Faculty Approves ‘Flexible’ Humanities Curriculum; Departmental Changes, Incoming Professors Listed

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The first major revision of Rice’s humanities curriculum since 1947 was approved Monday by the faculty on its first reading. It will allow a wider range of electives and much greater flexibility in course of study for incoming Academic students.

The new program is the substance of a report by the Humanities Curriculum Committee, appointed by Dean W. H. Masterson and composed of Dr. W. H. Nelson, Dr. Aubrey Williams, Dr. Donald Mackenzie, Dr. Konstantin Kolenda, and Dr. Gaston Rimlinger. A final reading on their recommendation is set for May.

The committee summarized their report as follows:

Curriculum Committee Report

The Committee proposes that the statement of academic curricular requirements in the catalogue changed to read as follows:

GROUP A—languages, English, history, classics, philosophy, humanities, architecture, fine arts.

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<td>B</td>
<td>economics and business administration, political science, sociology, education, psychology, and anthropology</td>
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ACADEMIC

First Year

(1) Mathematics 100 or 101
(2) Biology 100, Chemistry 120, or Physics 100

Students may elect to substitute either Humanities 100, 101, or 102 for either (1) or (2). However either (1) or (2) if not taken in the first year, must be taken in place of an elective in the second or third year.

(3) English 100 or advanced English
(4) Approved foreign language
(5) History 100 or 110 or advanced history
(6) Physical Training 100
(7) R.O.T.C., if elected

Second Year

(1) Mathematics, biology, chemistry, geology, or physics
(2) English, general literature, or philosophy
(3) Approved foreign language*
(4) Elective in Group B
(5) Elective in any group
(6) R.O.T.C., if elected

*Students certified as having attained a level of competence equivalent to completion of a third-year college course in a foreign language may choose an elective in any group.

NOTE: No second-year student may take more than two courses in any department of the university.

Third and Fourth Years

Academic majors are offered in anthropology, biology, classics, economics, business administration, English, French, German, history, mathematics, philosophy, psychology, and Romance languages. A major in biology or mathematics may be taken in either an academic or science curriculum.

Ten courses are required, including at least two in Group A and two in Group B. At least seven of the ten courses must be numbered 300 or higher. Not less than three or more than five of the third and fourth year courses and not more than six of the total courses offered in fulfillment of the degree requirements may fall within the student’s major field.

Explanation Of Program

While commenting favorably upon the efforts of the Mathematics Department to meet the needs of academic students, the committee doubted that the present courses are "entirely

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The third year science requirement was dropped. This change is the implementation of a one year of mathematics and two of laboratory science "in any combination of relevant subject matter to be determined by the student." The committee recommended retention of English 100 but suggested that graduate students who do not wish to take English 100 should take four courses in the humanities. New requirements for History and Electives in the second year have been adopted. This change is to make one course more elective, a social or behavioral science option.

Counseling is Emphasized

With such a wide range of electives, proper counseling is necessary to help the student decide definitely on their schedules. For this reason, no registration-by-mail will be allowed next year.

History and Anthropology

One new professor is scheduled to take a position in the Department of History, Dr. Frank Hole will return from an archaeological expedition in Iran to teach two courses: Anthropology 100, North American Prehistory, and Anthropology 200, New World Prehistory.

Arrangements in sociology are incomplete, Foreign Languages Department: A number of changes are planned in the Foreign Languages Department. Mr. James Heath will continue his work on the History of England at Kenyon. (Continued on Page 5)
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College, will teach Greek 100; courses in Latin on the 200 and 300 levels will also be offered, as will Classics 300.

Mr. Donald Tappan, who will receive his PhD. at Yale in June, will accept a position as Instructor in French. He will teach elementary courses and French 320 (the 17th Century).

A new professor, James Castaneda, will replace the retiring J. L. Battista in Spanish instruction, and Mr. George Skarginsky will share the duties in Russian 100 and 200 with the present professor, Andrew Jitkoff. Mr. Skarginsky, now at the University of Texas, has spent several years in United States Army work, instructing in conversational Russian.

Next year’s plans for the undergraduate German division are incomplete. Two courses in philology and literature will initiate the department’s first doctoral program.

No courses will be offered in Italian during 1961-62.

No changes are contemplated in the offerings of the Fine Arts Department, the Shepherd School of Music, or the Economics and Business Administration Department.

English and Philosophy Department plans were unavailable. They will be included in a later article.