

MINUTES
General Faculty Meeting
October 8, 2024 – 3:45 pm, Chapman Auditorium

- I. Meeting was called to Order by Chair O’Kelley at 3:45 PM**
- II. Minutes from the April 2, 2024 meeting were approved as posted**
- III. Elections**

Senate (2025) – at large; Ginger Bryngelson—Physics
Academic Affairs Committee (2026) – at large; Michele Norman—Speech Pathology
Faculty Grievance (2027) Damon Scott—Mathematics
Graduate Council (2026) – School of Education –Karen Fries
Mediation (2025) Jesse Sargent—Psychology
Nominating (2026) Jessica Reichmuth—Biology
PEAK (2026) – School of Health Sciences – Jeff Bolles—Healthcare Administration

IV. Report from the Executive Committee

Josh Palmer, a journalism student, is visiting with us today doing research for a paper for his class “Reporting Public Affairs.” The Executive Committee would also like to recognize Dr. Shawn Smolen-Morton. This year Dr. Smolen-Morton stepped down from duties as Parliamentarian to take on the job of chair of the new Modern Languages Department. Dr. Smolen-Morton faithfully served as Parliamentarian for 12 years under three faculty chairs. During that time, his guidance and wisdom were invaluable and we are grateful for his service to faculty governance. Dr. Lauren Perez, an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science and Geography, has agreed to take on the role and we appreciate her willingness to serve.

V. Report from the Faculty Senate (*See the attachment for complete proposals. See the appendix for supporting materials.*)

1. Proposal from the Department of English and Philosophy – *All items passed as written.*

- A. Modify ENGL 261
- B. Modify ENGL 262
- C. Add ENGL 263
- D. Add ENGL 264
- E. Modify Major in English course listings
- F. Modify Teacher Licensure Option course listings

2. Proposal from the Department of Chemistry - *All items passed as written.*

- A. Modify Chemistry Major requirements
- B. Modify Forensic Science Option in Chemistry requirements
- C. Modify Pre-Pharmacy Option in Chemistry requirements

VI. Old Business - None

VII. New Business - None

VIII. Announcements – Various events and activities were discussed.

IX. Meeting was adjourned by Chair O’Kelley at 4:12 PM.

Attachment to the General Faculty Meeting Agenda – October 8, 2024

V. Report from the Faculty Senate

1. Proposal from the Department of English and Philosophy

A. **MODIFY:** ENGL 261 in the 2024-2025 print catalog (page 88 of current catalog)*:

FROM:

261 Survey of British Literature (3) (Prerequisite: 102 with a grade of C or higher.) Surveys British Literature covering major authors, periods, and key texts from the 9th through the 21st centuries; provides an introductory foundation for further study.

TO:

261 Early British Literature Survey (3) (Prerequisite: 102 with a grade of C or higher.) Surveys British Literature covering major authors, periods, and key texts from the 9th century to 1785; provides an introductory foundation for further study.

*The wording in FROM language was approved in an earlier governance cycle this year; thus, it does not appear in the 2023-2024 paper catalog.

B. **MODIFY:** ENGL 262 in the 2024-2025 print catalog (page 88 of current catalog)*:

FROM:

262 Survey of American Literature (3) (Prerequisite: 102 with a grade of C or higher.) Surveys American Literature covering major authors, periods, and key texts from the 16th through the 21st centuries; provides an introductory foundation for further study.

TO:

262 Early American Literature Survey (3) (Prerequisite: 102 with a grade of C or higher.) Surveys American Literature covering major authors, periods, and key texts from the 16th century to 1865; provides an introductory foundation for further study.

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C. **ADD:** ENGL 263 on page 88 of the current catalog:

263 Late British Literature Survey (3) (Prerequisite: 102 with a grade of C or higher.) Surveys British Literature covering major authors, periods, and key texts from the 1785 to the present; provides an introductory foundation for further study.

D. **ADD:** ENGL264 on page 88 of the current catalog:

264 Late American Literature Survey (3) (Prerequisite: 102 with a grade of C or higher.) Surveys American Literature covering major authors, periods, and key texts from 1865 to the present; provides an introductory foundation for further study.

RATIONALE for A-D:

The original proposal approved by the department in fall 2023 was to offer four surveys, one early and one late for each tradition. This division allows for more in-depth coverage and follows the standard practice in the discipline. For British literature, 1785 marks the beginning of Romanticism. For American literature, 1865 marks the end of the Civil War and Romanticism. Therefore, we are proposing the modification of 261 and 262 and the addition of 263 and 264.

