

**ADDENDUM to Course and Curriculum Changes
to be considered at the College faculty meeting on November 4, 2004**

COURSE CHANGES

ADD: **HIST 331. Introduction to Japan.** (3) Historical survey of Japan from prehistoric times to the present day, which may include material on society, politics and culture.

RATIONALE: HIST 331 is currently listed in the November 4, 2004 Green Sheets with a different course description.

EFFECTIVE: Spring 2006

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Department of Philosophy

(page 136, undergraduate catalog)

ADD:

**Philosophy/pre-med
(B.A. or B.S.)
33 hours in philosophy**

While no one major is given preference by medical schools and related post-graduate programs, their admission committees recognize philosophy as a valuable primary or secondary major. In fact, surveys indicate that nationally, philosophy graduates have some of the highest acceptance rates at medical schools. Students in this program will be advised to supplement their education with an important science component (see not below).

Core curriculum.	15
PHILO 360.	3
1 course from: PHILO 525, PHILO 535, PHILO 585.	3
1 course from: PHILO 112, PHILO 550, PHILO 645.	3
3 philosophy electives (2 or them at the 500 level or above). Electives can be from the lists above.	9
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NOTE: Students choosing this option and planning to apply for medical school are strongly advised to combine it with at least a minor in one of the following disciplines: Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physics.

RATIONALE: Surveys indicate that at the national level philosophy majors have one of the highest acceptance rates at medical schools. In fact in the most recent survey available philosophy majors rank first with 60.2% acceptance rate (only four other majors top 55%). This fact plus the fact that our department has clear strengths in ethics and philosophy of science (the two areas that are likely to be of interest to a pre-med student) makes a philosophy degree from KSU an excellent preparation for medical school. Finally, the creation of this option comes at no cost, since the option includes classes we currently teach with regularity.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval