Douglas Ealey, Gainesville State College; Robert Lane, University of West Georgia; Alan Nichols, Georgia Highlands College; Erik Nordenhaug, Armstrong Atlantic State University; Larry Peck, Georgia Perimeter College; George Rainbolt (chairperson), Georgia State University; Felita Williams, University System of Georgia, Jim Winchester, David Wisdo, Columbus State University; Georgia College; Ray Woller, University of Georgia;

1. The minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2009 were approved as distributed.
2. The motion to approve GHC's request to add PHIL 2020, Logic and Critical Thinking to its Area F was approved (see below).
3. Updates on common course numbers. The updates are recorded in the chart below.
4. Discussion of AASU's Health Care Ethics course (HLPR 2020), Education Ethics course (EDUC 2000), and Area B. The Committee voted to take no action at this time but to request sample syllabi from all courses in AASU's Area B.
5. Unanimous vote to endorse AASU's draft proposal to introduce a B.A. in Philosophy.
6. It was agreed that at our next meeting we would discuss the place of critical thinking and ethics in the USG system.
7. Robert Lane was elected chair of the committee.

Georgia Highlands College

Course proposal for PHIL 2020: Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking

1. The BOR Philosophy Advisory Committee requires that schools with a philosophy major require 6 hours of philosophy in Area F. Georgia Highlands College requires (and for that matter, offers) 3. Adding PHIL 2020 would put Georgia Highlands College in compliance.
2. Given the critical-thinking-centered focus of the new USG Core Curriculum, a course in Critical Thinking taught by Philosophy Faculty (as at other USG institutions) will give Georgia Highlands College additional flexibility in revamping its core and meeting the charge of the USG.
3. Adding PHIL 2020 will enable GHC to attract more students into a major in Philosophy. The current requirement of RELI 1116 to the Philosophy major is detrimental to that end because of the disconnect between the disciplines of philosophy and religious studies, as well as the fact that RELI 1116 is not currently offered at the Floyd Campus and that the course has been intermittently offered at other campuses in previous academic years.
4. Offering PHIL 2020 will place GHC in line with the course offerings of similar associate-degree granting USG institutions which offer courses in Philosophy, such as Georgia Perimeter College and Atlanta Metropolitan College.

Proposed Course Description

Prerequisite: Exit or exemption from READ 0099 and/or MATH 0097 courses. This course provides development of symbolic and nonsymbolic logical skills, with emphasis on argument construction and evaluation. Definitions, formal and informal fallacies, and deductive and inductive reasoning are covered. Additionally, categorical logic and truth-functional logic will be discussed for the purpose of determining the validity or invalidity of arguments as part of the discussion of deductive reasoning.

Proposed Credit Hours:

3/0/3

Student Learning Outcomes:

Adapted from the College Learning Assessment Project of the Council to Aid for Education

After completing PHIL 2020, students will be able to

1. recognize ways in which evidence may be limited or compromised;
2. recognize flaws in the reasoning of others, when present;
3. evaluate arguments as good/bad, valid/invalid, strong/weak;
4. recognize that a problem may have no clear answer or single solution;
5. logically organize arguments;
6. criticize or defend arguments as circumstances require;
7. articulate arguments in verbal or written form;

SLO's can be evaluated in traditional methods, such as pre/post tests or rubric-graded writing.

Placement of PHIL 2020 in the college curriculum:

It is difficult to foresee precisely how the new core for the college will develop. It will likely be along the same lines as the current core, so this proposal will be offered with this in mind

Area F for Philosophy majors, replacing RELI 1116, reserving the right to suggest further additions later.

Common Course Numbers and Area F Rules
[as of December 4, 2010]

Institution	Common Numbers Rules	Area F Rules
<p><i>[Committee member assigned to contact institution about needed changes]</i></p>	<p>3-hr Intro to phil type courses: PHIL 2010 3-hr CT type courses: PHIL 2020 3-hr intro to ethics type courses: PHIL 2030 3-hr phil of art type courses: PHIL 2040 3-hr symbolic logic courses: PHIL 2500 2-hr CT type courses: PHIL 1010</p>	<p>5-9 hours of APHIL@ courses</p>
<p>Armstrong Atlantic State University <i>Erik Nordenhaug</i></p>	<p>PHIL 2201: Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 2251: Introduction to Ethics and Contemporary Moral Philosophy Changes completed.</p>	<p>No Phil Area F offered. Will propose an Area F if BA is approved.</p>
<p>Atlanta Metropolitan College <i>George Rainbolt</i></p>	<p>PHIL 2201: Survey of Philosophy PHIL 2210: Logic and Critical Thinking Changes needed.</p>	<p>No Phil Area F offered.</p>
<p>Augusta State University <i>Jim Winchester</i></p>	<p>PHIL 1000: Introduction to Philosophy Changes needed.</p>	<p>No Phil Area F offered.</p>
<p>Clayton State University <i>Ron Jackson</i></p>	<p>CRIT 1000: Critical Thinking PHIL 2201: Introduction to World Philosophy PHIL 2601: Ethics in Historical/Contemporary Perspective PHIL 2401: Introduction to Aesthetics</p>	<p>No Phil Area F offered. (Is this right?)</p>

