

Minor Change to Existing Program Proposal Form

Deadline

FWS 19-20 June 1, 2018

Prior to completing this form, proponents are asked to consult Kathryn Doyle, Faculty Curriculum Manager, doyleka@yorku.ca, for definitions of major versus minor modifications

Departmental Curriculum Approval

The Committee on Curriculum, Curricular Policy and Standards will not consider new course proposals that has not received department-level curriculum approval.

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Minor Change Description

1. What is the proposed change?
2. How does this change affect the program?

We would like to make AP/PHIL 2240 a core course for the Cognitive Science Program (major). So far it is only in the list of optional courses the students can take.

Academic Rationale

1. How does this change clarify requirements or options for students?
2. How does this change contribute to program identity or coherence?
3. How does the change affect the program's effectiveness at preparing students to meet the program learning outcomes?

We currently have no required introductory Philosophy of Mind course as a requirement for Cognitive Science majors. However, we have several required courses at the 3000 level, Phil 3260, and Phil 3750 as well as among the optional courses Phil 3265 and Phil 3635. For the mentioned courses the skills and knowledge taught in Phil 2240 are important as background. In these higher courses, we noticed a deficiency in philosophical skills and knowledge about Philosophy of Mind contents. This is in part because right now these courses have as prerequisites Phil 2240 or COGS/PHIL 2160. COGS/PHIL 2160 is a core course in Cognitive Science Program; as a result most Cognitive Science students do not take Phil 2240.

The proposed change is going to help to improve the program's effectiveness and coherence by introducing Phil 2240 as an introduction that all major students have taken before they enroll in Phil 3260 and Phil 3750, as well as Phil 3265, and Phil 3635. By further scaffolding the curriculum, introducing PHIL 2240 as a core course will therefore strengthen students' ability to meet the following program learning outcomes for Cognitive Science: present the philosophical positions about the nature of the mind, engage in theoretical or empirical research aimed at discovering aspects of the mind, integrate research from psychology, philosophy, computer science, linguistics, and neuroscience, engage in critical analysis of empirical and theoretical claims about the nature of the mind, and articulate theories about the nature of the mind.

Calendar Copy

Use course information from the current Academic Calendar. Denote additions in **[bold, blue, underlined](#)** type and deletions with a ~~strikethrough~~ in the left column.

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B. Students must complete 6 credits chosen from the following:			AP/COGS 4750	6.0	Honours Thesis in Cognitive Science OR
			AP/COGS 4901	6.0	Honours Seminar (but not both)
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LE/EECS 2030	3.0	Advanced Object Oriented Programming	LE/EECS 2001	3.0	Introduction to the Theory of Computation
AP/ITEC 1000	3.0	Introduction to Information Technologies	LE/EECS 2030	3.0	Advanced Object Oriented Programming
AP/ITEC 1010	3.0	Information and Organizations	AP/ITEC 1000	3.0	Introduction to Information Technologies
AP/LING 2120	3.0	Fundamentals of Phonological Analysis	AP/ITEC 1010	3.0	Information and Organizations
AP/LING 2130	3.0	Fundamentals of Morphological Analysis	AP/LING 2120	3.0	Fundamentals of Phonological Analysis
AP/LING 2140	3.0	Fundamentals of Grammatical Analysis	AP/LING 2130	3.0	Fundamentals of Morphological Analysis
AP/PHIL 2100	3.0	Introduction to Logic	AP/LING 2140	3.0	Fundamentals of Grammatical Analysis
AP/PHIL 2240	3.0	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind	AP/PHIL 2100	3.0	Introduction to Logic
HH/PSYC 2020	6.0	Statistical Methods I and II	AP/PHIL 2240	3.0	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind
HH/PSYC 2021	3.0	Statistical Methods I	HH/PSYC 2020	6.0	Statistical Methods I and II
HH/PSYC 2030	3.0	Introduction to Research Methods	HH/PSYC 2021	3.0	Statistical Methods I
			HH/PSYC 2030	3.0	Introduction to Research Methods

Course Information

New Courses

List any new courses that will be created as a result of the proposed program change. Include the rubric, number, credits and title:

none

Submit a New Course Proposal form for each course along with this CEP.

Existing Courses

List any existing courses that will be revised as a result of the proposed program change. Include the rubric number, credits and title:

n/a

Submit a Change to Existing Course Proposal Form for each course along with this CEP.