**UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – PROGRAM CHANGE PROPOSAL**

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Proposal Submitted By: Craig Vasey

Date Prepared: 2 July 2015

Department /Program: Classics, Philosophy, & Religion / Philosophy Pre-Law

Note: for any program change entailing the addition any new courses, or revisions to existing courses, separate proposal for those course actions must also be submitted.

### PROPOSAL TO CHANGE EXISTING PROGRAM
(check no than one of the following)

- Revise requirements for existing major
- Revise requirements for a concentration within an existing major
- Revise requirements for an existing degree program
- Revise requirements for existing certificate program
- Revise requirements for existing minor

Implementation Date: FALL semester, year: 2016

#### REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR CHANGES TO EXISTING PROGRAMS:

1. **Rationale statement** (Why is this program change needed? What purposes will it serve?)
2. **Impact Statement** (Provide details about the Library, space, budget, technology, and impacts created by this program change. Supporting statements from the Library, IT Department, etc. evaluating the resource impact and feasibility of the program change are required.)
3. **Catalog Copy** (Provide the existing Catalog Description and the complete statement of the proposed new Catalog description that reflects the program changes)

### PROPOSAL TO CREATE NEW PROGRAM NOT REQUIRING STATE ACTION
(check no more that one of the following)

- New concentration within existing major Name:
- New minor Name:
- New Major but NOT a new degree*

*Use ONLY for interdisciplinary majors that will be grouped as part of the “Special Majors/General Liberal Arts and Sciences” degree (CIP Code 24.0101) or reported as a BLS degree (CIP Code 24.0199)

Implementation Date (semester and year):  

#### REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR NEW PROGRAMS NOT REQUIRING STATE APPROVAL:

1. **Rationale statement** (Why is this additional program needed? What purposes will it serve?)
2. **Impact Statement** (Provide details about the Library, space, budget, technology, and impacts created by this program change. Supporting statements from the Library, IT Department, etc. evaluating the resource impact and feasibility of adding the new program are required.)
3. **Catalog Copy** (Provide the complete Catalog Description for the proposed new program)

Department Chair Approval: Craig Vasey Date: 2 July 2015

CCC Chair Approval: ____________________________ Date: 9/16/15

Dean Approval: Richard Finkelstein Date: 9/17/15

UCC Chair Approval: Patricia Reynolds Date: 10/5/15

*Provost Approval: ____________________________ Date: __________

*Required only in cases of proposals for new concentrations, new minors, or new majors that do not involve a new degree
Change to Pre-Law Concentration in the Philosophy Major
2 July, 2015

1. Rationale

From the Provost’s report on the Strategic Reallocation Task Force Report:
The department (CPR) is charged to work with colleagues in other fields to redesign the pre-law concentration as a more fully interdisciplinary major, perhaps using UMW’s existing “General Liberal Arts and Sciences” degree program that currently houses other interdisciplinary majors. The major could also continue to be a “philosophy” major, but it should still seek more interdisciplinary course opportunities. The Latin requirement should be reconsidered (perhaps simply included as an option). Alternately, an interdisciplinary pre-law minor might allow students to major in other fields, but still achieve a “pre-law” certification of sorts. The department and other collaborating colleagues should submit a proposal to the Dean and Provost before the end of the spring 2015 semester. Any proposed change should undergo review and approval through the usual channels.

Since we created the Pre-law concentration very deliberately within Philosophy over a dozen years ago as a way to attract students, and have grown a good program (it now accounts for 20% of our majors), and since it is now generally acknowledged that Philosophy is an excellent major in preparation for law school and for success on the LSAT, we have chosen the second option: The major could also continue to be a “philosophy” major, but it should still seek more interdisciplinary course opportunities. We offer four law-related classes (in addition to Logic), we sponsor the Mock Trial Team, are the institutional home of the Mock Trial/Pre-Law Advisory Board, and regularly sponsor law-related internships.

We propose to modify the concentration by identifying the other law-related classes in CAS and requiring students to take one of them (ECON 342 Law and Economics, HIST 416 American Legal History, HIST 417 American Constitutional History, PSCI 313 American Civil Liberties, SOCG 415 Sociology of Law) or do a law-related internship. This proposed change has been shared with the chairs of Economics, History, Political Science, and Sociology, and meets their approval. We agree further to recommend, but not require, Latin. These changes have met the approval of the Dean of CAS and the Provost.

2. Impact Statement

These changes will have no impact on resources. It may mean that more students will select the Pre-Law Concentration because they will not be required to take Latin.

3. Catalog Description

Old description:
Requirements for the Pre-Law Concentration in Philosophy
Ten courses (30 credits) in Philosophy, including PHIL 151, 201, 202, 320, 325; one of PHIL 301, 302, 303; one course from the Ethics set (PHIL 160, 225, 226, 330, 335); one course from the Continental Philosophy set (PHIL 260, 342, 343, 450); one course from the non-Western set (PHIL 283, 284, 286, 287, 440); PHIL 485 (Research in Philosophy). Successful completion of LATN 202 (Intermediate Latin) or an upper-level LATN language course. (3 credits)
New description:
Requirements for the Pre-Law Concentration in Philosophy
Eleven courses (33 credits), including PHIL 151, 201, 202, 320, 325; one of PHIL 301, 302, 303; one course from the Ethics set (PHIL 160, 225, 226, 330, 335); one course from the Continental Philosophy set (PHIL 260, 342, 343, 450); one course from the non-Western set (PHIL 283, 284, 287, 440); PHIL 485 (Research in Philosophy); and 3 credits of either PHIL 499 (Internship) or one of the following courses: ECON 342 (Law and Economics), HIST 416 (American Legal History), HIST 417 (American Constitutional History), PSCI 313 (American Civil Liberties), or SOCG 415 (Sociology of Law).