E. **MODIFY** the Major in English on page 84 of the current catalog*:

FROM:

MAJOR

A major in English requires students to select either the Liberal Arts Program, the Professional Writing Program, or the Teacher Licensure Option:

- a) **LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM:** 34 hours above 259
 - a. 13 hours of English requirements:
 - ENGL 261 Survey of British Literature (3)
 - ENGL 262 Survey of American Literature (3)
 - ENGL 361 Shakespeare (3)
 - One World Literature Course (ENGL 362, 363, or 364) (3)
 - ENGL 496 English Capstone Experience (1)
 - b. 21 hours of electives in the English Major above the 259 level
 - Two literature courses at the 400 level
 - Three literature courses at the 300 level
 - One of these courses may be counted towards the English Major:
 - ENGL 250G, 251, or 252
 - c. 12 hours of free electives

TO:

MAJOR

A major in English requires students to select either the Liberal Arts Program, the Professional Writing Program, or the Teacher Licensure Option:

- a) **LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM:** 34 hours above 259
 - a. 13 hours of English requirements:
 - ENGL 261 OR ENGL 263 British Literature survey (3)
 - ENGL 262 OR ENGL 264 American Literature survey (3)
 - ENGL 361 Shakespeare (3)
 - One World Literature Course (ENGL 362, 363, or 364) (3)
 - ENGL 496 English Capstone Experience (1)
 - b. 21 hours of electives in the English Major above the 259 level
 - Two literature courses at the 400 level
 - Three literature courses at the 300 level
 - One of these courses may be counted towards the English Major:
 - ENGL 250G, 251, or 252
 - c. 12 hours of free electives

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RATIONALE for E:

This modification incorporates the split of the American and British survey courses.

F. **MODIFY** under c) **TEACHER LICENSURE OPTION** on page 85, the second column of the current catalog*:

FROM:

English Course Requirements: 34 hours above 259

English 261 Survey of British Literature	3
English 262 Survey of American Literature	3
English 306 Development of Modern English	3
English 310 Modern English Grammar	3
English 316 Literature for Young Adults	3
English 340 Theories of Writing	3
English 361 Shakespeare	3
English 496 English Capstone Experience	1
British Literature Elective	3
American Literature Elective	3
World Literature Elective	3
Additional literature Elective	3

1. At least one literature course (in addition to English 496) must be at the 400 level.
2. Not more than one of these courses may be counted: ENGL 250 250G, 251, or 252.
3. No minor/collateral requirements.
4. Completion of 9 hours of foreign language courses, including MOLA 100 and SPAN 101 and 102 or FNCH 101 and 102.

TO:

English Course Requirements: 34 hours above 259

English 261 OR English 263 British Literature survey	3
English 262 OR English 264 American Literature survey	3
English 306 Development of Modern English	3
English 310 Modern English Grammar	3
English 316 Literature for Young Adults	3
English 340 Theories of Writing	3
English 361 Shakespeare	3

English 496 English Capstone Experience	1
British Literature Elective	3
American Literature Elective	3
World Literature Elective	3
Additional literature Elective	3

1. At least one literature course (in addition to English 496) must be at the 400 level.
2. Not more than one of these courses may be counted: ENGL 250 250G, 251, or 252.
3. No minor/collateral requirements.
4. Completion of 9 hours of foreign language courses, including MOLA 100 and SPAN 101 and 102 or FNCH 101 and 102.

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RATIONALE for F:

This modification incorporates the split of the American and British surveys.

2. Proposal from the Department of Chemistry

- A. **MODIFY** on page 80 of the current catalog the course options under chemistry and other requirements for a traditional **Chemistry Major**

FROM:

Major

General Education Requirements	48-50 hours
Communications	9-10 hours
English 101 (or English 101E/L), 102.....	6 or 7
Speech Communications 101	3
Social Sciences	9 hours
Political Science 101 or 103	3
Social Science Electives (2)	6
Humanities	12 hours
Literature	3
History	3
Art 101, Music 101, or Theater 101	3
Humanities Elective	3
Mathematics	6-7 hours
Mathematics 111 or 111E/L, 132 or higher	6 or 7
Natural Sciences	12 hours
Biology	4
Chemistry 111/111L	4
Chemistry 112/112L	4

