

Western Connecticut State University
General Education Committee
2008-2009

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Meeting Time: First Friday of the month at 9:00 am. September 5, 2008, October 3, 2008, November 14 (**recently rescheduled**), 2008, December 5, 2008, February 6, 2009, March 13 (an exception), 2009, April 3, 2009, May 1, 2009.

Meeting Place: Haas Library 2nd floor conference room

Agenda

Friday November 14, 2008

Recording: O'Neill

- I. Meeting with Dr. Rinker regarding support for the FYE program (8:00 am to 9:00 am)
- II. Minutes of May 2 meeting
- III. Minutes of October 3 meeting
- IV. Input from community (15 minutes)
- V. Old business
 - a) Update on FYE
 - b) Update on assessment of General Education curriculum
 - c) Inside Higher Ed article on Gen Ed at Temple University
 - d) The Writing Requirement
 - e) NEEAN Forum on Gen Ed Assessment for Learning and Teaching
- VI. New business (will not begin earlier than 9:00 am)
 - a) Changes to American Studies and Elementary Ed/American Studies general education program sheets (Margaret Murray)
 - b) Changes to HPX "fitness for life" requirement (Jody Rajcula)
- VII. Adjourn (by 10:30)

VI.a.

General Education Change to B. A. American Studies and B.S. Elementary Education/American Studies Program Sheets

Modification #1

B.A. American Studies

One free elective will be removed

ENG 130 W: English Seminar will be entered for a General Education Requirement

Rationale: ENG 130W course is required of all English majors and minors as well as all English Education minors. The American Studies Program is both an English Major and a History Major. Therefore, it should be required.

Modification #2

B.S. Elementary Education/American Studies

Remove: /ENG 160, ENG 161 or ENG 200 Lit I, II, or III

Rationale: These courses no longer exist.

Add: ENG 130 W

Rationale: ENG 130W is required of all English majors and minors as well as all English Education minors. The American Studies Program is both an English Major and a History Major. Therefore, it should be required.

VI.b.

TO: Program Review Committee

FROM: Jody Rajcula, Chair, Health Promotion & Exercise Sciences

DATE: October 2, 2008

RE: Re-alignment of Physical Education activity courses

HPX is requesting the re-alignment of all physical activity courses into the 'Fitness for Life' module. The 'Fitness for Life' module includes a 1.0 credit lecture and a 1.0 lifetime activity course(yoga, tai chi, powerwalking, resistance training, aerobic dance, body sculpting etc) that runs an entire semester/term. All of these courses have the number of HPX 177.

Since Fitness for Life was approved in 2003, the courses have filled to capacity and student evaluations indicate it is well received. The traditional skill based courses(basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton, weight training, golf, softball and some dance classes) remained 'stand alone' courses. All of these courses have their own number, HPX xxx and vary from .5 to 1.0 credits.

In an effort to engage students on the benefits of all types of physical activity, to streamline our course offerings and clear up any confusion regarding what constitutes an 'activity class', the HPX department is asking that all activity courses be moved into the Fitness for Life module and carry the number of 177.

Students who already have some activity course credit, either by grandfathering or via transfer into the University, **may** be granted an exception from taking the lecture and lab components of HPX 177 concurrently. Student athletes will be waived from the activity portion of the course provided they have 1.0 credit through their sport. Current skill based activity courses will be enhanced from .5 to 1.0 credits, or will be combined with like skill courses.

**PROCEDURE FOR THE MODIFICATION* OF
THE UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE CURRICULUM**

PROPOSAL NAME: change all non HPX Fitness for Life activity classes to Fitness for Life

TO REVISE (CHECK ONE)

TO ESTABLISH/CHANGE (CHECK ONE)

MAJOR
 OPTION

NEW COURSE
 COURSE TITLE
 MINOR
 COURSE PREREQUISITE(S)
 COURSE LABEL

COURSE LEVEL
 COURSE OUTLINE
 COURSE DESCRIPTION
 OTHER(change all non FFL activity classes to FFL and list as separate sections)

1. DEPARTMENT APPROVAL (Chair(s) signature)
_____ Date _____ 200_

2. The following affected departments have been notified of the proposal (attach copy) (Chair(s) signature)
_____ Date _____ 200_

3. SCHOOL CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (Chair(s) signature)
Approval _____ Date _____ 200_
Disapproval (reasons, comments or recommendations**) _____
_____ Date _____ 200_

4. GRADUATE COUNCIL (Chair(s) signature-when applicable)
Approval _____ Date _____ 200_
Disapproval (reasons, comments or recommendations**) _____
_____ Date _____ 200_

5. COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM & ACADEMIC STANDARDS (Chair(s) signature)
Approval _____ Date _____ 200_
Disapproval (reasons, comments or recommendations**) _____
_____ Date _____ 200_

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW
Approval _____ Date _____ 200_
Disapproval (reasons, comments or recommendations**) _____
_____ Date _____ 200_

NOTE: Undergraduate curriculum requests are to be sent to the Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Academic Standards. Graduate curriculum requests are to be sent to the Graduate Council.

