

University Curriculum Committee
March 17, 2025
ZOOM
2:30pm

Calling of the Roll

Announcements

2025-2026 bulletin has been published

Old Business

Meeting Minute Approval

- Approval of the February 10, 2025 UCC meeting minutes.

Motion to approve.

Rayburn and Gerbrandt no questions or issues passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items – All items require final approval by the Provost

- **Course Title Update** **Implementation Fall 2025**
 - COMM 3240 – Investigative Reporting
 - Updating the course title from Investigative War Reporting to Investigative Reporting.
- **Course Description Update** **Implementation Fall 2025**
 - COMM 3240 – Investigative Reporting
 - Old Description:
Student will delve into the intellectual and practical worlds of investigative war reporting. In this rigorous research and writing class, students learn to use the styles and techniques of investigative journalists.
 - New Description:
Students will delve into the intellectual and practical worlds of investigative reporting. In this rigorous research and writing class, students learn to use the styles and techniques of investigative journalists.

- **Course Delete** **Implementation Fall 2025**
 - COMM 2400 – Writing for Electronic Media
 - This course is no longer part of the current curriculum and the material is covered in other courses.
 - COMM 2720 – Intro to Internet
 - This course is no longer part of the current curriculum and the material is covered in other courses.
 - COMM 3650 – Popular Culture in the South
 - This course has not been taught in six years.
 - HHP 5530 – Financial Accounting in Healthcare
 - This course is being terminated as it was initially part of the Executive Certificate in Healthcare Administration which never had any student enrollment, therefore, the course had never been taught.
- **Program Department Update** **Implementation Fall 2025**
 - Film Studies Minor
 - Updating the program department from Languages and Literature to Communication

Motion to approve.

No questions, concerns or changes.

Passed unanimously.

Action Agenda Items

College of Arts and Letters

Department of Languages and Literature – represented by Dr. Florian Gargaillo

Undergraduate New Course

Implementation Fall 2025

Final approval required by the Provost

1. GREK 4999 – Advanced Reading in Ancient Greek Authors
 - Selected advanced readings in Greek prose or poetry, to be determined by the instructor. Students will read substantial selections from authors such as Herodotus, Homer, Lysias, Plato, Euripides, and Sophocles.
2. LATN 4999 – Advanced Readings in Latin Literature
 - Selected advanced readings in Latin prose or poetry, to be determined by the instructor. Students will read substantial selections from authors such as Caesar, Vergil, Livy, Cicero, and Ovid.

Dr. Florian Gargaillo presented the creation of two new courses. Currently only two classical literature courses which are special courses and these will assist with better showing the differences in rigor and also assist with students being able to take the course multiple times and receive financial aid.

Motion to approve.

No questions.

Passed unanimously.

Department of History and Philosophy- represented by Kevin Tanner

Undergraduate Program Modification

Implementation Fall 2025

Final approval required by the Provost

3. History, BS
 - Removing the minor requirement, the History Education concentration will still require the Professional Education Secondary minor).

- Adding three upper level credits to the major requirements.

4. History Education Concentration in BS History

- Changing the required capstone course from HIST 4950 (Teaching Social Studies in Secondary Schools) to EDUC 4955 (Teaching Social Studies in the 6-12 Classroom)
- Adding the additional hour of EDUC 2100 (Foundations of Education) into the program hour calculation.

Dr. Kevin Tanner presented that the BS HIST is being changed to be consistent with the BA one additional course and removing the minor requirement. For the History Education concentration updating to insure the capstone course is being taught by education and the EDUC 2100 hours update.

Motion to Approve.

Maria asked if he had worked with Education on these changes. Yes.

Passed unanimously.

College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

Department of Health and Human Performance – represented by Dr. Tim Leszczak and Dr. Alex Adams

Undergraduate Program Modification

Implementation Fall 2025

Final approval required by the Provost

5. Sport, Wellness, and Coaching Concentration in BS Health and Human Performance

- Updating program name from Sport and Wellness Specialist to Sport, Wellness, and Coaching concentration.
- Updating courses and layout of the concentration

Undergraduate New Certificate

Implementation Fall 2025

Final approval required by the Provost

6. Physical Education

- For those interested in teaching Physical Education in K-12 environments, this program allows enrollees to complete the required coursework to add the PE endorsement to their existing license.

