



UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (UCC) ACTION FORM

MAY 2018 actions:

Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action

Document(s): #17-18-102 to #17-18-110, and #17-18-127

Recommendation: Approve.

Date of Action: 5/9/2018

Originated by: Sue Pearlmutter, Wendy Becker, Scott Mueller, Stefan Battle, and Jesse Capece
Dept. Dean, Chair of SWRK, and other department members

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

Effective date: Fall 2018.

Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: Approve revisions to the Social Work BSW program, to eliminate ECON 200 as a required course as no longer essential to the program. Program totals are also changing due to several courses being moved to four credits, and their titles and some descriptions are being updated to better reflect current practice, adding much needed material in social justice and economic inequality; the total credit for the revised program will be 70-80 depending on choices. #103 Asks to approve revisions to SWRK 240 to become SWRK 200 Introduction to Social Work, with new title, description and one more credit. #104 Asks to approve revisions to the title of SWRK 302 Social Work Research Methods, and a new prerequisite. #105 Asks to approve revisions to SWRK 320 Policy Analysis and Practice, to add a credit, change its number, prerequisite, title and description. #106 Asks to approve revisions to SWRK 324 Diversity and Oppression I, to add a credit, change its prerequisite, title and description. #107 Asks to approve revisions to SWRK 325 Diversity and Oppression II, to add a credit, change its prerequisite, title and description. #108 Asks to approve revisions to SWRK 326 Generalist Social Work Practice to add a credit, change its prerequisite and description. #109 Asks to approve revisions to SWRK 327 Group and Community Practice to add a credit, change its title and description. And #110 asks to approve revisions to SWRK 426 Clinical Social Work: Theories/ Models to add a credit, change its title and description. #127 asks to approve a new course SWRK 303 Social Work Research Methods II, to become required in the major, and as this will also satisfy the AQSR Gen Ed. distribution, it will not “technically” add to the total credits as it can double count with the Gen. Eds.

APPROVALS

Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

Date: 5/9/2018

Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action

Document(s): #17-18-112 to #17-18-113

Recommendation: Approve.

Date of Action: 5/9/2018

Originated by: Karen Almeida

Dept. Physical Sciences

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

(Department, Person, or Group)

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Comments: #112 Asks to approve a revision to CHEM 310 Biochemistry to add a credit and make the course more rigorous for the Chemistry program. If approved this will add one credit to all of the BA and BS Chemistry programs, as well as to two Health Science programs, which is reflected in the catalog copy. #113 Asks to approve a revision of the Chemistry Minor to remove CHEM 310 as an option, as the revised version will more advanced than a student pursuing the minor will need, and indicate which 400-level courses can be used to complete in its place.

APPROVALS

Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

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Document(s): #17-18-114

Recommendation: Approve.

Date of Action: 5/9/2018

Originated by: Stephanie Costa and Namita Sarawagi

Dept. Mathematics and
Computer Science

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

(Department, Person, or Group)

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Comments: Asks to approve change the prerequisites of CSCI 422, increase the credits from three to four to allow for added topics, and change the offering from Spring odd years to Spring as needed to allow for greater flexibility in scheduling. The new

prerequisite better fits the course content and allows for greater flexibility in who may sign up for it (including Math majors). The course will also better align with its URI equivalent. Since this is an elective in both CSCI and CIS, the extra credit will not affect any program totals.

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Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

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Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action
Document(s): #17-18-115

Recommendation: Approve.

Date of Action: 5/9/2018

Originated by: Paul Tiskus

Dept. Educational Studies

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

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Comments: Asks to approve the revision of the Secondary Ed. Biology program to exchange BIOL 335 Human Physiology for BIOL 231 Introductory Physiology of Plants and Animals in the program; these courses have the same credits, but the 231 contains better material for these students' program.

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Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

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Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action
Document(s): #17-18-116 to #17-18-118

Recommendation: Approve.

Date of Action: 5/9/2018

Originated by: Praveena Gullapalli

Dept. Chair Anthropology

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

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Comments: These three proposals ask to approve the deletion of three Anthropology courses, the first, ANTH 208 Anthropological Perspectives on Sexuality and Gender because they have another course that covers very similar material, and it is not a required course. The other two, ANTH 346 Anthropology of Economic Development and Globalization and ANTH 431 Gender, Environment and Development as there is no one left in the department able to teach them and they are not required courses.

