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**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE**

Meeting #2

Tuesday, November 27, 2012  
217 Varner Hall

**MINUTES**

Present: R. Chaudhry, S. Dykstra, K. Hay, D. Kidger, L. Li, K. Moore, A. Knutson, T. Shackelford

1. Committee approved Minutes #1, October 9, 2012.
2. Committee approved the request from the Department of Biological Sciences to eliminate the Cell/Molecular and Ecology/Evolution/Behavior tracks within its Master of Science in Biology degree and replace them with the following set of requirements required of all Biology M.S. students:

Course Requirements (32 credits):

Four graduate-level courses in biology (3 or 4 credits each) chosen by the student and his/her research mentor and approved by the Department of Biological Sciences

BIO 690 – Graduate Project Research (at least 8 credits)

Elective courses (0-11 credits)

BIO 691 – Thesis Seminar (1 credit)

Thesis Requirements:

Thesis committee and proposal

Thesis

3. The Committee approved the request from the College of Arts and Sciences to modify the PhD in Biomedical Sciences to reduce the credit requirement from a total of 90 to a total of 80 in an approved program of study. This includes each of the degree's specializations: Biological Communication, Health and Environmental Chemistry, and Medical Physics.
4. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Communication and Journalism to **add** a new course:  
  
COM 525 Nonverbal Communication (4)  
Intensive examination of topics in theory and research on nonverbal communication codes (kinesics, touch, voice, appearance, proxemics, time) and social functions (impression formation and management, relational communication, emotional expressions, regulation of interaction, social influence). COM 525 is cross listed with COM 425. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

5. Committee approved the request from the Department of Linguistics to make changes to the Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language:

**Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language**

**Course Requirements**

**Change to:**

Students must complete 12 credits of coursework at Oakland University and must satisfy the eligibility requirements described in "Practicum Eligibility" to obtain the certificate. Students interested in this certificate should contact the graduate adviser in the Department of Linguistics.

- *LIN 501 Linguistics Structures*
- ALS 518 The Teaching of English as a Second Language (4 credits)
- ALS 519 Practicum (4 credits) *See Practicum eligibility*

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