

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies is proposing a credit bearing certificate in Analytical Reasoning. The 15-credit certificate allows the department to contribute to fulfill a gap for students who arrive to the Philosophy and Religious Studies major late. It also promotes the university's mission to promote "critical insight" and the Liberal Education learning outcome of S2 for statistical and formal reasoning.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Certificate interests from students from a variety of majors.
2. Consideration of additional/alternative statistical course requirement (cognizant of pre-requisites for other statistical courses).
3. Viable alternative for students not wanting to minor in Philosophy and Religious Studies.
4. The department is flexible with "additional relevant courses" being considered for certificate completion.

Pros of Recommendation:

Students in any major can pursue the certificate. Certificate completion contributes to fulfilling liberal education learning outcomes.

Cons of Recommendation:

None

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee recommends approval of the credit bearing certificate in: Analytical Reasoning to be administered by the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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by a vote of 7 for to 0 against on March 17, 2020 (Date)

Recommends that:

The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies will offer a credit bearing certificate: Certificate in Analytical Reasoning starting with the 2020/21 AY.

Implementation Date: 20/21 catalog

Signed: _____
Chair of the Committee

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