Chemistry Requirements	28 hours
Chemistry 201	4
Chemistry 202	4
Chemistry 203	4
Chemistry 301	4
Chemistry 302	4
Chemistry 303	4
Chemistry 402	3
Chemistry 499	1
Other Requirements	17 hours
Mathematics 201	3
Mathematics 202	3
Mathematics 203, 301, 304 or 306	3
Physics 201	4
Physics 202	4
Minor/Collateral & Free Electives	25-27 hours
Minimum Hours Required for Graduation	120 hours

TO:

Major

General Education Requirements	48-50 hours
Communications	9-10 hours
English 101 (or English 101E/L), 102	6 or 7
Speech Communications 101	3
Social Sciences	9 hours
Political Science 101 or 103	3
Social Science Electives (2)	6
Humanities	12 hours
Literature	3
History	3
Art 101, Music 101, or Theater 101	3
Humanities Elective	3
Mathematics	6-7 hours
Mathematics 111 or 111E/L, 132 or higher	6 or 7
Natural Sciences	12 hours
Biology	4
Chemistry 111/111L	4
Chemistry 112/112L	4
Chemistry Requirements	28 hours
Chemistry 201	4
Chemistry 202	4
Chemistry 203	4

Chemistry 301	4
Chemistry 302, 403, 404, 405, 407, 408, 497, 498*	4
Chemistry 303 or 313.....	4
Chemistry 402	3
Chemistry 499	1

*A minimum of four hours must be selected from the courses listed.

Other Requirements	17 hours
Mathematics 201	3
Mathematics 202	3
Mathematics 203, 301, 304, 306, 310, or 312.....	3
Physics 201	4
Physics 202	4
Minor/Collateral & Free Electives	25-27 hours
Minimum Hours Required for Graduation	120 hours

Rationale: These changes increase the flexibility of courses that can be taken to complete a traditional Chemistry major. As currently written, the courses allowed for a major are restrictive and would exclude the likelihood that students would take several other suitable upper-level chemistry courses, most of which offered for the ACS certified degree. This added flexibility should benefit both the department and the students. Due to the small number of chemistry majors, this will allow course substitutions particularly in the event that a course currently required can't be offered due to low enrollment or is only offered every other year. Appropriate options for upper-level Math courses have also been added as the additional courses would also provide more flexibility for the Chemistry degree math requirements.

The first modification gives the student the choice of taking Chem 302 (Physical Chemistry II, 4 hrs) or some combination of the following upper level courses to obtain the needed minimum of 4 credit hours: Chem 403 (Advanced Synthesis & Characterization, 2 hrs), Chem 404 (Biochemistry, 3 hrs), Chem 405 (Advanced Organic, 3 hrs), Chem 407 (Intro to Polymer Science, 3 hrs), Chem 408 (Biochemistry II, 3 hrs), Chem 497 (Special Studies, 1 hr), and Chem 498 (Chemistry Internship, 1hr).

The second modification gives the student the choice of taking Chem 303 (Instrumental Analysis) or Chem 313 (Environmental Chemistry). Both of these courses rely heavily on the use of instrumentation to identify and measure analytes. This will also help the department because it is unlikely that we will be able to offer both courses in the same year.

The third modification includes Math 310 (Mathematical Models & Applications) and Math 312 (Probability & Statistics for Science & Math) as additional options to complete the math requirements for the Chemistry degree.

These changes do not change any minimum hour requirements for the major.

B. MODIFY on page 81 of the current catalog the course options under the **Forensic Science Option in Chemistry**

FROM:

Forensic Science Option in Chemistry

General Education Requirements	48-49 hours
Communications	9-10 hours
English 101 (or English 101E/L)	3 or 4
English 102	3
Speech Communications 101	3
Social Sciences	9 hours
Political Science 101 or 103	3
Political Science 230	3
Sociology 201	3
Humanities	12 hours
Literature	3
History	3
Art 101, Music 101, or Theater 101	3
Humanities Elective	3
Mathematics	6 hours
Mathematics 132 or 137 or higher	3
Mathematics 134	3
Natural Sciences	12 hours
Biology 105 and 115 or 107	4
Biology 106 or 108	4
Chemistry 111 and 111L	4
Forensic Science Curriculum	38 hours
Chemistry 404	3
Chemistry 497 (Research in Forensics)	1
Chemistry 204 (Essential Forensic Chemistry)	4
Sociology 341 (Criminology)	3
Sociology Course selected FROM 342, 343, 344, or 347	3
Political Science Course selected FROM 206, 330, or 331	3
Physics 201 and 202	8
Mathematics 201	3
Mathematics 202	3
Mathematics 203	3
Biology 205	4
Chemistry Requirements	28 hours
Chemistry 112 and 112L	4
Chemistry 201	4
Chemistry 202	4
Chemistry 203	4
Chemistry 301	4
Chemistry 303	4

