

What's New in Advising 2011-12

Class of 2015 Catalog

Retention Alert

The big news for advisors is that the College has brought online a WebAdvisor feature for reporting academic poor performance and other concerns. It's called Retention Alert, and as with the old system, you will be able to post poor performance notices from your class roster. Also as with the old system, an e-mail will be sent directly to the student, folded into a message from us, with copies going to the faculty advisor, the deans' office, and, if the student is currently not in good academic standing, the assigned support staff person.

Retention Alert has four features the old system didn't have:

1. The "Find Student" feature allows you to tell us of a concern for a student who is not currently enrolled in one of your classes.
2. You may report a non-academic concern with an "Other Concerns" option that sends a message to the dean only, and not to the student.
3. A record of PPNs and "Other Concerns" posted by you will be kept for your review in "My Contributions to Cases"
4. "My To Do List" will give you access to all PPNs submitted for your advisees by their current faculty, and will reflect action taken by the dean's office. In this way, you will be able to track follow-up, and post your own efforts for other assigned support staff to see, avoiding duplication of effort.

Directions on how to use Retention Alert will be distributed on paper fliers, and via e-mail.

No New Majors or New Agreements this year.

New Concentration Music Major: Liturgical Music. Prepares students to serve as music ministers.

New Minor Medieval and Early Modern Studies (MEMS) Interdisciplinary Minor, Lance Lazar, director. This minor is listed with the other interdisciplinary programs of study in the catalog.

New Program 3:2 Engineering Program with Notre Dame, James Hauri, Program Director. Be aware that this program has very exact (and exacting) requirements. In order to complete in three years and move on to Notre Dame, students have NO electives. Advising will be done by Prof. Hauri and others involved in the program.

Changes to Existing Majors

English has done away with the two options (A and B) for covering the literary history portion of the majors, and all students will now be taking courses from among the literature surveys. English has also added ENG 219 Media Analysis to its Approaches course as a gateway requirement for all its majors, literature and WMC.

English Literature (12 courses total)

1. ENG 219 (WE) Gateway: Approaches to Media Analysis
2. ENG 220 (WE) Gateway: Approaches to Reading and Interpretation
3. ENG 221 Survey of British Literature I: Beginnings to the 18th Century
4. ENG 222 Survey of British Literature II: 19th Century to the Present
5. ENG 223 Survey of American Literature: Beginnings to the Present
6. One 200-300 level writing course (listing in catalog)
7. Major elective: one 300- level class in literature written before 1800
8. Major elective: at least one course in writing by historically under-represented groups, such as African-American, Latino or post-colonial writers, such as ENG 287 American Women of Color, ENG 379 Post-Colonial Literature, ENG 386 Native American Writing and Representation, or ENG 387 Survey of African-American Literature
9. Major elective
10. Major elective
11. Major elective
12. Capstone Senior Seminar ENG411-414

English Writing Mass Communication (12 courses total)

1. ENG 219 (WE) Gateway: Approaches to Media Analysis
2. ENG 220 (WE) Gateway: Approaches to Reading and Interpretation
3. ENG 202 Journalism
4. ENG223 Survey of American Literature Beginnings to the Present
5. ENG221 Survey of British Literature I **or** ENG222 Survey of British Literature II
6. 300-level additional literature course
7. Additional literature course, level open
8. Course from Journalism/Professional Writing listing (in catalog)
9. Course from Creative Writing listing (in catalog)
10. Course from Media Studies and Production listing (in catalog)
11. ENG415 WMC Senior Seminar
12. ENG420 WMC Internship

Theology now requires 10 rather than 9 courses. THE400 The Nature of Theology is no longer required, and has been replaced by a required “gateway” course, THE 275 Approaches in Theology.

Philosophy has increased the number of “history of philosophy” courses that majors will be required to take from 3 to 4, and decreased the number of required 200-level courses from 3 to 1, to give students more flexibility in designing their curriculum.

The Economics with a Concentration in Business major has omitted ECO260 Government in the American Economy from its major requirements, and has added ECO323 Labor Economics. Staffing shifts suggested this change.

