



Faculty Senate

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Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee Four Hundred Forty-First Report

At the February 27, 2006 meeting of the Curricular Affairs Committee the following matters were considered and are now presented to the Faculty Senate.

SECTION I

Informational Matters

A. College of Arts and Sciences

Department of History

CHANGE: Prerequisites for the following courses to "Pre: Sophomore standing or permission of instructor."

HIS 304, 300, 303, 305, 306, 307, 308, 314, 323, 327, 332, 333, 335, 336, 337, 339, 340, 341, 344, 346, 349, 353, 354, 357, 358, 360, 362, 365, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 381, 382, 384, 385, 389, 390, 393, 397, 398, and HIS 359 (or AAF 359).

B. Guidelines for Portfolio Courses

The Curricular Affairs Committee has adopted the following guidelines for the approval of Portfolio Courses:

Portfolio courses may be offered for 1-3 credits.

A one-credit portfolio course provides students with a structured opportunity to review, select, and revise examples of their work to place in a portfolio. Students' reflections on their choices form an integral part of this process.

Two- and three-credit portfolio courses must include a significant and substantive amount of instruction, provide students with a structured opportunity to review, select, and revise examples of their work, and include a new project in addition to drawing on students' past work. "New project" is understood to include totally new work as well as substantial additional work on existing projects. e.g. elaborating and

extending a research paper by examining and incorporating additional sources or replicating a study conducted earlier using a new sample.

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S E C T I O N II

Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation by the Faculty Senate

A. College of Arts and Sciences

1. Department of Art

- a. CHANGE: Name of department to "Department of Art and Art History."
- b. CHANGE: Name of B.A., Degree in Art Studio to "B.A. Degree in Art."
- c. CHANGE: Curricular Requirements for the B.A. in Art (Studio) and the B.F.A. in Art as follows:
 1. Delete ARH 120 from B.A. (Studio) Art and B.F.A. Art requirements.
 2. Add 3 credits of ART at the 200 or 300 levels for B.A. Studio Art majors.
 3. Add 3 credits of ARH at the 200 or 300 levels for B.F.A. Art majors.
 4. Add ARH 375 Topics in Photography to the list of modern and contemporary art history courses.
 5. Delete the exception of ART 309, ART 410 (Drawing III, Drawing IV) in the B.A. Art (Studio) program, as choices for the additional required 6 credits of studio art at the 300 or 400 level in the senior year.
 6. Add a new sequence to B.A. Art (Studio) program, ART 208 Drawing II, ART 309 Drawing III.
 7. Delete the following sentence, "It is recommended that art majors elect at least three credits in the allied fields of music or theatre".

2. Film Media Program

CHANGE: Requirements for the B.A. in Film Media as follows:

1. Change minimum number of credits for the Production & Technique category, from "12" to "6" credits.
2. Move ARH 376 and ARH 377 from "Production & Technique" to "Critical Studies" category.
3. Remove JOR 110 from "Critical Studies" category and make it a "General Education" requirement for majors, to be

applied to either division "L (Letters)" or "S (Social Sciences)".

3. Department of Modern and Classical Languages Literatures

ADD: **ITL 111 Accelerated Elementary Italian (6)**

Accelerated Elementary Italian equivalent to 101-102.

Develops basic communication skills in Italian. Explores the products, practices and perspectives of Italian Culture. (Lec. 6)

4. Department of Physics

DELETE: The following courses:

- 1) PHY 213, 214 Elementary Physics I, II (3 each)
- 2) PHY 285, 286 Physics Laboratory I, II (1 each)

5. Department of Theatre

ADD: **THE 182 Script Analysis for Film Media (3)**

Understanding scripts through analysis of structure, character, language, genre and style and their evolution from page to film. Scripts, videos and DVD's will be studied. (Lec. 3)

6. Women Studies Program

a. ADD: The following courses:

1) **WMS 320 Feminist Thought into Action (3)**

Analysis and discussion of how feminist thought has been transformed into action for social change. Women's civil and human rights. Political thought, analysis and activism in campaigns for women's rights. Pre: 150 or permission of instructor.