Chemistry 499	1
Upper-level Chemistry: One course from 300 or 400-level	
Chemistry 302, 313, 402, 405, 407, or 408	3 or 4
Free Electives	6 hours
Total Hours Required for Graduation	120 - 122 hours

TO:

Forensic Science Option in Chemistry

General Education Requirements	48-49 hours
Communications	9-10 hours
English 101 (or English 101E/L)	3 or 4
English 102	3
Speech Communications 101	3
Social Sciences	9 hours
Political Science 101 or 103	3
Political Science 230	3
Sociology 201	3
Humanities	12 hours
Literature	3
History	3
Art 101, Music 101, or Theater 101	3
Humanities Elective	3
Mathematics	6 hours
Mathematics 132 or 137 or higher	3
Mathematics 134	3
Natural Sciences	12 hours
Biology 105 and 115 or 107	4
Biology 106 or 108	4
Chemistry 111 and 111L	4
Forensic Science Curriculum	38 hours
Chemistry 404	3
Chemistry 497 (Research in Forensics)	1
Chemistry 204 (Essential Forensic Chemistry)	4
Sociology 210 (Introduction to Crime Studies)	3
Sociology Course selected FROM 341, 342, 343, 344, or 347	3
Political Science Course selected FROM 206, 346, or 347	3
Physics 201 and 202	8
Mathematics 201	3
Mathematics 202	3
Mathematics 203, 301, 304, 306, 310, or 312	3
Biology 205	4
Chemistry Requirements	28 hours

Chemistry 112 and 112L	4
Chemistry 201	4
Chemistry 202	4
Chemistry 203	4
Chemistry 301	4
Chemistry 303 or 313	4
Chemistry 499	1
Upper-level Chemistry: One course from 300 or 400-level	
Chemistry 302, 402, 403, 405, 407, 408, 497, 498*	3 or 4
*A minimum of 3 hours must be selected from these courses.	

Free Electives 6 hours

Total Hours Required for Graduation 120 - 122 hours

Rationale: These changes increase the flexibility of courses that can be taken to complete the Forensic Science Option in Chemistry. As currently written, the chemistry courses allowed for this option are restrictive and would exclude the likelihood that students would take several other suitable upper-level chemistry courses most of which offered for the ACS certified degree. This added flexibility should benefit both the department and the students. Due to the small number of chemistry majors, this will allow course substitutions particularly in the event that a course currently required can't be offered due to low enrollment or is only offered every other year. Appropriate options for upper-level Math courses have also been added as the additional courses would also provide more flexibility for the Forensic Option math requirements. Changes in the Sociology and Political Science courses reflect changes made in those departments.

The first modification changes Sociology 341(Criminology) to Sociology 210 (Introduction to Crime Studies). The Department of Sociology is updating the course content of Sociology 341 as a result of the creation of Sociology 210 for the new Criminal Justice degree. Based on those changes, the lower-level course (Sociology 210) will provide the relevant content for those in the Forensic Science Option in Chemistry. These changes are being made in consultation with the Sociology Department.

The second modification moves Sociology 341 to be included as an option for the second required Sociology course.

The third modification changes the course numbers for Political Science 330 or 331 to Political Science 346 (Criminal Justice and Public Policy) or 347 (Politics of Crime and Justice). Political Science 330 and 331 are no longer listed in the course catalog and were replaced with 346 and 347.

The fourth modification gives additional options to complete the math requirements with the addition of four 300-level math courses rather than just Math 203. These include Math 301 (Ordinary Differential Equations), Math 304 (Linear Algebra), Math 306 (Multivariable Calculus), Math 310 (Mathematical Models & Applications) and Math 312 (Probability & Statistics for Science & Mathematics).

The fifth modification gives the student the choice of taking Chem 303 (Instrumental Analysis) or Chem 313 (Environmental Chemistry). Both of these courses rely heavily on the use of instrumentation to identify and measure analytes. This will also help the department because it is unlikely that we will be able to offer both courses in the same year.

The sixth modification gives additional options for the upper-level chemistry credits under the chemistry requirements. The added courses are Chem 403 (Advanced Synthesis & Characterization, 2 hrs), Chem 497 (Special Studies, 1 hr) and Chem 498 (Chemistry Internship, 1hr). A minimum of 3 credit hours are required. Chem 313 is removed from this list because of the fifth modification.

These changes do not change any minimum hour requirements for the major.