PHI 318 Individual and Community Environmental Ethics is no longer an option for the Major in Environmental Science, as it's no longer offered.

Education concentrators now **MUST** complete TWO math courses: Math 114 or higher, and MAT 150 Numbers and Operations for Educators. The department also highly recommends MAT 151.

Changes to Minors

New course PHY 213 Introduction to Engineering Problem Solving can count in the Physics minor as an elective course. This is an important new course for the Notre Dame 3:2 Engineering program.

THE 275 Approaches in Theology will now be required of all Theology minors.

New courses

PHY 213 Introduction to Engineering Problem Solving. Course designed to acquaint students with a variety of engineering disciplines, as well as provide students with the basics of the engineering mindset: the ability to develop and resolve solutions to applied problems. A new offering that will support the 3:2 Program with Notre Dame.

THE 334 Worship and the Christian Community. Will be required for Music majors concentrating in new Liturgical Music Concentration. The nature of religious symbolism and the theological meaning of the sacraments.

ECO 215 Statistics II: stronger empirical treatment of the theory learned in ECO110, which will now be called ECO110 Statistics I.

SPA 318 Rebellion and Revolution in Mexico. This course focuses on literary and cultural texts of four key moments: Revolution of 1910, student movement of 1968, Zapatista rebellion of 1994, and current mass migration and drug wars.

SOC 295 Masculinities. Explores lives of men in the U.S.

Three new one-credit courses: MUS210, 310, 410 are Aural Skills Labs I, II, and III, to accompany the three Music Theory courses, MUS201, MUS301, and MUS401.

Introduction to Peace Studies has been approved for cross-listing in Philosophy. So PCS265 now can be listed as: ENG265, HIS265, HRS265, THE265, and PHI265.

Changes to Existing Courses

GEO252 has changed its name from "Land Use Geography and Planning Law," to "Introduction to Land Use Policy," to better reflect its course content.

EDU 201 Schools and Society has changed its name to Schools in American Society, to better reflect State Department of Education regulations. Course still counts as a social science in the general education requirements. EDU201 is now a pre-requisite for EDU220, EDU240, though it's ok to take them concurrently.

The following Education Pre-Practica are now 1-credit courses. Students register for these as companion to the main course (designation without "F"):

- EDU232F Pre-Practicum: History and Social Science in the Elementary Curriculum
- EDU324F Pre-Practicum: Mathematics in the Elementary Curriculum
- EDU330F Pre-Practicum: The Middle School Concept and Curriculum
- EDU342F Pre-Practicum: Curriculum and Methods in English
- EDU344F Pre-Practicum: Curriculum and Methods in History and Social Science
- EDU345F Pre-Practicum: Curriculum and Methods in Mathematics
- EDU346F Pre-Practicum: Curriculum and Methods in Science and Technology
- EDU347F Pre-Practicum: Curriculum and Methods in Visual Art

WMS 385 Women of the World has been approved to be cross-designated as history. So you may see HIS 385: Women of the World.

New Policy This year's graduating class, the Class of 2012, is the first to come under the revised requirements for graduation Latin Honors, put in place in 2008:

	Old	New
Cum laude	3.25	3.5
Magna Cum Laude	3.50	3.75
Summa Cum Laude	3.75	3.90

New Chairs

- Art, Music, and Theatre: Patrick Corrigan
- English: Becky Dibiasio
- Modern and Classical Languages: Arlene Guerrero-Watanabe
- Political Science: B.J. Dobski

New Institute In 2008 the Holy Name of Jesus Institute was established at Assumption College for the purpose of enabling seminarians pursuing a vocation in the diocesan priesthood in the Diocese of Worcester to receive their Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy at a reduced cost. Contact person: Fr. Jim Mazzone, Vocation Director for Diocese of Worcester.

We won two Fulbrights last year! Keep an eye out for advisees who might be interested and interesting: GPAs of 3.5 or higher, international interest, perhaps did study abroad. Send names of likely candidates to Prof. Smriti Rao, our Post-Baccalaureate Scholarship Advisor.