



## UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (UCC) ACTION FORM

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Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action  
Document(s): #16-17-039

Recommendation: Approve.  
Date of Action: 2/15/2017  
Originated by: Sarah Spinette, Biology  
Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
(Department, Person, or Group)  
Effective date: Fall 2017.  
Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: Request to revise how BIOL 241 Biology Research Colloquium is graded to make it clearer to records that this half credit course can (and should be counted toward the major). It was erroneously set up as a CR/NCR and needs to be graded as Satisfactory (S)/ Unsatisfactory (U). The way this course is run is also being made more robust, to ensure student engagement.

### APPROVALS

Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

Date: 2/15/2017

Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action  
Document(s): #16-17-040 and #16-17-041

Recommendation: Approve.  
Date of Action: 2/15/2017  
Originated by: Jayashree Nimmagadda, School of Social Work  
Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
(Department, Person, or Group)  
Effective date: Fall 2017.  
Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: Request to approve a new 2 credit course SWRK 112 Basic Writing Skills for Human Services (#040), for use in the CUS: Certificate in Social and Human Service Assistance (#041). This will replace the current FYW 010 requirement and will offer the students a better focus on the kinds of writing they will need to master. It will raise the credit total for the certificate from 17 to 19.

## APPROVALS

Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

Date: 2/15/2017

Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action  
Document(s): #16-17-042 through #16-17-049

Recommendation: Approve.

Date of Action: 2/15/2017

Originated by: Frank Farinella, Management and Marketing Department

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
(Department, Person, or Group)

Effective date: Fall 2017.

Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: Rhode Island College students are able to enroll in ROTC courses through Providence College's Military Science and Leadership Department and Army ROTC program. RIC students sign up for these courses at RIC, through our PeopleSoft, and they get credit for these courses on their RIC transcripts. Somehow these courses were never included in our catalog, and these proposals seek to fix this oversight. To ensure the courses meet college standards and have proper outcomes, we are presenting them each as a new course. Frank Farinella from the Dept. of Management will provide oversight to certify the validity of the credits and the instructors used. The new courses on offer will be: MSCI 101 Leadership and Personal Development; MSCI 102 Introduction to Tactical Leadership; MSCI 201 Foundations of Leadership I; MSCI 202 Foundations of Leadership II; MSCI 301 Applied Leadership; MSCI 302 Team Leadership; MSCI 401 Adaptive Leadership; and MSCI 402 Leadership in a Complex World. All will be three credits, an elective. The 300 level and up each have a prerequisite of the previous course in the numerical sequence.

## APPROVALS

Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

Date: 2/15/2017

Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action  
Document(s): #16-17-050 through #16-17-052

Recommendation: Approve.

Date of Action: 2/15/2017

Originated by: Christine Connolly, Management and Marketing

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
(Department, Person, or Group)

Effective date: Fall 2017.

Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: Request to approve three new courses for use in the Health Care Administration program: HCA 490 Directed Study, HCA 491 Independent Study I and HCA 492 Independent Study II. Following guidelines for such courses, the 490 will be able to be used as substitutes when necessary for required 300/400 level HCA courses in the major or minor, and the 491/492 sequence will be used outside the programs, but for those pursuing departmental honors.

#### APPROVALS

Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

Date: 2/15/2017

Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action  
Document(s): #16-17-053

Recommendation: Approve.

Date of Action: 2/15/2017

Originated by: Don Halquist, Dean of FSEHD

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
(Department, Person, or Group)

Effective date: Summer 2017.

Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: Request to approve a new course for the college catalog to satisfy the Office of Postsecondary Ed.'s directive that EEP courses need to have on-campus college versions. The 3 credit course FNED 100 Education in a Democratic Society, will replace the EEP course FNED 150 Foundations of Education. Note the request for an early implementation to facilitate schools currently offering the EEP course.

#### APPROVALS

Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

Date: 2/15/2017

Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action  
Document(s): #16-17-054 through #16-17-056

Recommendation: Approve.

Date of Action: 2/15/2017

Originated by: Lisa Bain, Accounting and CIS

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
(Department, Person, or Group)

Effective date: Fall 2017.

Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: Request to approve two new CIS course: #054 CIS 470 Introduction to Data Science and #055 CIS 472 Data Visualization. Both of these courses will be used in a new Data Science Minor that is being requested in #056, alongside existing college courses from Math and CIS to create a 19 credit minor in the field.

## APPROVALS

Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

Date: 2/15/2017

Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action

Document(s): #16-17-057 through #16-17-060

Recommendation: Approve.

Date of Action: 2/15/2017

Originated by: Murat Aydogdu, Chair Economics and Finance

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

(Department, Person, or Group)

Effective date: Fall 2017.

Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: #057 is a request to approve a bunch of revisions to the FIN major and minor, to make the programs more effective. Given the success with moving FIN 230 and 467 to four credits (Students report greater satisfaction with learning in these courses), they ask to move all remaining FIN courses to four credits. The revised major will also now require one upper level ECON course, move ECON 214 and 215 to the cognates, and remove MGT 249 as a requirement. In the case of FIN 432 this will also raise the credit count on some ACCT programs (it is a restricted elective in the Major, and required in the Financial Planning CGS and the personal Finance concentration in the Professional Accountancy M.P.A.C.). The total credit count for the major will be raised to 77, but eight of those may be offset against 2 specific Gen Ed. courses, so a student can complete Finance, Gen Ed, and have room for 3-11 electives depending on their secondary language needs. The courses for the minor are also being changed to become more focused on Finance, and a note will be added to warn about any hidden prerequisites for none SOM students considering the Minor. The Major will go from 67-68 to 77 but 8 of those credits double for Gen Ed. The Minor will be reduced from 22-28 to 20-25 credits (the "hidden" prerequisites are likely to have been completed by those undertaking the minor for their major program). #058 asks to approve revisions to the prerequisites of FIN 301, FIN 423, FIN 431, FIN 434, and FIN 463 to improve the focus of the major, while #059 asks to update the following FIN course titles: FIN 431 to Advanced Corporate Finance, FIN 432 to Investments, and FIN 461 to Seminar in Finance, as well as update their course descriptions, and update the title of FIN 301 to Financial Management, and the description of FIN 423 to reflect current practice. Finally, #060 requests the raising of the prefix number of FIN 335 to FIN 435 to better reflect the nature of the course.

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Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

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Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action

Document(s): #16-17-073

Recommendation: Approve.

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Originated by: Eric Hall, Biology/Health Sciences

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

(Department, Person, or Group)

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Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments:

Request to approve a new Health Science course HSCI 105 Medical Terminology. A growing necessity in the field, the hope is to make this a requirement in the Health Science programs at some future date, as well as suggest its inclusion in other college programs.

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