

## MEMO - ADDENDUM

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To Whom It May Concern,

This is an addendum to the *2025-26 Briar Cliff University Catalog for Undergraduate and Graduate Studies*. The following five (5) courses were inadvertently left out of the Catalog and are being reinserted at this time.

- **SPEC 111 Public Speaking** (3 credits) An introduction to the craft of public speaking. Emphasis is placed on the techniques of speech composition. A study is made of the different types of speeches with special attention given to informative and persuasive speaking.
  - This course will be added to the set of liberal arts courses beginning on page 164.
- **LIBA 111 College and Career Readiness Elective** (1 credit) This course contains useful information for individuals seeking a career path upon high school completion and provides helpful information for those who enroll directly in college. The information in this course discusses strategies for time management, digital tools commonly found in workplaces, collaboration strategies, identifying and developing strategic thinking skills, and ways to be a strong listener in a professional environment. The lessons in this course can help individuals find success both in and out of the educational environment. Regardless of the learner's career path, the information contained in the College and Career Readiness lessons can be applied to all professional settings and work environments.
  - This course will be added to the set of liberal arts courses beginning on page 164.
- **LIBA 112 College and Career Success Initiative** (3 credits) This course prepares learners for success in academia and the workplace by equipping them with the language, knowledge, and skills necessary to achieve their college and career goals. Areas of importance include career exploration, college navigation, practical life skills, and personal development. Essential competencies for success in both college and career, such as effective and appropriate communication, information literacy, innovative problem-solving, and interpersonal relations will be addressed. This course emphasizes the development of skills, strategies, dispositions, and behaviors that lead students to become capable, confident, and conscientious citizens of the community. Learners will leave the course with an understanding of the purpose, value, and meaning of education and work.
  - This course will be added to the set of liberal arts courses beginning on page 164.

- **PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy** (3 credits) An introductory course that surveys representative ancient, medieval, and modern philosophers (including Plato, Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, Soren Kierkegaard) in their historical contexts. In this process, students are also introduced to some key philosophical ideas.
  - This course will be added to the set of theology courses beginning on page 238.
- **SPAN 101 Elementary Spanish I** (4 credits) An Introduction to the fundamentals of Spanish, including an emphasis on listening comprehension, speaking, grammar, and culture. No prior experience with the language is required.
  - This course will be added to the set of Spanish courses beginning on page 222.

If there are any questions, please contact the Provost at [Provost@briarcliff.edu](mailto:Provost@briarcliff.edu).