

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
The Graduate School
CURRICULAR REPORT FROM THE GRADUATE COUNCIL TO THE FACULTY
SENATE: REPORT NO. 2005-2006-7

At meeting No. 410 held March 31, 2006, the Graduate Council considered and approved the following curricular matters which are now submitted to the Faculty Senate for information or confirmation as indicated.

I. Matters of Information

A. College of Environmental and Life Sciences

1. Department of Fisheries, Animal and Veterinary Science:

a. Changes:

AFS 400 Diseases of Aquatic Organisms – change in number to read:

AFS 500 Diseases of Aquatic Organisms

AFS 401 Pathobiology – change in number to read:

AFS/AVS 503 Pathobiology

AFS 476 Seminar in Genetics of Aquatic Organisms – change in number to read:

AFS 576 Seminar in Genetics of Aquatic Organisms

B. College of Engineering

1. Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering

a. Minor Changes:

MS program requirement:

from: The non-thesis option (for part-time students with department permission) requires 30 credits of course work include IME 542, 545 and 549 or 550 or 591/592; plus at least 12 credits...

to: The non-thesis option (for part-time students with department permission) requires 30 credits of course work include IME 533, 545 and 549 or 550 or 591/592; plus at least 15 credits...

PhD program requirement:

from: A total of 54 credits of course work is required, including IME 542, 545, 549 or IME 550 or 591/592; and 24 credits....

to: A total of 54 credits of course work is required, including IME 533, 545, 549 or IME 550 or 591/592; and 24 credits....

C. College of Arts and Sciences

1. Graduate School of Library and Information Science

a. Minor Changes to the admission requirements for the MLIS Program to read:

from: Bachelor's degree (B average) and GRE or MAT at the 50th percentile or above. GRE or MAT waived for applicants with a master's degree. The completed application package should be received by October 15th for spring admission, March 15th for summer admission and June 15th for fall admission.

to: Bachelor's degree with GPA of 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale or standardized test scores (GRE or MAT) at the 50th percentile or above. GRE or MAT waived for applicants with a graduate degree regardless of undergraduate GPA. The completed application package should be received by October 15 for spring admission, March 15 for summer admission, and June 15 for fall admission. International Applicants. Applicants from foreign countries must complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 550 (or 213 on the computer-based TOEFL exam). Equivalent scores will be required on the new TOEFL exam.

2. Department of English

a. Changes:

ENG 510 Introduction to Professional Study (3) – change in title, credits and grading method to read:

ENG 510 Introduction to Professional Study I (1.5)

(S/U grades only)

The Graduate Council agreed to review X courses up to July 15.

II. Matters Requiring Confirmation by Faculty Senate

A. College of Environment and Life Sciences

1. Department of Cell and Molecular Biology:

a. Deletions:

BCH 522 Plant Molecular Biology

2. Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences:

a. Proposal:

Proposal for MS Nutrition, non-thesis option

This proposal requests the addition of a non-thesis option to an existing degree program. This option will better meet the needs of our students whose career goals include client-based practice in the community rather than research-based positions. Instead of a thesis, students will be required to complete 6 credits of experiential learning and a 6 credit research project. There are no new resources required; only 1 course will need to be added for the experiential learning requirement.

b. New Course:

NFS 580 Experiential Learning in Nutrition and Food Sciences

Supervised learning in a nutrition-related setting. (Practicum 1-6) Pre: Acceptance into the MS Applied Nutrition Program.

B. College of Engineering

1. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering:

a. New Course:

CVE 542 Traffic Systems Operations

Signalized and unsignalized intersection treatments; coordination concepts; arterial and freeway management, operating strategies, and design issues; simulation and optimization; performance evaluation. (Lec. 3) Pre: CVE 442 or permission of instructor.

C. College of Business Administration

1. Revised MBA Curriculum Change Proposal

a. Remove the requirements of BAC 500: Computing for Management and BAC 520: Mathematical Methods for Management courses currently in the MBA Program.

b. Remove an elective in the MBA program and redefine concentrations more accurately.

D. College of Human Science and Services

1. Proposal for Early Contingent Admission to the DPT Program.

Students who major in Kinesiology will have the opportunity to complete non-elective coursework or their degrees by the end of their third year at URI. If the student has a minimum 3.4 GPA, a minimum of a 3.0 in Biology 121, and meets all other requirements for admission to the DPT program, the student can apply for early contingent admission to the DPT program. If admitted on early contingency, these students would take the first year courses for the DPT. These courses would count as the elective courses in the bachelor's degree. Once students have completed the required number of credits, they will receive their bachelor's degree. The student would then continue on in the DPT program and complete both programs in 6 rather than the usual 7 years

E. College of Arts and Sciences

1. Department of English:

a. New Course:

ENG 511 Introduction to Professional Study II (1.5)

Orientation to the major discourses, critical frameworks, and databases constituting graduate research in language and literary studies, including computer-assisted research methodologies. (Seminar). S/U only. Pre: ENG 510

1. Department of Psychology:

a. New Course:

PSY 635 Transtheoretical Model Applied to Health Psychology (3)

The Transtheoretical Model is an influential comprehensive model of behavior change that has been extensively employed in Health Psychology. Applications include smoking cessation, exercise, diet, dress, and medication adherence. (Seminar, 3) Pre: Graduate Standing.