**CIP number exists and/or additional equipment and/or staffing is not required. **Use additional page(s) if necessary.* WCSU FH SUPPLEMENT II 98 August, 2003 98 Rev. 8/

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Health Promotion and Exercise Sciences Department**

Proposal: change course numbers below to 177 and list as separate activity sections under Fitness For Life

Current Course numbers, Titles and credits:

HPX 110 WEIGHT TRAINING .5
HPX 114 BASKETBALL .5
HPX 116 SOFTBALL .5

HPX 118	VOLLEYBALL I	.5
HPX 120	SOCCER	.5
HPX 218	VOLLEYBALL II	.5
HPX 123	BADMINTON	.5
HPX 126	GOLF I	.5
HPX 129	SWIMMING	.5
HPX 131	YOGA	.5
HPX 134	TENNIS I	.5
HPX 136	HIKING & BACKPACKING	.5
HPX 142	TAI CHI	.5
HPX 158	BALLROOM DANCE	.5
HPX 159	FITNESS THRU DANCE	.5
HPX 170	BALLET FOR BEGINNERS	1.0
HPX 171	MODERN JAZZ	1.0
HPX 172	INTRO MODERN DANCE	1.0
HPX 174	SQUARE DANCE I	.5
HPX 218	VOLLEYBALL II	.5
HPX 223	BADMINTON II	.5
HPX 231	YOGA II	.5
HPX 234	TENNIS II	.5

Proposed courses, titles: HPX 177 Fitness for Life (all courses listed above will become 1.0 activity courses and listed as separate activity sections under HPX 177 Fitness For Life)

Semester hour credit: 2.0(1.0 credit of FFL Lecture; 1.0 credit of FFL Activity)

Rational for Change: In an effort to engage students on the benefits of all types of physical activity, to streamline our course offerings and clear up any confusion regarding what constitutes an ‘activity class’.

Current Course Description: We are not changing any course descriptions

Proposed Course Description: We are not changing any course descriptions

Proposed Course Topical Outline: N/A

Time provision: fall 2009

Standard grading: yes

1. **RESOURCE NEEDS**

N/A

2. **IMPLEMENTATION TIME SCHEDULE**

fall 2009

3. **HOW DOES PROGRAM (NEW/MAJOR MODIFICATIONS TO A PROGRAM) MEET THE UNIVERSITY’S STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS?**

Goal 1: Outstanding Faculty – Retain and attract outstanding faculty who excel in their subject area and discipline and are committed to excellence in teaching, ensuring student success and fostering a diverse academic community.

1.4 Support and promote quality academic advising as an attribute of outstanding faculty, especially as related to ensuring student success.

With the current structure and course numberings in HPX, students and advisors become confused as to what constitutes an ‘activity’ class. Changing the structure and having only one course to fulfill the general education physical activity requirement will avoid confusion, delays and allow all students to graduate in a timely manner.

**PROCEDURE FOR THE MODIFICATION* OF
THE UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE CURRICULUM**

PROPOSAL NAME: change **all** University program sheets to reflect the one option to fulfill the physical activity general education requirement ; change the name of the department from 'Physical Education' to 'Health Promotion & Exercise Sciences'

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TO ESTABLISH/CHANGE (CHECK ONE)

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 OPTION

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Health Promotion and Exercise Sciences Department

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Course number: HPX 177

Course title: Fitness for Life

Semester hour credit: 2.0

Rational for Change: All university program sheets currently list two ways for students to complete their physical activity general education requirement: take HPX 177 for 2.0 credits or take a combination of .5 or 1.0 activity courses to total 2.0 credits.(these are listed on the program sheet with four separate spaces) With all activity courses having the same number(177) there is no longer the need for the four separate spaces. Also, the Physical Education Department does not exist anymore; therefore the label of Health Promotion & Exercise Sciences should be used.

Current Course Description: N/A

Proposed Course Description: N/A

Proposed Course Topical Outline: N/A

Time provision: fall 2009

Standard grading: N/A

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fall 2009

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