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Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

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Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action
Document(s): #17-18-119

Recommendation: Approve.

Date of Action: 5/9/2018

Originated by: Thomas Schmeling

Dept. Political Science,
Director of Liberal Studies

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

Effective date: Fall 2018.

Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: Asks to approve the revision of the Liberal Studies program to reduce the number of courses needed to complete, and the number of areas that have to be covered. It has been realized that the initial program plan was an unnecessarily strenuous expectation, and this revised version will be more doable and attractive to the student body.

APPROVALS

Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

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Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action
Document(s): #17-18-120

Recommendation: Approve.

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Originated by: John Burke

Dept. Mathematics and
Computer Science

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Comments: Asks to approve the revision of MATH 120 Intermediate Algebra, to add a credit and update the description, prerequisite, and add a summer offering. Many RIC students are in need of more extensive learning and/or strengthening of their foundational algebraic skills, and it is hoped this improved course will help meet that need. Adding to the previous prerequisite of MATH 010, the option of “appropriate score on the placement exam” will ensure the students taking this course are the best fit. This will add one credit to the Tech. Ed. BS concentration in teaching program, raising it from 80 to 81, but affects no other programs.

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Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action
Document(s): #17-18-121

Recommendation: Approve.

Date of Action: 5/9/2018

Originated by: Stephen Brown

Dept. Acting Chair: English

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
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Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: Asks to approve revisions to most of the English Department’s upper-level courses in an effort to merge the offerings and become more flexible in scheduling classes that speak to the faculty’s strengths and students’ interests. Some courses will be deleted, other courses will be expanded in scope and have title and description updates to reflect this. ENGL 481 is being renumbered to better reflect its seminar status and ENGL 432 is getting an expanded prerequisite.

APPROVALS

Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

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Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action
Document(s): #17-18-122 and #17-18-123

Recommendation: Approve.

Date of Action: 5/9/2018

Originated by: Mike Casey

Dept. Chair Management and Marketing

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Comments: #122 asks to approve a revision of the Operations Management concentration (MGT), to make MGT 322 Organizational Behavior required and MGT 335 Process Management an elective, and reduce the number of electives to TWO. The overall total will be reduced in preparation for their future plan to move to four credit courses. #123 Asks to approve a revision to MGT 329 to renumber it to MGT 465 Organizational Theory, to work as a seminar, with an updated title, description, and prerequisite. It remains an elective in all MGT concentrations.

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Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

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Document(s): #17-18-124

Recommendation: Approve.

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Originated by: Aaron Smuts

Dept. Chair Philosophy

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

(Department, Person, or Group)

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Comments: Asks to approve a new course PHIL 205 Technology and the Future of Humanity. The hope is that this will better serve to CSCI BS program in the future than their current choice of PHIL 206 Ethics (and they have been informed of its submission), as well as other students interested in the philosophical and ethical aspects of science and technology in particular.

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Recommendation: Approve.

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Originated by: Praveena Gullapalli

Dept. Chair Anthropology

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
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Comments: Asks to approve a new course ANTH 235 Bones and Stones: How Archaeologists Know. This will also satisfy the AQSR Gen Ed. distribution and has been approved by COGE.

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Document(s): #17-18-126

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Originated by: Andrea Del Vecchio

Dept. Physical Sciences

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
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Comments: Asks to approve a new course A PHYS 120 The Extraordinary Physics of Ordinary Things. This will also satisfy the AQSR Gen Ed. distribution and has been approved by COGE.

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Originated by: Bonnie McDonald Dept. Communication

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Comments: #128 Asks to approve the creation of a new concentration in Communication: Journalism. It will utilize existing courses, as well as three additional new courses submitted in proposals #130, 131 and 132: COMM 252 Multimedia Journalism I, COMM 252 Multimedia Journalism II and COMM 303 Advanced Reporting and Interview. #129 asks to approve the revision of COMM 302 to become COMM 201 Writing for News, with a change in title and number, to better indicate its use in the new program (and two other COMM concentrations) as an introductory course. Due to several courses that used COMM 302 as a prerequisite, they will each be revised to read COMM 201 or COMM 302. This affects COMM 311, 312, 346, 377, and will be used for the new COMM 303.

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