

# Curriculum Committee Report

Academic Year 2024-2025

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## Overview

The Curriculum Committee is responsible for:

- Reviewing all newly proposed undergraduate programs, and modifications to existing programs (i.e., majors and minors)
- Reviewing newly proposed clusters, and modifications to existing clusters
- Reviewing proposed changes to graduation requirements, including the primary and upper-level writing requirements
- Continually monitoring the general educational principles and evaluating the curricular consequences of those requirements
- Recommending any changes to the Faculty Council that the committee believes will enhance undergraduate education, including the creation of new policies and the modification of existing policies

## Committee Composition and Meetings

### Membership

Member	Department	Division	School
<b>Voting Members</b>			
Loisa Bennetto ( <i>Fall 2024, Chair</i> )	Psychology	SS	SAS
Julie Bentley	Optics	Engineering	HSEAS
Alison Frontier	Chemistry	NS	SAS
Harry Groenevelt	Business	Business	Simon
Michael Jarvis	History	SS	SAS
Stephen McAleavey	Biomedical Engineering	NS	HSEAS
Supritha Rajan	English	H	SAS
Jeffrey Runner	Dean of the College (Fall 2024) Linguistics (Spring 2025)	SS (Spring 2025)	SAS (Spring 2025)
Elaine Sia	Associate Dean of Academic Affairs		
Allen Topolski	Art & Art History	H	SAS
Tom Weber ( <i>Interim Chair, Spring 2025</i> )	Earth & Environmental Sciences	NS	SAS
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>			
Paul Funkenbusch	Associate Dean for Education and New Initiatives, Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences		
Jacob Edwards	Student Association		
Kris Condello	Academic Affairs		
Amy Fisher	School of Arts & Sciences Dean's Office		
Becky Fletcher-Roberts	Center for Advising Services		

## Meeting Schedule

Fall 2024	Spring 2025
September 3, 2024	February 24, 2025
September 17, 2024	March 5, 2025
October 1, 2024	March 24, 2025
October 22, 2024	April 28, 2025
October 29, 2024	May 27, 2025
November 12, 2024	
November 26, 2024	

## Programs

The tables below represent proposals reviewed by the Curriculum Committee during the 2024-2025 academic year. Some proposals are still pending review at later stages (by Steering Committee, Faculty Council, and/or New York State). Not all programs require formal review and approval at all stages. The statuses of the post-Curriculum Committee approvals for each proposal are current as of October 1, 2025.

### Key

Term	Abbreviation
Curriculum Committee	CC
Steering Committee	SC
Faculty Council	FC
New York State Education Department	NYS

## Majors

New Majors		
Department/Program	Summary	Outcome
Anthropology Department: Medical Anthropology (BA)	Creation of a new major.	Passed CC, SC, FC, NYS. Status: Approved. Effective: Spring 2026.
Chemistry Department: Chemistry (BA) Concentrations	Addition of four new concentrations in Chemistry: Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Biological Chemistry, Physical Chemistry.	Passed CC, SC, NYS. Status: Approved. Effective: Fall 2025.
Computer Science Department: Computer Science (BS) Concentrations	Addition of four new concentrations in Computer Science: Artificial Intelligence, Human-Computer Interaction, Theory, and Computer Systems.	Passed CC, SC, NYS. Status: Approved. Effective: Fall 2025.
History Department: Latin American, Caribbean, & Latinx Studies (BA)	Creation of a new major.	Passed CC, SC, FC, NYS. Status: Approved. Effective: Fall 2025.

