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| A.1. [Course or program](#Proposal) | **YDEV 561 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH/EVALUATION IN THE FIELD** |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | **Course: creation**  |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | **Victoria Restler** | [Home department](#home_dept) | **Youth Development** |
| A.4. [Rationale](#Rationale)/Context | This course is a required field companion to YDEV 560. Based at a local youth development nonprofit, the class includes a range of site visits, classroom time, and small group field research. Over the course of the semester, students will work with a local YDEV organization to understand their work, develop a program evaluation project design in collaboration with nonprofit staff, and carry out original program evaluation research. |
| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact) | **This course, together with YDEV 560, offers students an integrated approach to learning the theory, practice, and critical analysis of youth development program evaluation.** |
| A.6. Impact on other programs | **N/A** |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | *[Faculty PT & FT](#faculty" \o "Need to hire new full-time or part-time faculty? This is where you indicate if this proposal will be affecting FLH in your department/program.)*:  | **This course will be taught by adjunct faculty (a youth development practitioner).** |
|  | [*Library*:](#library) | **N/A** |
|  | [*Technology*](#technology) | **N/A** |
|  | [*Facilities*](#facilities): | **N/A** |
|  | Promotion/ Marketing needs  | **N/A** |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) | **Fall 2020** | A.9. Rationale if sooner than next fall |  |

B. [NEW OR REVISED COURSES](#delete_if):

|  | New |
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| B.1. [Course prefix and number](#cours_title)  | **YDEV 561** |
| B.2. Cross listing number if any |  |
| B.3. [Course title](#title)  | **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH + EVALUATION IN THE FIELD** |
| B.4. [Course description](#description)  | In this course (together with YDEV 560), students will collaborate with a local YDEV organization to carry out original program evaluation research. |
| B.5. [Prerequisite(s)](#prereqs) | **YDEV 501, Enrollment in YDEV 560 or permission of instructor** |
| B.6. [Offered](#Offered) | **Fall | Annually** |
| B.7. [Contact hours](#contacthours)  | **1** |
| B.8. [Credit hours](#credits) | **1** |
| B.9. [Justify differences if any](#differences) |
| B.10. [Grading system](#grading)  | **S/U** |
| B.11. [Instructional methods](#instr_methods) | **Fieldwork | Small group | Individual |**  |
| B.12.[Categories](#required) | **Required for program |**  |
| B.13. [How will student performance be evaluated?](#performance) | **Attendance | Class participation | Fieldwork | Presentations |** **Interviews |Projects |**  |
| B.14. [Redundancy with, existing courses](#competing) | **N/A** |
| B. 15. Other changes, if any |

| B.16**.** [**Course learning outcomes**](#outcomes)**: List each outcome in a separate row** | [**Professional organization standard(s)**](#standards)**, if relevant**  | [**How will the outcome be measured?**](#measured) |
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| In-depth knowledge of a local youth development organization (including programming, budget, and evaluation protocols) |  | Class discussion + interactive activitiesFieldworkGroup project |
| Understand issues of ethics and power in conducting community-based program evaluation research |  | Class discussion + interactive activitiesFieldworkGroup project |
| Experience conducting original evaluation research |  | FieldworkGroup project |
| Experience analyzing original evaluation data  |  | Class activitiesGroup project |

| B.17. [**Topical outline**](#outline)**: Do NOT insert a full syllabus, only the topical outline** |
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| 1. Getting to Know the Organization
2. Mission, vision, theory of change
3. People (roles and organizational structures)
4. Programming
5. Research with Community Organizations
6. Ethics and power
7. Codes of conduct
8. Tools and strategies
9. Program Evaluation on Site
10. Existing evaluation research and protocols
11. Getting to know the current project
12. Developing an evaluation plan
13. Data collection
14. Data analysis
15. Presenting findings
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| **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE CATALOG COPY**: The proposal must include all relevant pages from the college catalog, and must show how the catalog will be revised. (1) Go to the “Forms and Information” page on the Graduate Committee website. Scroll down until you see the Word files for the current catalog. (2) Download ALL catalog sections relevant for this proposal, including course descriptions and/or other affected programs. (3) Place ALL relevant catalog copy into a single file. Put page breaks between sections and delete any catalog pages not relevant for this proposal. (4) Using the track changes function, revise the catalog pages to demonstrate what the information should look like in next year’s catalog. (5) Check the revised catalog pages against the proposal form, especially making sure that program totals are correct if adding/deleting course credits.  |

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* Type in name of person signing and their position/affiliation.
* Send electronic files of this proposal and accompanying catalog copy to graduatecommittee@ric.edu and a printed or electronic signature copy of this form to the current Chair of Graduate Committee. Check Graduate Committee website for due dates.

##### D.1. Approvals: required from programs/departments/deans who originate the proposal. may include multiple departments, e.g., for joint/interdisciplinary prposals.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#_Signature" \o "Insert electronic signature, if available, in this column) | Date |
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| Victoria Restler | Program Director of Youth Development MA |  |  |
| Lesley Bogad | Chair of Educational Studies |  |  |
| Gerri August + Julie Horwitz | Deans of Feinstein School of Education and Human Development |  |  |

##### D.2. [Acknowledgements](#acknowledge): REQUIRED from OTHER PROGRAMS/DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSAL. SIGNATURE DOES NOT INDICATE APPROVAL, ONLY AWARENESS THAT THE PROPOSAL IS BEING SUBMITTED. List all other programs and departments affected by this proposal. Signatures from these departments are required in the signature section. CONCERNS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION.

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