

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

AGENDA REVISED

Wednesday, May 2, 2007
Adult Education Conference Room

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

REPORTS:

1. MOSS Report: Evans, Mellendorf & Oberdeck
2. Faculty Senate response to revisions of *Faculty Handbook*

RATIFICATION OF NEW PROGRAM EMAIL BALLOT:

Computer Science Masters Program (Please review the attached documents, one in Microsoft Word and the other in PDF format)

NEW MAJOR PROPOSAL:

Adult Education Theology Major (See Attachment): Ehlke

UNDERGRADUATE SYLLABUS:

REL 352 Revelation and End Times (NEW) Oberdeck
Primary Reviewer - Stolt Secondary Reviewer - Uden

ADULT EDUCATION THEOLOGY MAJOR

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN

Project Initiators:

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Department/Division/School:

Adult Education

Date:

April 2007

Proposal:

Curriculum:

God reveals Himself through His Word and, to a lesser degree, through His world. This proposed Theology Major will examine the Bible, God's revealed Word, in broad introductory overviews of the Holy Scriptures (isagogics) as well as in close reading of a particular biblical book (exegetical studies). Blending together Lay Ministry courses with Adult Education modules, the major will also study God's providence in history. Students will receive practical training in the application of their studies in ministry to others.

The Theology Major courses will be developed for classroom instruction and eventually in e-learning format. Students will also be able to take a Theology Minor (see below under "Courses").

Courses:

48 Credit Major Sequence:

AL 107 Student Success Strategies

AL 204 College Writing

AL 379 Classical Antiquities

AL 380 Hebrew Heritage

Old Testament Introduction*

New Testament Introduction*

Exegetical Course: Luke*

AL 210 Theology

Biblical Theology*

Christian Ethics**

History of Christianity (* with revision)

Communicating Bible Messages*

Religious Education for Youth and Adults*

Practical Theology: Care Giving*

AL 407 Comparing Beliefs

Office of Professional Church Worker (* with revision)

18 Credit Theology Minor:

Old Testament Introduction*

New Testament Introduction*

Christian Ethics**

Communicating Bible Messages*

Religious Education for Youth and Adults*

Practical Theology: Care Giving*

* Existing courses, available from the Lay Ministry program

** Courses that need to be developed (adapted from existing courses)

Rationale—Evidence of Need:

Background:

The proposal for a new Adult Education major in Theology arose after several years of discussion. The possibility of this major has been a topic of interest both within Concordia's Theology Department and the Adult Education program.

Program Mission:

The mission of the Theology Major dovetails with the mission statement of CUW: "Concordia University Wisconsin is a Lutheran higher education community committed to helping students develop in mind, body, and spirit for service to Christ in the Church and the world." More specifically, this major will help "students develop in mind, body, and spirit for focused and specialized ministries of service to Christ in the Church and the world."

While many—no doubt most—Adult Education students are not Lutheran, this is an exciting opportunity to introduce those who want to be involved in greater Christian service to solid, time-tested, and scripturally sound Lutheran doctrine. The study of theology with a Lutheran underpinning brings structure and unity to the discipline.

Program Goals:

Through their participation in and upon completion of the Theology Major at Concordia University Wisconsin, students will:

1. have a greater understanding of God's Word, the Holy Scriptures;
2. appreciate the value of Lutheran theology as it is based squarely on the Bible;
3. develop a heightened awareness of God's working throughout history;
4. understand the relevance of God's Word in today's world;
5. be able to apply scriptural truths in ministry to others.
6. serve as effective leaders in the Church and community.

Relationship to Current Programs:

The Theology Major draws heavily from existing courses in the Lay Ministry program and the Adult Education program. It will make available to CUW Adult Education students another educational and career option. Moreover, it can be taken as a second major by Adult Education students or as a minor.

Evidence of Student Interest:

Many Adult Education students are active in church work, with some even serving in ministerial positions. Anecdotal evidence of interest in a Theology Major abounds at the various Adult Education centers, in particular the Indianapolis, Midtown, New Orleans, and St. Louis centers. The fact that at Spring Hill College in Atlanta the Theology Major has more students than any other major bodes well for this program at CUW.

Career Opportunities:

The most direct career opportunity is in Lay Ministry. With some additional coursework (3 courses) and a semester-long internship in a congregation, LCMS students are eligible for certification in the Synod's Lay Ministry program.

For many non-denominational Christians, the Theology Major will offer the opportunity for a vocation in church, either as a primary or second calling.

Relation to the Mission of CUW/CUS:

The proposed Adult Education Theology major will reflect and enhance the mission of Concordia University Wisconsin and the Concordia University System. See above under “Program Mission.”

Relation to CUW’s Current Strategic Plan:

CUW’s Strategic Plan is organized around the values of truth, beauty, goodness, and unity. The university’s Vision Statement says: “Concordia University Wisconsin will be known nationally and internationally as a premier Lutheran Christian university, widely recognized for meaningful integration of faith and learning. Concordia University Wisconsin alumni will assume significant servant leadership responsibilities in the Church and communities across the nation and around the world.” In addition, the Adult Education Strategic Plan (2005) calls for the development of a “Religious Studies Major” At every level, the proposed Theology Major fits with Concordia’s Strategic Plan.

Financial Impact:

Cost: Development of three courses (see above under “Courses”) at \$600 each: \$1800. All other costs are variable, depending on the number of students.

Potential income: Estimated first-year income based on conservative estimates from the four centers that will be most directly involved with the Theology Major:

Center	Students	Income
Indianapolis	8 students x 6 courses @ \$990 each =	\$47,520
Midtown:	12 students x 6 courses @ \$990 each =	\$71,280
New Orleans	10 students x 6 courses @ \$990 each =	\$59,400
<u>St. Louis</u>	<u>10 students x 6 courses @ \$990 each =</u>	<u>\$59,400</u>
Total	40 students x 6 courses @ \$990 each =	\$237,600