

University Curriculum Committee
October 20, 2025
Iris Room
2:30 pm

Calling of the Roll

Jasmine O'Brien called the roll. 20 members were present and 3 were absent. Quorum was met.

Announcements

Jasmine O'Brien reminded the committee and guests that, as of December 1, 2025, Curriculog would be turned off for the submission of new curricular forms to allow all proposals to route through the system prior to the implementation of Coursedog.

Old Business

None

Meeting Minute Approval

- Approval of September 8, 2025, UCC Meeting Minutes

Dr. Cordova called for a motion to approve the September 8, 2025 meeting minutes. Dr. William Rayburn made the motion, and Tyler Rose seconded the motion. Dr. Cordova asked if there were any discussions, questions, or corrections to the meeting minutes. Hearing none, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.

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

- **Course Number Update** **Implementation Spring 2026**
 - MATH 4290 – Problems in Actuarial Science
 - Updating the course number from MATH 4120 to 4290 to align with the Graduate course it is Dual-Listed with MATH 5290.
- **Course Number Update** **Implementation Fall 2026**
 - PSYC 2050 – Career Development in Psychological Science
 - Updating the course number from PSYC 3050 to 2050, as students should complete this course earlier in their degree program, and will make this course required of the major and not just an optional elective.

- PSYC 3000 – Research Methods
 - Updating the course number from PSYC 3180 to 3000 in an effort to streamline the course numbering.

- **Course Credit Hour Update** **Implementation Fall 2026**
 - PSYC 3020 – Physiological Psychology
 - Reducing the credit hours from 4 to 3 to account for the removal of the lab component.

- **Course Title Update** **Implementation Fall 2026**
 - PSYC 4850 – Internship in Psychological Science
 - Updating the course title from Honors: Field Experience to Internship in Psychological Science so students are able to clearly identify the course as an internship-based course.

- **Course Description Update** **Implementation Spring 2026**
 - CHEM 3440 – Inorganic Chemistry
 - **Old Description:**
Atomic structure and periodicity; crystal structure; descriptive chemistry of the elements; acid-base concepts; non-aqueous solvent systems; and environmental and medicinal awareness.
 - **New Description:**
Atomic structure and periodicity; crystal structure; descriptive chemistry of the elements; acid-base concepts; non-aqueous solvent systems; chemical reactions and properties of transition metal and main group elements.

- **Course Description Update** **Implementation Fall 2026**
 - PSYC 4850 – Internship in Psychological Science
 - **Old Description:**
A field experience opportunity in which students work in the local community under the supervision of a professional. It provides a practical context in which the student can apply, integrate and analyze classroom learning. The student is responsible for identifying a faculty supervisor and a potential field placement. The student, faculty supervisor and field supervisor will develop a contract designating the academic responsibilities and field placement responsibilities. This course is repeatable up to six (6) hours.

- **New Description:**

A field experience opportunity in which students work in the local community under the supervision of a professional. It provides a practical context in which the student can apply, integrate and analyze classroom learning. The student is responsible for identifying a faculty supervisor and a potential field placement. The student, faculty supervisor and field supervisor will develop a contract designating the academic responsibilities and field placement responsibilities. Subject to external site availability. This course is repeatable up to six (6) hours.

- **Course Delete**

Implementation Spring 2026

- GEOG 450E – Seminar Geographic Information Systems
 - This course has not been taught in more than six years and is therefore being terminated.
- HHP 2050 – Community and Environment Health
 - This course has not been taught in more than six years and is therefore being terminated.
- HHP 3150 – Teaching Individual, Dual, and Team Sports
 - This course has not been taught in more than six years and is therefore being terminated.
- HHP 3410 – Health Disparities
 - This course has not been taught in more than six years and is therefore being terminated.
- HHP 4000 – Introduction to Gerontology –
 - This course has not been taught in more than six years and is therefore being terminated.
- HHP 4020 – Introduction to Occupational Safety and Health
 - This course has not been taught in more than six years and is therefore being terminated.
- HHP 4030 – Lying, Dying, Grieving
 - This course has not been taught in more than six years and is therefore being terminated.
- MCOM 1001 – Marketing in the Digital Age
 - This course is no longer being taught and is therefore being terminated.
- MCOM 1002 – Social Media for Business
 - This course is no longer being taught and is therefore being terminated.
- MCOM 1003 – Fake News The Media and Electronics
 - This course is no longer being taught and is therefore being terminated.
- PSYC 2210 – Human Interaction
 - This course has not been routinely taught for several years and no longer aligns with the Psychological Science program learning outcomes.