2) **WMS 365 Sexual Victimization (3)**

Analysis of range of victimizations, based on gender and sexualities. Consideration of heterosexist and homophobic reactions through such acts as bullying, harassment, abuse and assault; intersections with age, race and gender. (Seminar) Pre: 150 or permission of instructor.

b. DELETE: The following courses:

- 1) WMS 330 Feminist Methods (3)
- 2) WMS 333 Women in Irish Society (3)

c. REMOVED:

B. College of Business Administration

1. CHANGE: Admissions requirements to the College of Business Administration as follows:

Early admission to the College (BU) upon completion of:
BAC 120, ACC 201 ECN 201 and BAC 201

- *GPA in the above courses of 2.7 in and a 2.5 Overall GPA*

Regular Admission to the College (BU) upon completion of:
BAC 120, ACC 201, 202, ECN 201, 202, and BAC 201, 202

- *GPA in the above courses of 2.7 in and a 2.5 Overall GPA*

2. CHANGE: Requirement for Foreign Language/Cross-cultural Competence for the B.S. Degree in Business Administration

Students must fulfill the (FC) requirement by studying a foreign language as follows:

- Completing a two-course sequence in a language studied in high school for 2 or more years through at least the 103 level in a modern language or 301 in a classical language. A student starting at the 103 level and successfully completing the course may continue in the foreign language or use the second course as a free elective.
- Completing a two-course sequence through the 102 level in a language not previously studied (or studied for less than two years in high school).
- Studying abroad will count as fulfilling 3 credits of a student's language requirement for students who meet the requirement by completing the 102 and 103 sequence in a modern language. Study abroad will replace the 103 requirement.

3. CHANGE: Graduation requirements for all majors by replacing a professional elective with BUS 345 (MGT 380).

C. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

1. Department of Cell and Molecular Biology

- a. CHANGE: Requirements for the B.S. Degree in Microbiology by replacing "a minimum of 30 credits in microbiology is required ..." with "a minimum of 30 credits in Microbiology above the 100-level is required..."

b. DELETE: BCH 282 The Nature of Biochemistry (3)

2. Department of Community Planning and Landscape Architecture

CHANGE: Number, title and description for CPL 200 and cross-list with GEG as follows:

CPL 202 (OR GEG 202) Introductory Urban Geography: Understanding Cities (3)

Introduction to urbanization processes, primarily in North American; national settlement systems; intra urban form; migration, racial, ethnic, gender, and class segregation; urban economics; environmental issues; planning and governance; urban applications of GIS. (Lec, 3) (S) [D]

3. Department of Geosciences

CHANGE: Curriculum for the B.S. major in Geosciences as follows:

1) Reduce existing six options in Geosciences to three as follows:

Environmental Geology Option. Emphasizes the study of geology as it pertains to the environment, including hydrogeology (ground-water resources and water quality) and the recognition and reduction of effects of geologic hazards (coastal erosion, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes). Students must also take two of the following: GEO 277 (3), 465 or 485 (3), 468 (4), 482 (4), 484 (4), 515 (3), 568 (3), 577 (3), 583 (3).

Sedimentary Option. Emphasizes the study and interpretation of depositional environments, both in the present and in the geologic record, including the study of sedimentary processes, paleontology, the reconstruction of paleoenvironments, and stratigraphy. Students must also take two of the following: GEO 277 (3), 350 (4), 465 (3), 468 (4), 515 (3), 550 (3), 555 (3).

Petrology/Tectonics Option. Emphasizes the study of igneous and metamorphic processes through geochemistry, petrography, structural analysis, and geophysics, leading to interpretations of rock petrogenesis and earth history. Students must also take two of the following: GEO 465 (3), 530 (4), 531 (3), 580 (3), 581 (3), CHM 431.

2) Description of requirements for the B.S. in Geosciences:

All B.S. majors are required to complete the following geosciences courses: 103 (4), 204 (4), 210 (4), 320 (4), 370 (4), 450 (4), 483 (4), two approved geosciences electives (at the 300-level or above) and either an approved summer field camp (GEO 480 **[capstone]**) for a four to six credits or an approved field experience (prior

approval required). The field camp is normally taken following the junior year. Students must also take the following supporting course work: MTH 131 (3) or 141 (4); MTH 132 (3) or 142 (4); BIO 101 (4) and 102 (4); CHM 101 (3), 102 (1) and 112 (3), 114 (1); CSC 201 (4) or STA 308 (3); PHY 111 (3), 185 (1) or 203, 273 (4); and PHY 112 (3), 186 (1) or 204, 274 (4).

4. Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences

- a. CHANGE: Admission requirements into the Nutrition and Dietetics major to read as follows:

Admission:

Students will be admitted to the Nutrition and Dietetics major in the College of the Environment and Life Sciences after completing a minimum of 30 credits. Students must complete the following courses prior to admission: 1) NFS 207, 2) either CHM 103/105 and CHM 124/126 or BIO 121 and BIO 242, and 3) either COM 100 or WRT 104, 105 or 106. A minimum grade of C in NFS 207 and a C- in the remaining courses is required for admission.

- b. CHANGE: Graduation requirements for the Dietetics and Nutrition Options as follows:

Graduation:

In order to graduate, students will need to have earned a minimum of C in each of the required NFS courses and a minimum of a C- in each of the required program courses.

Dietetics Option

Required NFS courses = 110, 207, 227, 236, 276, 337, 375, 376, 394, 395, 410, 441, 443, 444, and 458

Required Program courses = CHM 103, 105, 124, and 126; BCH 311; BIO 121; BIO 242; MIC 201; WRT 104, 105 or 106; COM 101; STA 220; SOC 100; and PSY 113

Nutrition Option

Required NFS courses = 110, 207, 227, 236, 276, 394, 395, 410, 441, 443, 458, and 2 additional NFS concentration courses.

Required Program courses = CHM 103, 105, 124, and 126; BCH 311; BIO 121 or BIO 102; BIO 242; MIC 201; WRT 104, 105 Or 106; COM 101; and STA 220

D. College of the Environment and Life Sciences and Graduate School of Oceanography

- ADD: The following statement on Sea Semester to the end of the list of Marine and Environmental Topics in the Courses of Instruction section of the University Catalog:

SEA Semester: Operated in cooperation with the Sea Education Association, Woods Hole, Massachusetts. Students spend six weeks in residence in Woods Hole, taking 9 credit hours in marine affairs, nautical science, and oceanography. After completion of their shore studies, students embark on a six week voyage aboard a 134 foot tall ship, fully equipped with a research laboratory, where they earn eight additional credits in oceanography. See www.SEA.EDU for further details.

E. College of Human Science and Services

School of Education and Department of Human Development and Family Studies

ADD: The following statement to the admissions requirements for early childhood education:

CCRI students in Early Childhood may apply to the Early Childhood Education Program directly from CCRI following procedures outlined above. Acceptance into Early Childhood Education is contingent on admission and enrollment at URI.

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S E C T I O N III

Curricular Reports from the Curricular Affairs Committee and Graduate Council on 400-Level Courses

At the January 31 and February 27, 2006 meetings of the Curricular Affairs Committee and the March 3, 2006 meeting of the Graduate Council, the following matters were considered and require confirmation by the Faculty Senate.

A. College of Arts and Sciences

Film Media Program

ADD: **FLM 491 Directed Studies in Film Media (1-6)**

Directed Study for students wanting to do advanced work in film media. Individual research and reports on problems of special interest (Independent Study). Pre: acceptance of project by faculty member and approval by program director. May be repeated for a total of 6 credits.

B. College of the Environment and Life Sciences

1. Department of Cell and Molecular Biology

DELETE: The following courses:

- 1) BCH 435 Physical Chemistry for Life Sciences (3)
- * 2) BCH 481, 482 Principles of Biochemistry I, II (4 each)

- 3) BCH 484 Physical Methods in Biochemistry (3)
- 4) MIC 401 (or BCH 401) Quantitative Cell Culture (3)
- 5) MIC 403 (or BCH 403) Introduction to Electron Microscopy (2)
- 6) MIC 405 (or BCH 405) Electron Microscopy Laboratory (2)
- 7) MIC 412 Food Microbiology (3)
- 8) MIC 421 (or BCH 421) Cell Biology and Cancer (3)

2. Department of Natural Resources Science

DELETE: the following courses:

- 1) NRS 430 Forest Resource Management (4)
- 2) NRS 451 Soil and Water Conservation Technology (3)

*No action by the Graduate Council. Not for graduate credit.