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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION

Meeting #17

Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.  
217 Varner Hall

**MINUTES**

Present: D. Blair, D. Drignei, S. Dykstra, M. Hartson, G. Sanders, R. Stewart, T. Towner, J. Youngquist

1. Committee approved Minutes #16, March 21, 2012.
2. Committee approved the request from the Department of Art and Art History to:
  - a. **Add** new courses:  
  
AH 262 Introduction to the History of Western Architecture (4)  
History and analysis of the architecture of Western Europe and North America from the period of ancient Greece to the present.  
  
AH 349 Latin American Art (4)  
History and analysis of the visual arts of Latin America from contact to present.  
Prerequisite: AH 100, 101 or 104.
3. Committee deferred requests from the Department of Art and Art History to:
  - a. **Change to** the following *course description* and *prerequisite* for:  
  
DES 230 Graphic Design I:  
*Conceptual and technical approaches to graphic design. Print specific assignments will address concept through basic applied practices of print/digital production.*  
Prerequisite: DES 130.
  - b. **Change to** the following *title, course description, and prerequisite* for DES, 330 Web Design:  
  
DES 330 Web Design I (4)  
*Aesthetics, methodologies, and tools of web design. Students will learn to balance technical skills with artistic skills to create web pages that are conceptually interesting, easily navigable, visually pleasing, and functional.*  
Prerequisite: DES 130.
  - c. **Change course prerequisite** for DES 335, Typography, to DES 130.

4. Committee approved the request from the Department of Biological Sciences to change the *course prerequisite* for:

BIO 319, General Microbiology

Prerequisite: BIO 315, BIO 325, *BCM 453*, or CHM 453.

BIO 321, Physiology

Prerequisite: BIO 315, BIO 325, *BCM 453*, or *CHM 453*.

5. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Biological Sciences to **add** new courses:

BIO 429 Stem Cell Biology (4)

Comprehensive overview of stem cells and their potential biomedical research and applications. Aspects of basic, applied biology and medicine including development and differentiation, cancer, regeneration/repair, cell therapy, and drug development. Provides a broad background and the opportunity to apply critical thinking skills to recent advances in stem cell biology.

Prerequisite: BIO 111.

BIO 474 Tropical Field Ecology (2-3)

Field-based introduction to tropical ecology with an emphasis on experiencing different types of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. BIO 301 recommended and instructor permission.

Prerequisite: BIO 113.

6. Committee approved the request from the Department of Communication and Journalism to:

- a. **Add** a new course:

COM 350 Popular Media in the Age of Convergence (4)

Examines the relationships between media technologies, institutions, cultural forms and audiences within contemporary convergence culture. Focuses on how traditional forms of mass media texts, particularly television, have been impacted by new technologies and how such shifts reconfigure our understanding of media audiences/consumers.

- b. **Change** the *course description* for COM 491, Internship to:

*Supervised student internship in business, broadcasting, government, or non-profit organizations. Reports and analyses of work performed at the organization required. May be repeated once in a different setting for a maximum of eight internship credits.*

- c. **End date** COM 330, Digital Culture: Identity and Community.

- d. **Delete** from *course description* for COM 378, Television News Production:

*This course will be taught concurrently with JRN 338.*

- e. Change the *course description* for JRN 338 to:

*Practical application of TV reporting, writing, editing, producing and anchoring skills. Student-Produced news reports and newscasts are published on a variety of platforms. Course may be repeated once for additional credit. Prerequisite: JRN 332.*

- f. Change the *course prerequisite* for:

JRN 332 Radio Television News  
Prerequisite: JRN 200 *or instructor permission.*

7. Committee approved the request from the Department of History to **add** a new course:

HST 275 Introduction to Middle East History  
Introduction to the history of the Middle East from the rise of Islam to the recent past, surveying major themes in religious, political, and social history as well as historiographical issues.

8. Committee deferred request from the Department of Linguistics to **add** a new course:

LIN 350 Linguistic Typology (4)  
Investigates patterns of variation in the world's languages. These patterns lead to an understanding and explanation of linguistic universals that provide insight into the complexity of the human language faculty.  
Prerequisite: LIN 201.