	<p>Changes needed.</p> <p>Changes approved by dept and sent to College Curric Com.</p>	
<p>College of Coastal Georgia</p> <p><i>Ari Santas</i></p>	<p>PHIL 2004: Introduction to Philosophy</p> <p>PHIL 2005: Introduction to Ethics</p> <p>Changes needed.</p>	No Phil Area F offered.
<p>Columbus State University</p> <p><i>Ron Jackson</i></p>	<p>PHIL 1105: Introduction to Philosophy</p> <p>PHIL 2115: Formal Logic</p> <p>PHIL 2135: Moral Philosophy</p> <p>PHIL 2106: Critical Thinking</p> <p>Changes completed.</p>	No Phil Area F offered.
<p>Dalton State College</p> <p><i>Larry Peck</i></p>	<p>PHIL 1101: Introduction to Philosophical Issues</p> <p>PHIL 1102: Logic and Critical Thinking</p> <p>PHIL 1103: Introduction to World Religions</p> <p>Changes needed.</p>	No changes needed.
<p>Darton College</p> <p><i>Ari Santas</i></p>	<p>PHIL 1101: Critical Thinking</p> <p>ETHI 1101: Issues in Ethics</p> <p>PHIL 2205: Introduction to Philosophy</p> <p>PHIL 2210: Ethics</p> <p>Changes needed.</p>	No changes needed.
<p>East Georgia College</p> <p><i>Ray Woller</i></p>	<p>PHIL 2101: Introduction to Philosophy</p> <p>Changes needed.</p>	No Phil Area F offered.
<p>Fort Valley State University</p> <p><i>Robert Lane</i></p>	<p>PHIL 2000: Introduction to Philosophy</p> <p>PHIL 2002: Ethics</p> <p>Changes needed.</p>	No Phil Area F offered.
Gainesville State	PHIL 1502: The Intellectual	

College <i>Douglas Ealey</i>	Foundations of Modern Science PHIL 2010: Great Questions of Philosophy PHIL 2020: Symbolic Logic and Critical Thinking PHIL 2030: Introduction to Western Political Thought PHIL 2040: Introduction to Ethical Theory Changes needed, in progress.	No changes needed.
Georgia College & State University <i>Jim Winchester</i>	PHIL 2200: Survey of Philosophy PHIL 2250: Logic and Critical Thinking Changes needed, in progress.	No changes needed.
Georgia Highlands College <i>Alan Nichols</i>	PHIL 1000: Introduction to Philosophy Changes completed.	Phil 1000, Reli 1116, 6 hours of Forl, 6 hours from list of 1000/2000 level courses. Changes completed.
Georgia Institute of Technology <i>Robert Lane</i>	PST 1101: Philosophical Analysis PST 2050: Philosophy and Political Theory PST 2068 : Science Values and Political Process Changes needed, in progress.	No Phil Area F offered.
Georgia Perimeter College <i>Larry Peck</i>	PHIL 1301: Survey of Philosophical Thought PHIL 2120: Introduction to Ethics PHIL 2641: Logic and Critical Thinking Changes completed.	No changes needed.
Georgia Southern University <i>Ron Jackson</i>	PHIL 1030: Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 2232: Critical Thinking PHIL 3333: Introduction to Ethics	Hlth 1520, FYE 1220 Forl through 2002 and the balance of 18 hours from Anth, Art, Bio, Engl, Hist, Ints, Phys, Pols, Rels, or Soci

	Changes needed.	Changes needed.
Georgia Southwestern State University <i>Ron Jackson</i>	PHIL 1001: Introduction to Philosophy Changes needed.	No Phil Area F offered.
Georgia State University <i>George Rainbolt</i>	No changes needed.	Phil 2010, 1002 of a Forl, 12 hours from a list of courses. Changes completed.
Gordon College	No changes needed.	No Phil Area F offered.
Kennesaw State University <i>Jim Winchester</i>	PHIL 2200: Ways of Knowing PHIL 3301: Introduction to Ethics Changes needed.	No Phil Area F offered. (Is this correct?)
Middle Georgia College <i>Larry Peck</i>	PHIL 2201: Survey of Philosophy Changes needed.	No Phil Area F offered.
North Georgia College & State University <i>Bob Lane</i>	PHIL 1001: Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 2200: Ethics from a Global Perspective Changes needed.	No Phil Area F offered.
Savannah State University <i>Erik Nordenhaug</i>	HUMN 1201: Critical Thinking RPHS 2101: Intro to Phil RPHS 2241: Ethics Changes needed.	No Phil Area F offered.
South Georgia College <i>Erik Nordenhaug</i>	PHIL 1104: Introduction to Philosophy Changes needed.	Phil 1104, 6 hours of Forl, 9 hours from the core. Changes needed.
University of Georgia	PHIL 1000: Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 1500: Logic and Critical Thinking PHIL 2200: Introduction to	No changes needed.

	Ethics PHIL 2400: Philosophy, Science and Nature PHIL 2500: Symbolic Logic Changes completed.	
University of West Georgia	PHIL 1001: Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 2100: Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 2110: Critical Thinking PHIL 2120: Introduction to Ethics PHIL 2130: Introduction to World Religions Changes completed.	No changes needed.
Valdosta State University	No changes needed.	No Phil Area F offered.
Waycross College	No changes needed.	No Phil Area F offered.

Institutions that offer no philosophy courses are omitted from the chart.