Humanities Department to offer a new degree program

By Tom Curtis

The Humanities Department will offer a new major program in humanities and engineering or science beginning next semester. The program will be a more integrated version of the current Course XXIA and XXIB-1 major.

The program will be offered with the special assistance of faculty from the program in Science, Technology, and Society. The STS staff will share in the supervision of the program and teach some of the core courses.

Students in the new program — known as Course XXIA, Option 2, and Course XXIB-1, Option 2 — will be required to take two nine-unit reading seminars which will serve as an interdisciplinary focus for the entire program. Students will also be required to write a thesis.

In addition, students will be required to take one course each in the history of science and technology and the cultural dimensions of science and technology. The bulk of the program will be ten restricted electives, with at least four in the humanities and at least four in science, engineering, or psychology.

The new program has been approved by the Committee on Curriculum. It had formerly been referred to as Course XXIC.

This program was conceived in 1978 by Professors Travis Merritt and Larry Bucciarelli, who wanted to strengthen the current XXIA and XXIB-1 programs. According to Merritt, the new program is designed to be "a firm joint major which is intentionally integrated." He says the reading seminars and the courses in the history and cultural dimensions of science and technology are intended to be a bridge between the humanities and technology for students in the program.

The present course XXIA and XXIB-2 major programs will be retained. The only change in these programs will be the replacement of the humanities seminar by one more elective humanities course.

The present full humanities major Courses XXIA and XXIB-2, will not be affected by the new program. Merritt says "there is absolutely no truth to the notion that this [the new program] is the new way to approach humanities at MIT... Humanities have to exist in their own right."

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