- PSYC 3140 – Infant and Toddler Development
 - This course no longer aligns with the Psychological Science program learning objectives and is being removed from the program requirements and is therefore no longer needed.
- PSYC 3290 – Introduction to Psychological Measurement
 - This course has not been taught in more than six years, and the department does not have sufficient faculty resources to continue teaching the course; therefore, it is being terminated.
- PSYC 4000 – History and Systems of Psychology
 - This course content is now covered in other courses, and this course is no longer routinely taught; therefore, the course is being terminated.
- PSYC 4060 – Group Dynamics
 - This course has not been taught in more than six years and no longer aligns with the Psychological Science program learning outcomes.
- PSYC 4150 – Principles of Behavior Analysis
 - This course was an elective course utilized in a discontinued certificate; therefore, this course is being terminated.
- PSYC 4160 – Methods of Behavior Analysis
 - This course was an elective course utilized in a discontinued certificate; therefore, this course is being terminated.
- **Course Delete** **Implementation Fall 2026**
 - COMM 3600 – Radio Theatre Workshop
 - This course has not been taught in more than six years and is therefore being terminated.
 - HIST 4090 – The Renaissance
 - Course has been replaced by HIST 4055 (Renaissance and Reformation).
 - HIST 4091 – Reformation Europe
 - Course has been replaced by HIST 4055 (Renaissance and Reformation).
 - HIST 4790 – The Military Nontraditional Roles
 - This course is no longer being taught and is therefore being terminated.
 - HIST 4800 – Studies in Liberal Arts
 - This course is no longer being taught and is therefore being terminated.
 - HIST 4930 – Historiography
 - This course is no longer being taught and is therefore being terminated.

- **Cross-listing** **Implementation Summer 2026**
 - CULA 2390 – Culinary Capstone
 - Removing the cross-listing of CULA 1200 (Sanitation and Food Safety) as it was incorrectly entered.
- **Course Prerequisite/Corequisite Update** **Implementation Spring 2026**
 - MATH 4290 – Problems in Actuarial Science
 - Updating the prerequisite of MATH 4130 or MATH/STAT 4240 or permission of the instructor to a prerequisite/corequisite requirement.
 - PSYC 4360 Introduction to Psychopathology
 - Removing Junior or Senior standing from the course prerequisite.
- **Course Prerequisite/Corequisite Update** **Implementation Fall 2026**
 - NSS 3000 – Comparative Security Issues
 - Removing the prerequisites of NSS 1010 (Introduction to National Security Studies) and Instructor approval.
 - NSS 3200 – Critical Thinking Skills for Intelligence
 - Removing the prerequisite of NSS 2200 (Introduction to Intelligence Analysis).
 - NSS 3250 – The Intelligence Cycle
 - Removing the prerequisite of NSS 2200 (Introduction to Intelligence Analysis).
 - NSS 3610 – The State, Society, and the Modern Military
 - Removing the prerequisite of NSS 2010 (Research Methods in National Security Studies), equivalent Research Methods course, and Instructor approval.
 - NSS 4200 – Structured Analytic Techniques
 - Removing the prerequisite of NSS 2200 (Introduction to Intelligence Analysis).
 - PSYC 2010 – Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
 - Updating the prerequisite from just MATH 1530 (Elements of Statistics) with a grade of “C” or higher to MATH 1530 (Elements of Statistics), or MATH 1710 (Precalculus Algebra), or MATH 1720 (Precalculus (Trigonometry)), or MATH 1730 (Precalculus), or MATH 1810 (Elements of Calculus), or MATH 1910 (Calculus) with a grade of “C” or better.

