

**School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Curriculum Committee
Summary of Activities, Fall 2014**

Committee members: Ashley Borders (Psychology faculty, Committee Curriculum Chair), Mindy McMann (English faculty), Regina Morin, (WLC faculty), Holly Didi-Ogrien (WLC faculty), Holly Haynes (Philosophy faculty), Michael Marino (History faculty), Dan Bowen (Political Science faculty), Emily Reyes (Political Science student), Christopher Minitelli (History student), Rosa Zagari-Marinzoli (Assistant Dean of HSS, non-voting *ex officio* member), Cecilia Colbeth, Diane Minger

1. **PSY215-Social Psychology** (new course) – The Psychology Department has foundation courses that cover the various sub-disciplines of psychology, except for social psychology. There are various 300-level seminar courses on social psychology but no foundation (200-level) course. PSY 215 is a survey course that introduces students to the major concepts and research in social psychology.
Course approved by committee.
2. **RUS423-Oral History Research Project** (new course) – Students in RUS423 will engage in deep conversation with native speakers of Russian in the greater community. Students will meet with their interview subject for an assigned number of hours (for variable credit) and conduct interviews in which they ask questions about the life experiences of the interview subject. On the basis of the interviews, students will create a bilingual memoir of the interview subject and a bilingual multimedia project.
Course approved by committee.
3. **Revised Minor in Italian Studies** – The Department of World Languages and Cultures is proposing to modify the existing minor in Italian to follow the model of the Russian Studies Minor, with the goal of attracting more students to the minor and taking advantage of already-existing courses. The revised minor in Italian Studies will include additional courses in Italian literature, film, art, history, and society (some of which may be taught in English).
Committee not ready to approve. Returned to department for revisions.
4. **Revised Minor in German Studies** – The Department of World Languages and Cultures is proposing to modify the existing minor in German to follow the model of the Russian Studies Minor, with the goal of attracting more students to the minor and taking advantage of already-existing courses. The revised minor in German Studies will include additional courses in German literature, film, art, history, and society (some of which may be taught in English).
Committee not ready to approve. Returned to department for revisions.