Revised Majors		
Department/Program	Summary	Outcome
Audio & Music Engineering Department: Audio, Arts, & Technology (BA)	Addition of a new elective course (AME 243).	Passed CC, SC. Status: Approved. Effective: Fall 2025.
Business: Business (BA)	Revision of the BA major including discontinuation of the double major requirement, adjustments to the pre-major requirements and the core requirements.	Passed CC. Status: Pending SC review.
Business: Business (BS)	Revision of the BS major including adjustments to the pre-major requirements, core requirements, and Business Information Systems requirements.	Passed CC. Status: Pending SC review.
Data Science Department: Data Science (BA, BS)	Revision of statistics requirement.	Passed CC, SC. Status: Approved. Effective: Fall 2025.
Data Science Department: Data Science (BA, BS)	Revision of biology application area.	Passed CC, SC. Status: Approved. Effective: Fall 2025.
Linguistics Department: Linguistics (BA)	Revision of the Linguistics (BA) major, including: the addition of the W designation to two current Linguistics courses (LING 204 and LING 265), and the revision of three tracks (Computational Linguistics track, Linguistic Theory track, Language Documentation and Description track).	Passed CC, SC. Status: Approved. Effective: Spring 2025.
Mechanical Engineering Department: Mechanical Engineering (BS) / Material Science Minor	Exception to the University's policy regarding pursuing a major and minor in the same department. Applies to all students.	Passed CC, SC. Status: Approved. Effective: Fall 2025.
Politics, Philosophy, & Economics Department: Politics, Philosophy, & Economics (BA)	Addition of one two-credit course (PPHE 301) to facilitate the previously required senior paper presentation.	Passed CC. Status: Approved. Effective: Spring 2025.
Program of Dance & Movement: Research Honors in Dance (BA)	Creation of honors in research for major in the Dance.	Status: pending additional review in fall 2025.
Psychology Department: Psychology (BA)	Revision of foundational course requirements, addition of research methods course requirement. Addition of new course offerings. Clarification that PSYC 101 is a major requirement, not a pre-major requirement.	Passed CC, SC. Status: Approved. Effective: Fall 2025.
Public Health-Related Majors: Health Policy (BA), Health, Behavior, & Society (BA), Bioethics (BA)	Addition of new elective courses to three majors.	Passed CC. Status: Approved. Effective: Spring 2025.
Statistics Department: Statistics (BA)	Name change from "Program in Statistics" to "Statistics Program."	Passed CC, SC. Status: Approved. Effective: Fall 2025.

## Minors

New Minors		
Department/Program	Summary	Outcome
Modern Languages & Cultures Department: Korean Minor	Create a new Korean minor.	Passed CC, SC. Status: pending FC review.

Revised minors		
Department/Program	Summary	Outcome
Business: Business Minor	Revision of the minor, including the removal of pre-program requirements, revision of required courses, implementation of a "flex-core," addition of elective courses, and removal of the social science/non-social science elective restriction.	Passed CC. Status: Pending SC review.
Public Health-Related Minors: Bioethics, Health, Behavior, & Society, Health Policy	Addition of new elective courses to three minors.	Passed CC. Status: Approved. Effective: Spring 2025.

## Clusters

Revised Clusters		
Department/Program	Summary	Outcome
Modern Languages & Cultures Department: Chinese Language and Culture[H1CHI002] Cluster, Chinese Culture [H1CHI003] Cluster	Addition of CHN 224 as an internal course, and AHST 158 as a culture course in the H1CHI002 and H1CHI003 clusters.	Passed CC, SC. Status: Approved. Effective: Fall 2025.
Linguistics Department: Natural Language [S1LIN002] Cluster, Language in Society [S1LIN006] Cluster	Addition of course options to the S1LIN002 and S1LIN006 clusters.	Passed CC. Status: Approved. Effective: Spring 2025.

## Certificates

Revised Certificates		
Department/Program	Summary	Outcome
Citation for Achievement in College Leadership	Name change from "Citation for Achievement in College Leadership" to "Certificate of Achievement in Educational Leadership."	Passed CC, SC, Provost's Office. Status: Approved. Effective: Fall 2025.

## Courses

New Courses		
Course	Summary	Outcome
BUS 101: Introduction to Business	Creation of a new course for use in business programs.	Passed CC. Status: Pending SC review.
BUS 103: Business Communication	Creation of a new course for use in business programs.	Passed CC. Status: Pending SC review.
BUS 219: Negotiations	Creation of a new course.	Passed CC. Status: Approved. Effective Spring 2025.
CIS 245: Social Media & Text Analysis	Creation of a new course.	Passed CC. Status: Approved. Effective: Spring 2025.
CLST 296: Spectacle and Festival in Ancient Roman Italy	Creation of a new spring break study abroad course in Religion and Classics.	Passed CC. Status: Approved. Effective: Spring 2025.
POLS 208: Polish Short Stories in Translation	Creation of a new course.	Status: Withdrawn by department.
PSCI 394D: Internship PSCI 398: New York State Politics and Policy	Creation of two new courses for the New York State Assembly Academic Internship Program.	Passed CC. Status: Approved. Effective: Spring 2026.

Revised Courses		
Course	Summary	Outcome
BUS 221: Operations & Strategy	Changing the course prefix from BUS to OPS.	Passed CC. Status: Approved. Effective: Fall 2025.
ENGL 275: Creative Writing	Making ENGL 275: Creative Writing a special topics course, with two topics (one for the on-campus version of the course, and one for the study abroad version).	Passed CC. Status: Approved. Effective: Spring 2025.
PSYC 282/PSYC 282W: Psychopathology	Renumbering PSYC 282/282W to PSYC 180/180W.	Status: Withdrawn by department.

## Policies

New Policies		
Department/Program	Summary	Outcome
Non-Participation Policy	Creation of a new non-participation policy.	Passed CC, SC. Status: Approved. Effective: Fall 2025.