- PSYC 3000 – Research Methods
 - Adding PSYC 2050 (Career Development in Psychological Science) to the existing prerequisites.
- PSYC 3020 – Physiological Psychology
 - Updating the Prerequisite to remove the PSYC 2010 (Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences) and PSYC 3180 (Research Methods) with a grade of “C” or better.
- PSYC 4850 – Internship in Psychological Science
 - Updating the prerequisite from 3.0 GPA to Psychological Science Major and Permission of Instructor.

Dr. Cordova called for a motion for approval for all consent agenda items. Dr. William Rayburn made the motion, and Dr. Meagan Mann seconded the motion. Dr. Cordova asked if there were any questions, discussion, or if anyone wished to remove a consent agenda item for further discussion. Hearing no requests, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.

Action Agenda Items

College of Arts and Letters

Department of Communication – represented by Dr. Jessica Morris

Undergraduate New Course

Implementation Spring 2026

Final approval required by the Provost

1. COMM 3215 – Sports Multimedia Journalism
 - The course will introduce students to the skills required to be a sports multimedia journalist as an on-air sports reporter and videographer. Students will write, record, edit and present packages and highlight segments for broadcast.
2. COMM 4670 – Media Copyright and Fair Use
 - Learners will understand the challenges of creative use of music and spoken word in social media, streaming, digital media, and traditional media endeavors. Students will explore the foundations of copyright law and legislation, as well as intellectual property protections. Learners will comprehend the recent academic research which classifies and codifies samples. Students will also explore artists' attitudes and cultural impact of sampling, copyright, and fair use in the 21st century.
 - Prerequisite – COMM 4650

Undergraduate New Course

Implementation Fall 2026

Final approval required by the Provost

3. COMM 2230 – Careers in Professional Communication
 - This course explores diverse career paths in professional communication. Students will gain valuable insight into potential career options and the essential skills needed to succeed in the rapidly evolving communication landscape.

Dr. Cordova grouped items 1-3 as they are all new courses and called for a motion to approve. Dr. William Rayburn motioned to approve, and Tyler Rose seconded the motion. Dr. Cordova called for any questions or discussions regarding the new courses; hearing none, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed

Final approval required by the Provost

4. Event Planning minor

- Due to some changes in the course numbering and offering for HOSP courses, the minor is being updated.
- HOSP 3800 (Hospitality Administration) and HOSP 3810 (Information Technology in Hospitality) are being removed as optional electives for the program.
- HOSP 3830 (Lodging Management) is being added as an optional elective for the program.

Dr. Cordova called for a motion to approve item number 4. Dr. William Rayburn motioned to approve, and Destiny Locke seconded the motion. Dr. Jessica Morris explained that the proposal was updating the HOSP course numbers that were changed when the Hospitality Management concentration moved from the College of Behavioral and Health Science to the College of Business. Dr. Cordova called for additional questions or discussion, hearing none, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.

College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

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

Final approval required by the Provost

5. Coaching Minor

- Removing HHP 3100 (Foundations of Kinesiology) and HHP 4240 (Introduction to Motor Learning) from the required courses.
- Adding HHP 3155 (Teaching Individual and Dual) and HHP 3165 (Teaching Team Sports) to the required courses.
- Changing the optional electives:
 - i. Removing HHP 3035 (Nutrition for Sport and Exercise); HHP 3155 (Teaching Individual and Dual); HHP (Teaching Team Sports); LDSP 2100 (Foundations of Leadership Science); PSYC 4060 (Group Dynamics); SOC 3250 (Social Institutions); and SOC 3500 (Sport and Society)
 - ii. Adding HHP 2020 (Teaching K-12 Fitness Education); HHP 2240 (Introduction to Physical Education); HHP 2500 (Foundation of Recreation); HHP 3030 (Nutrition Science and APP); HHP 3060 (Team Building and Team Dynamics); HHP 3100 (Foundations of Kinesiology); and HHP 4240 (Introduction to Motor Learning).

Dr. Cordova called for a motion to approve item number 5. Destiny Locke motioned to approve, and Dr. William Rayburn seconded the motion. Dr. Cordova called for questions or discussion for the item, hearing none, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.

