

## UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (UCC) ACTION FORM

**MARCH 2021** 

Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action Document(s): #20-21-020

Recommendation: Approve. Date of Action: 3/19/2021 Originated by: David Ramirez

Dept. Modern Lang.

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Department, Person, or Group) Effective date: Fall 2021. Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: #020 asks to approve a revision to Latin American Studies Minor to offer more guidance as to the best courses to take. The current catalog does not list any specific required courses, which leaves students confused as to what would be best to take, and may lead to them neglecting the "Latin American" aspect of the minor (being able to technically satisfy it with courses in Spanish and Portuguese alone). The total credits (18-20) will remain the same but students will be better guided to select the best courses to satisfy the minor.

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Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

Date: 3/19/2020

Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action Document(s): #20-21-023

Recommendation: Approve. Date of Action: 3/19/2021

Originated by: Robin Auld

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Department, Person, or Group) Effective date: Fall 2021. Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: #023 asks to approve a revision to the prerequisites of HPE 413 Practicum in Elementary Physical Education to add HPE 301 and HPE 313, to ensure the students are taking it in the right sequence with the best preparation to succeed.

APPROVALS Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

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Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action Document(s): #20-21-024

Recommendation: Approve. Date of Action: 3/19/2021 Originated by: Lisa Bain

Dept. CS and Information Systems.

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Department, Person, or Group) Effective date: Fall 2021. Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: #024 asks to approve a revision to the Data Science Minor to rename it Data Analytics to better differentiate it from the new Data Science Major, which is actually a different kind of program that is more mathematically based (data scientists build data programs, analysts are trained to use them). The title of CSCI 470 Introduction to Data Science also needs to be revised to reflect this and become Introduction to Data Analytics. For those currently engaged in the minor its title will not change but follow the catalog when they entered the college.

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Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

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Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action Document(s): #20-21-028 through to #20-21-030

Recommendation: Approve. Date of Action: 3/19/2021 Originated by: Sally Hamouda

Dept. CSIS

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Department, Person, or Group) Effective date: Fall 2021. Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: #128 asks to approve the creation of a new 20 credit minor in Web Development for the Computer Science and Information Sytems department that will utilize courses already being taught by the department. #129 asks to approve revisions to the course CIS 324 Dynamic Web Development to update the title and description (to reflect industry standards), the prerequisites (to make it more accessible), and when it is being offered, as well as cross list it, to attract majors from both CIS and CSCI. #130 asks to approve revisions to the title, description, prerequisites and when offered of the already crosslisted course CIS/CSCI 416 Web Design, for the same reasons they want to revise the CIS/CSCI 324. This will be housed under Computer Science minor options.

APPROVALS Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Susan Abbotson

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Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action Document(s): #20-21-031 Recommendation: Approve. Date of Action: 3/19/2021 Originated by: Namita Sarawagi

Dept. CS and Information Systems.

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Department, Person, or Group) Effective date: Fall 2021. Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: Approve a revision to the prerequisite of CSCI 313 Computer Organization and Architecture and another revision to the CSCI BA and BS programs in how they list the CSCI 416 Web Design course so it becomes an option between two other similar skill-level courses in the list of electives. The proposal also notes a needed correction to an error in the prerequisite of CSCI 401W.

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Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action Document(s): #20-21-032

Recommendation: Approve. Date of Action: 3/19/2021 Originated by: Michael Michaud Dept. English/Interim WID coordinator.

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Department, Person, or Group) Effective date: Fall 2021. Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: Approve the additon of the "W" to the prefix of the following courses that have been additionally identified as Writing in the Discipline (WID) courses: CHEM 205, CHEM 206, CHEM 404, CHEM 407, CHEM 416, ELED 202, ENGL 230, ENGL 233, FREN 201, FREN 202, FREN 420, FREN 460, GEOG 100, GEOG 460 (done in course listings but not in

program), MGT 430, MGT 461, MUS 205, MUS 206, MUS 391, MUS 492, MUS 493, PFA 461, PHYS 313, PHYS 413, PORT 201, PORT 202, PORT 420, PORT 460, SED 310, SWRK 302, SWRK 326, SPAN 201, SPAN 202, SPAN 420, SPAN 460, SPED 202, SPED 210, SPED 312, YDEV 300, and YDEV 352. Some relate to an initial offering as these departments have finalized their WID plans, three other departments have revised their former statements, and so the following courses will no longer be identified as WID: GEOG 200, MGT 322, MGT 348, MKT 215, MKT 334, and SPED 436. All major programs now have clearly identified courses for Writing in the Discipline, but there are a few who still need to add details regarding their choices to their webpage (these are just in the School of Education).

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Report of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Action Document(s): #20-21-033 and #20-21-034

Recommendation: Approve. Date of Action: 3/19/2021 Originated by: Vince Bohlinger

Dept. English/Director of Film Studies

Recommended by Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Department, Person, or Group) Effective date: Fall 2021. Catalog citations: See pages on Curriculum website.

Comments: #033 asks to approve the revision of the following FILM course titles: FILM 218 Foundation in Film Production; FILM 219 Foundations in Film Theory and Analysis; FILM 454 Contemporary Film and Theory. Also FILM 370 and FILM 371 will have lower numbers: FILM 270 Screenwriting I and FILM 271 Screenwriting II, and the revised FILM 270 will have FILM 116 as its revised prerequisite. #034 asks to approve the revision of the following FILM courses' prerequisites: FILM 349 (crosslisted with ANTH 349); FILM 351; FILM 352; FILM 353; FILM 354 and FILM 355, will all exchange the FILM 219 prerequisite for FILM 116 (and reference to consent of instructor needs to be changed to consent of program director. The titles are being changed to make RIC titles either

more consistent with those at CCRI and URI, or to better differentiate. The prerequisite changes will allow transfer students quicker access to upper level courses.

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