C. **MODIFY**, on page 81 and 82 of the current catalog, the course options for the **Pre-Pharmacy Option in Chemistry**

FROM:

Pre-Pharmacy Option in Chemistry

General Education Requirements	48/49 hours
Communications	9/10 hours
English 101 (or English 101E/L), 102.....	6/7
Speech Communications 101	3
Social Sciences	9 hours
Political Science 101 or 103	3
Economics 204	3
Social Science Elective	3
Humanities	12 hours
Literature 250	3
History	3
Art 101, Music 101, or Theater 101	3
Humanities Elective	3
Mathematics	6 hours
Mathematics 132 or 137	3
Mathematics 134	3
Natural Sciences	12 hours
Biology 105,115	4
Psychology 206, 216	4
Chemistry 111 and 111L	4
Pre-Pharmacy Requirements	48 hours
Chemistry 112 and 112L	4
Chemistry 201	4
Chemistry 202	4
Chemistry 404	3

Biology 106	4
Biology 205	4
Biology 406	4
Biology 215 or 311	4
Physics 201, 202	8
Mathematics 201	3
Mathematics 202	3
Mathematics 203	3
Chemistry Requirements	20 hours
Chemistry 203	4
Chemistry 301	4
Chemistry 302	4
Chemistry 303	4
Chemistry 402	3
Chemistry 499	1
Free Electives	4 hours
Total Hours Required for Graduation	120/121 hours

TO:

Pre-Pharmacy Option in Chemistry

General Education Requirements	48/49 hours
Communications	9/10 hours
English 101 (or English 101E/L), 102	6/7
Speech Communications 101	3
Social Sciences	9 hours
Political Science 101 or 103	3
Economics 204	3
Social Science Elective	3
Humanities	12 hours
Literature 250	3
History	3
Art 101, Music 101, or Theater 101	3
Humanities Elective	3
Mathematics	6 hours
Mathematics 132 or 137	3
Mathematics 134	3
Natural Sciences	12 hours
Biology 105,115	4
Psychology 206, 216	4
Chemistry 111 and 111L	4
Pre-Pharmacy Requirements	48 hours
Chemistry 112 and 112L	4
Chemistry 201	4

Chemistry 202	4
Chemistry 404	3
Biology 106	4
Biology 205	4
Biology 406	4
Biology 215 or 311	4
Physics 201, 202	8
Mathematics 201	3
Mathematics 202	3
Mathematics 203, 301, 304, 306, 310, or 312	3

Chemistry Requirements 20 hours

Chemistry 203	4
Chemistry 301	4
Chemistry 302, 403, 405, 407, 408, 497, 498*	4
Chemistry 303 or 313	4
Chemistry 402	3
Chemistry 499	1

*A minimum of 4 hours must be selected from these courses.

Free Electives 4 hours

Total Hours Required for Graduation 120/121 hours

Rationale: These changes increase the flexibility of courses that can be taken to complete a Pre-Pharmacy Option in Chemistry. As currently written, the courses allowed for the option are restrictive and would exclude the likelihood that students would take several other suitable upper-level chemistry courses most of which offered for the ACS certified degree. This added flexibility should benefit both the department and the students. Due to the small number of chemistry majors, this will allow course substitutions particularly in the event that a course currently required can't be offered due to low enrollment or is only offered every other year. Appropriate options for upper-level Math courses have also been added as the additional courses would also provide more flexibility for the math requirements for this option.

The first modification adds Math 310 (Mathematical Models & Applications) and Math 312 (Probability & Statistics for Science & Math) as additional options to complete the math requirements for the Pre-Pharmacy degree.

The second modification gives the student the choice of taking Chem 302 (Physical Chemistry II, 4 hrs) or some combination of the following upper level courses to obtain the needed minimum of 4 credit hours: Chem 403 (Advanced Synthesis & Characterization, 2 hrs), Chem 404 (Biochemistry, 3 hrs), Chem 405 (Advanced Organic, 3 hrs), Chem 407 (Intro to Polymer Science, 3 hrs), Chem 408 (Biochemistry II, 3 hrs), Chem 497 (Special Studies, 1 hr), and Chem 498 (Chemistry Internship, 1hr).

The third modification gives the student the choice of taking Chem 303 (Instrumental Analysis) or Chem 313 (Environmental Chemistry). Both of these courses rely heavily

on the use of instrumentation to identify and measure analytes. This will also help the department because it is unlikely that we will be able to offer both courses in the same year.

These changes do not change any minimum hour requirements for the major.