Graduate New Certificate

Implementation Fall 2025

Final approval required by the Provost

7. Healthcare Administration

- This 9-hour online program is designed for professionals who would like to earn a graduate credential in healthcare administration. Students will learn essential industry concepts through targeted courses in Management of Healthcare Organizations and Systems, Law, Policy, and Advocacy, Conflict Management for Healthcare Environments, Healthcare Economic Policy, Healthcare Quality Outcomes and Improvements, Financial Planning and Accounting in Healthcare, and Health Informatics. All credits earned seamlessly transfer to our Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) degree program, giving students a flexible pathway to advance their education.

8. Physical Education

- For those interested in teaching Physical Education in K-12 environments, this program allows enrollees to complete the required coursework to add the PE endorsement to their existing license.
- This certificate will also help individuals to take the necessary PE Praxis Exam. Passing this exam with the certificate coursework will allow teachers to add the K-12 PE endorsement to their teaching license.

Dr. Alex Adams presented items 6 and 8 Physical Education certificate which will assist those who are wishing to get an endorsement to teach in K-12 settings. One requirement is 12 hours of coursework in PE.

Motion to approve.

No questions.

Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Tim Leszczak new certificate in Healthcare Administration. One mandatory course offered in the Fall and then electives and complete in Spring or fall. This could also be a good certificate for students who have elective hours within their graduate program.

He also presented on the Sports, Wellness, and Coaching concentration which is the new name for the current Sport and Wellness Specialist concentration. Additionally, changing the required courses in the concentration so students have more course options for online courses. Students have to take 8 of 10 courses. Then have recommended courses that they take as elective hours, would take ten of these courses and still have electives within the concentration as well.

Motion to approve.

Nicholas Coleman – asked about implementation. Voted with a friendly amendment for this to be effective Fall 2025.

Passed unanimously.

Department of Leadership – represented by Dr. William Rayburn

Graduate Program Modification

Implementation Fall 2025

Final approval required by the Provost

9. Community Leadership Concentration in MSL Leadership

- Updating the program to remove LDSP 5105 (Project Planning and Scheduling) and LDSP 5420 (Applied Project Management) from the possible electives.
- Adding LDSP 5999 (Graduate Civic Leadership Program Completion) to the possible electives.

10. Community and Organizational Leadership Certificate

- Reducing the number of hours from 12 to 9
- Reducing the electives from Complete two to Complete one.
- Adding LDSP 5999 (Graduate Civic Leadership Program Completion) to the possible electives

11. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Concentration in MSL Leadership

- Updating the program to remove LDSP 5105 (Project Planning and Scheduling) and LDSP 5420 (Applied Project Management) from the possible electives.
- Adding LDSP 5999 (Graduate Civic Leadership Program Completion) to the possible electives.

Dr. William Rayburn presented items 9-11 together. They are making adjustments to remove two courses which were part of a Graduate Certificate which has been deleted and add in a new course which was created last fall. The Community and Organizational Certificate was slightly different in that they are lowering the required hours to 9 from 12.

Motion to approve.

No questions.

Passed unanimously.

Department of Political Science and Public Management-represented by Dr. John Phillips

Undergraduate New Course

Implementation Fall 2025

Final approval required by the Provost.

12. PM 3009 – Bioterrorism, Preparedness, Surveillance, and Mitigation

- This course equips students with the knowledge and skills to understand, prevent, and respond to bioterrorism threats. Through an interdisciplinary approach, students will explore concepts from public health, epidemiology, emergency management, and biodefense. The course is designed to prepare students to address these challenges within regional, national, and global contexts.

Undergraduate Program Modification

Implementation Fall 2025

Final approval required by the Provost.

13. Public Management, BS

- Adding PM 2000 (Introduction to Emergency Management) as an elective.

14. Public Management Minor

- Adding PM 2000 (Introduction to Emergency Management) as an elective.

