



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**  
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**New Course Request**

USD	Arts & Sciences/ History	
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Division/Department</b>	
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<b>Institutional Approval Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>

**Section 1. Course Title and Description**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
PHIL 440	Civic Engagement	3

Course Description
<p>This class is a gateway between academic and professional life, exploring the ways in which the intellectual skills of a liberal arts education are in play in public and career settings. Devoted to a topic in ethics, the course exercises critical thinking skills to understand and diagnose social problems, independent research strategies for developing solutions, valid argumentation in writing, and interactive group collaboration to integrate with existing stakeholders.</p>

**Pre-requisites or Co-requisites** N/A

**Registration Restrictions** N/A

**Section 2. Review of Course**

**2.1. Was the course first offered as an experimental course?**

- Yes (if yes, provide the course information below)       No\*

\* This course has not been run as an experimental course as a PHIL offering, however, the curriculum is directly adopted from the revised design of UHON 211 (“Interdisciplinary Civilization”), which has run as a successful course structure in multiple sections each semester since the fall of 2015. This proposal, in effect, is to take a proven curriculum and make it available to all students as a PHIL offering.

**2.2. Will this be a unique or common course?**

*If the request is for a unique course, verify that you have reviewed the common course catalog via Colleague and the system [Course Inventory Report](#) to determine if a comparable common course already exists. List the two closest course matches in the common course catalog and provide a brief narrative explaining why the proposed course differs from those listed. If a search of the common course catalog determines an existing common course exists, complete the Authority to Offer an Existing Course Form.*

**Unique Course**

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
UHON 211	Interdisciplinary Civilization	3
PHIL 420	Ethics and Value Theory	3
POLS 319	Civic Engagement and Activism	3

*Provide explanation of differences between proposed course and existing system catalog courses below:*

The course differs from UHON 211 in its accessibility to students not enrolled in the honors program. The topic or theme around which a given course is organized may also vary from the UHON 211 offering. The proposed course differs from POLS 319 in both its orientation to

topics in applied ethics and its direct emphasis on research, writing, and presentation skills. By specifically emphasizing the application of philosophical skills in actual practice, the course differs from PHIL 420 which is a study of ethical *theories*. While the course themes are ethical in nature, no prior study of ethical theories is required, and the cross-cutting critical thinking and research skills are general enough to be accessible and appealing to a broad base of students.

### **Section 3. Other Course Information**

#### **3.1. Are there instructional staffing impacts?**

- No.** Schedule Management, explain below:  
Philosophy faculty regularly staff sections of UHON 211 and other honors courses. The proposed PHIL course would be offered every three or four semesters, which philosophy faculty would cover within existing workload by staffing one fewer honors courses that term.

#### **3.2. Existing program(s) in which course will be offered:** Philosophy B.A. and B.S. including Specialization in Ethics, Law, and Society.

#### **3.3. Proposed instructional method by university:** Discussion/Recitation

#### **3.4. Proposed delivery method by university:** 001 Face-to-face Term Based Instruction

#### **3.5. Term change will be effective:** Fall 2019

#### **3.6. Can students repeat the course for additional credit?**

- Yes, total credit limit: \_\_\_\_\_  No

#### **3.7. Will grade for this course be limited to S/U (pass/fail)?**

- Yes  No

#### **3.8. Will section enrollment be capped?**

- Yes, max per section: 18  No

#### **3.9. Will this course equate (i.e., be considered the same course for degree completion) with any other unique or common courses in the common course system database in Colleague and the [Course Inventory Report](#)?**

- Yes  No

#### **3.10. Is this prefix approved for your university?**

- Yes  No

### **Section 4. Department and Course Codes (Completed by University Academic Affairs)**

**4.1. University Department Code:** UHIST

**4.2. Proposed [CIP Code](#):** 38.0104

*Is this a new CIP code for the university?*  Yes  No