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

Meeting #2
February 28, 2018
217 Varner Hall

MINUTES

Present: A. Banes-Berceli S. Dykstra, L. Jiang, D. Matthews, M. McDonald, A. Schneeweis

1. Committee approved Minutes #1, November 30, 2017.
2. Committee approved the request from the Department of Biology to **modify** the following *program*:

Master of Arts in Biology
 - Remove the GRE application requirement
 - Remove the exit course BIO 5995 Graduate Project Research
3. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Communication and Journalism to **add** a *new course*:

COM 6625 Audience Research in Media Studies (4)
Provides a survey of key theoretical and methodological issues related to studying audiences within media and communication research. Focus on application of qualitative and critical approaches to studying media audiences.
4. Committee approved the request from the Department of Communication and Journalism to **add** the following *new courses*:

COM 6620 Video Games and Identity (4)
Study of the role that video game texts play in identity construction. Investigation of how identities are formed and how video game texts represent diverse identities.

COM 6621 Media, Gender and Sexuality (4)
In-depth exploration of the complex relationship between gender, sexuality, and media institutions, texts and audiences. Emphasis on key theoretical and methodological debates, developing critical vocabularies, and conducting original research.
5. Committee approved the request from the Department of Communication and Journalism to **renumber** the following *course*:

From:
COM 6650 Theorizing Media (4)

An historical approach to understanding media theory. Introduction to the main traditions that have emerged and continue to inform the development of the field.

To:

COM 5730 Theorizing Media (4)

An historical approach to understanding media theory. Introduction to the main traditions that have emerged and continue to inform the development of the field.

6. Committee approved the request from the Department of Communication and Journalism to **end** the following *course*:

COM 6650 Theorizing Media (4)

7. Committee approved the request from the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance to add the following new course:

MUA 5006 Carillon (0 or 2)

8. Committee approved the request from the Department of Political Science to **modify** the following certificate programs from *Post Master's Graduate Certificates* to *Graduate Certificates*:

Post Master's Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Organization and Management

Post Master's Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management

Post-Master's Graduate Certificate in Health Care Administration

Post Master's Graduate Certificate in Court Administration

Post-Master's Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Leadership

Information Item:

Per Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requirements, beginning as of Fall 2018, the Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language, offered by the Department of Linguistics, will be altered as follows:

- The credit requirement will be raised from 20 to 24. The 4-credit class ALS 5589 Special Needs and Second Language Acquisition will be added to bring the credit total to 24.
- All approved applicants to the program must have the equivalent of two semesters of college-level study in a foreign language at the time of admission. The certificate application requirements will be updated accordingly.