6. Physical Education Minor

- Removing HHP 2120 (Rhythmic Movement and Education Gymnastics) and HHP 4040 (Sport Psychology) from the required courses.
- Adding HHP 2020 (Teaching K-12 Fitness Education) and HHP 3210 (Methods and Materials in Phy Ed Elem. Students) to the required courses.
- Removing HHP 1250 (Wellness Concepts and Practice), HHP 3190 (Movement Education for Elementary Children), and HHP 3300 (Anatomical Kinesiology) from the electives.
- Adding HHP 2120 (Rhythmic Movement and Education Gymnastics) and HHP 4040 (Sport Psychology) to the electives.

Dr. Cordova called for a motion to approve item number 6. Sydney Miller motioned to approve, and Dr. William Rayburn seconded the motion. Dr. Cordova called for questions or discussion for the item, hearing none, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.

Department of Leadership – represented by Dr. Melissa Kates

Undergraduate New Course

Implementation Fall 2026

Final approval required by the Provost

7. LDSP 1010 – Leadership Skill Development

- This course introduces students to foundational leadership concepts and emphasizes the development of core leadership skills essential for success in any field. Through activities and self-reflection, students will strengthen their abilities in communication, interpersonal interaction, group dynamics, self-awareness and development, and problem-solving. This course provides a practical framework for students to begin their journey as effective and ethical leaders.

Dr. Cordova called for a motion to approve item number 7. Dr. William Rayburn motioned to approve, and Destiny Locke seconded the motion. Dr. Cordova called for questions or discussion for the item, hearing none, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.

Final approval required by the Provost

8. Essential Skills for Career Readiness

- Designed to complement any major, this 12-credit-hour interdisciplinary undergraduate certificate equips students with essential professional competencies - often referred to as “soft skills” or “durable skills” - that are critical for career success in today’s evolving workforce. Through this program, students will strengthen their ability to communicate with clarity, develop effective leadership practices, understand and navigate group dynamics, and build confidence in managing the digital information landscape.

Dr. Cordova called for a motion to approve item number 8. Destiny Locke motioned to approve, and Dr. William Rayburn seconded the motion. Dr. Cordova called for questions or discussion on the item. There was discussion regarding the implementation of the certificate. The discussion surrounded the offering of LIBR 2001. This course is only offered once a semester and only one section, which is often low-enrolled due to this course not being a requirement for any major or the general education core. There was discussion to table this proposal until more information on this course could be confirmed, however, after further discussion and Dr. Melissa Kates explaining that once a semester would be sufficient for anyone wishing to complete this certificate and that they hope to create a pathway that would increase enrollment in this course and allow or more sections to be scheduled, it was determined that this proposal could move forward. Final discussion included information from Dr. Dlynn Williams, indicating this certificate would be all for partnerships with local businesses and create cohort groups to increase enrollment in the certificate program. Hearing no additional questions or discussion, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.

Department of Psychological Science – represented by Dr. Nicole Knickmeyer

Final approval required by the Provost

9. Psychological Science, BS

- The revised curriculum includes the following changes:
 - Program curriculum will be divided into required Core courses (17 credits), required Foundation courses (12 credits), Topic Area Courses (1 course required from each area, 10 credits), Social-cultural Awareness requirement (3 credits), and Program Electives (6 credits); TOTAL Credit Hours=48; Previous program was 43 credit hours total
 - PSYC 2050 Career Development in Psychology and PSYC 4900 Capstone in Psychology courses will be required for all majors (both previously program electives).
 - PSYC 3020 Physiological Psychology and PSYC 4360 Introduction to Psychopathology will be required for all majors as Foundation Courses (in old program, students could choose to take these or an alternate to fulfill program requirements)

- Students will be required to take 1 course from each of the 3 Topic Areas (Clinical/Counseling, Applied, and Experimental); in previous program the majority of these courses counted for program electives.
- Will reduce the number of program electives from 12 credit hours to 6 credit hours to ensure all students are exposed to all necessary content.