15. Public Policy Minor

- Public Policy minors will acquire deep knowledge of governmental processes, master the tools of policy analysis used in the field, and develop a thorough understanding of how public policies are formulated, implemented, and evaluated.

The program is structured around a required course in American government (POLS 2010) and a two-course sequence in public policy (POLS 2040 and PM 3235). Students can then choose 9 hours from a variety of electives to acquire further skills and knowledge relevant to the policy areas that they wish to specialize in, including but not limited to: economic policy, social policy, urban development, health care, family policy, crime and punishment, judicial policy, and foreign policy.

Students with a minor in public policy prepare for the following jobs and career paths: policy analyst, policy researcher, legislative analyst, public affairs specialist, government relations officer, lobbyist, and policy analyst. They can work for legislators, government agencies, think tanks, non-profit and advocacy groups, IGOs, INGOs, and universities.

Dr. John Phillips presented all four proposals. Item number 12, a new course they are wanting to make part of the curriculum. One reason for the creation of this course is that Michael Kasitz is no longer working with the University and so needed to create a course in an area where there was existing faculty expertise. In the past had deleted many PM courses which were no longer taught due to faculty no longer being part of the University. This course is going to be an elective in the major, minor and Emergency Management minor.

Item number 13 and 14 – previously changed the number of PM 3000 to PM 2000 so it could be taught through Dual Enrollment. This course then no longer counted in the major electives as those were upper division and are adding this back so it will be 2000 or 3000 – 4999.

Item number 15 – Last semester looking around state to see what other Universities were offering and saw that we had a lot of Public Policy courses but no where for them to really go. So this minor was created so existing courses could be utilized toward a program. This is a little more career driven than other minors and assist with jobs if they are interested in jobs on capital hill and other jobs in this arena.

Motion to approve.

No question.

Passed unanimously.

Department of Social Work – represented by Dr. Jonniann Butterfield

Graduate Program Modification

Implementation Fall 2025

Final approval required by the Provost.

16. Trauma Focused Concentration in MSW Social Work

- Updating the course electives to include SW 6430 Children's Mental Health.

Dr. Jonniann Butterfield presented that SWRK was adding SW 6430 to their Trauma Focused electives. This course is currently taught in their MSW program major and they thought it would be a good fit in the Trauma Focused concentration as well.

Motion to approve.

No questions.

Passed unanimously.

College of Business

Department of Management and Marketing – represented by Matthew Kilpatrick

Undergraduate New Course

Implementation Fall 2025

Final approval required by the Provost

17. BUS 0900 – Business Student Success

- This is a non-credit course designed for business majors that may be experiencing academic struggles or need structure. This course focuses on the provision of a quiet space to prepare for the week's academic commitments, focusing on objective based study skills.

Matthew Kilpatrick presented that the BUS 0900 is being proposed as an Academic Support Course specifically for BUS students who are experiencing difficulties in the classroom. This will allow students to register for a specific time to receive assistance with coursework.

Motion to Approve.

No question – Dr. Maria Cronley stated this was a great idea.

Passed unanimously.

College of Education

Department of Teaching and Learning – represented by Dr. Joanne Philhower

Undergraduate Program Modification

Implementation Fall 2025

Final approval required by the Provost

18. 6-8 Middle School (Math) Concentration in BS Education

- Removing RDG 4020 (Teaching Reading in the Primary Grades) from the Concentration.
- Adding EDUC 3200 (Integrated Instruction) to the concentration
- Removing CSCI 1005 (Intro to Information Tech) from the Grow Your Own Electives.
- Adding MATH 1710 (Precalculus Algebra) to the Grow Your Own Electives.

19. 6-8 Middle Grades (Social Studies) in BS Education

- Updating multiple courses and course numbers.
- Updating the title from 6-8 Middle Grades (Social Studies) to 6-8 Middle Grades (Social Studies).

Dr. Joanne Philhower explained that there were changes at the state licensure level and they are making adjustments to the above concentration requirements and names to align with the state changes.

Motion to approve.

No question.

Passed unanimously.