Dr. Cordova called for a motion to approve item number 9. Dr. William Rayburn made the motion, and Destiny Locke seconded the motion. Dr. Nicole Knickmeyer presented the proposal, as it had many changes. She explained that over the past several years, the department faculty had researched and worked to determine the best possible curriculum for Psychological Science students. While no new courses are being created, there has been significant reorganization of the courses. These changes also correspond to APA guidelines, career preparation, and student feedback. There will be a capstone experience, 1 clinical and counseling course, an applied course, and a social and cultural awareness requirement. Dr. Cordova asked for any discussion and questions; hearing none, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.

College of Business

Department of Management and Marketing – represented by Dr. Tim Self

Undergraduate Program Modification

Implementation Fall 2026

Final approval required by the Provost

10. Management Information Systems concentration in BBA Management

- Adding MGT 3235 (The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Business) as a concentration elective option for the program.

Dr. Cordova called for a motion to approve item number 10. Dr. William Rayburn motioned, and Destiny Locke seconded the motion. Dr. Cordova asked for discussion or questions regarding the item, hearing none, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.

College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Department of Chemistry – represented by Dr. Meagan Mann

Undergraduate Program Modification

Implementation Fall 2026

Final approval required by the Provost

11. Biochemistry concentration in BS Chemistry

- Adding a requirement for students to complete either MATH 1530 (Elements of Statistics) or MATH 1920 (Calculus II) as a requirement for the program.

Dr. Cordova called for a motion to approve item number 11. Dr. William Rayburn motioned, and Destiny Lock seconded the motion. Dr. Cordova asked for any questions or discussions regarding the item; hearing none, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.

12. Chemistry, BS

- Adding a requirement for students to complete either MATH 1530 (Elements of Statistics) or MATH 1920 (Calculus II) as a requirement for the program.

Dr. Cordova called for a motion to approve item number 12. Dr. William Rayburn motioned, and Destiny Lock seconded the motion. Dr. Cordova asked for any questions or discussions regarding the item; hearing none, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.

Department of Mathematics and Statistics – represented by Dr. Ramanjit Sahi

Undergraduate Program Modification

Implementation Fall 2026

Final approval required by the Provost

13. Mathematics Education concentration in BS Mathematics

- Adding an option of Non-Licensure to the program for those who are not seeking to teach in K-12 public schools.
- Requirements will be 30-31 hours of guided electives, with at least six credit hours being upper division; these will be selected in consultation with the program advisor.

Dr. Cordova called for a motion to approve item number 13. Destiny Locke motioned to approve, and Dr. William Rayburn seconded the motion. Dr. Cordova called for discussion or questions regarding the item, hearing none, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.

14. Actuarial Science concentration in BS Mathematics

- The department is reducing the number of Actuarial Science Concentration required courses.
- The department is removing STAT 4120 (Introduction to Regression Analysis), STAT 4140 (Introduction to Time Series Analysis), ECON 2100 (Principles of Macroeconomics), ECON 2200 (Principles of Microeconomics), FIN 3010 (Principles of Finance), and ACCT 2010 (Principles of Accounting I) from the requirements for the program.

- The department is adding MATH 1200 (Introduction to Actuarial Science) to the requirements for the program.
- The free elective will be increased from 10 – 11 credit hours to 27-28 credit hours to account for these changes to the requirements for the program.

Dr. Cordova called for a motion to approve item number 14. Dr. William Rayburn motioned to approve, and Destiny Locke seconded the motion. Dr. Cordova asked for questions and discussion regarding the item. There was discussion regarding the significant decrease in the number of required concentration hours and the large increase in free electives. Additionally, Dr. Sahi was explaining that some of the electives would be recommended, and these were based on courses that had been previously utilized in the concentration. When questioned further, it was explained that students were not staying in the concentration and were going elsewhere because of the additional requirements and not being able to complete the program in two years, when they transferred from another major. Dr. Sahi also said this change was in alignment with the number of hours required within the other Mathematics concentration areas. Dr. Cordova asked for additional questions and discussion, hearing none, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.

15. Mathematics minor

- The department is adding MATH 2345 (Mathematics Sophomore Seminar) as an optional elective requirement for the program.

Dr. Cordova called for a motion to approve item number 15. Dr. William Rayburn motioned to approve, and Destiny Locke seconded the motion. Dr. Cordova called for discussion or questions regarding the item, hearing none, a vote was taken for approval.

Passed.