

MINUTES
2021-2022 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
September 10, 2021
1:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Members Present: Kevin Downs, Michelle Finch, Scott Handy, Phil Loubere, Will Perkins, Chris Quarto, Lauren Rudd (Chair), Denise Shackelford, Daniel Smith, Tom Smith, and Kelly Williams

Ex-Officio Members Present: Mitzi Brandon, Nita Brooks, Karen Dearing, Tyler Henson, Rachel Kirk, and Teresa Thomas

Members Absent: Ashley Estep. NOTE: No other members assigned to the committee at the time of the meeting were absent.

Guests Present: Mary Beth Asbury, Sanjay Asthana, Diane Edmondson, Andrienne Friedli, Beverly Keel, Lucy Matthews, Cathy McElderry, Eric Oslund, Ron Kates, Greg Pitts, and Tiffany Trent

Committee Charge: Nita Brooks, Interim Vice Provost for Academic Programs, read the Curriculum Committee charge as provided in MTSU Policy 32.

Election of Vice-Chair: Lauren Rudd (Chair) requested a volunteer to hold the position of Vice-Chair for this academic year. The Vice-Chair for the 2021-2022 academic year will become Chair for the 2022-2023 academic year. Kevin Downs volunteered. A motion was made to elect Kevin Downs as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2021: A motion was made to approve the minutes. Lauren Rudd noted that she attended the April meeting. The motion was seconded and approved with this correction.

New Business:

Proposal	Effective Date	Proposed Action	Detailed Explanation	Reference #
College of Behavioral and Health Sciences				
Social Work				
Social Work, B.S.W.	Summer 2022	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	SW 2000: Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice (3.0 credit hours) and SW 3040 Financial Capability (3.0 credit hours) are being added to the program as electives. SW 4590: Field Instruction I (6.0 credit hours) and SW 4680: Field Instruction II (9.0 credit hours) are being condensed to SW 4681: Field Instruction-Block Placement (12 hours). These changes will increase elective hours from 3 to 6.	6
Discussion: n/a				
Committee Actions: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				

College of Liberal Arts

English				
ENGL - 3770 - LGBTQIA+ Literature and Culture	Spring 2022	New Course	Surveys diverse literature and cultural artifacts by and about sexual minority groups. Features fiction and nonfiction, poetry, song, film, among other cultural texts and artifacts. Emphasizes cultural and historical context and intersectionality in cultural production.	1
Discussion: n/a				
Committee Actions: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				

English, Literature and Culture Concentration, B.A.	Summer 2022	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Please make changes retroactive to all catalogs. Add ENGL 3770 to the first "Choose Two" category (Literature & Culture Area I in Degree Works) under the Literature and Culture concentration. (ENGL 3300, ENGL 3360, ENGL 3365, ENGL 3720, ENGL 3725, ENGL 3730, ENGL 3735, ENGL 3740, ENGL 3745, ENGL 3755, ENGL 3770, ENGL 4270, ENGL 4435, ENGL 4750, ENGL 4780)	2
Discussion: n/a				
Committee Actions: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				

English, Writing Concentration, B.A.	Summer 2022	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Remove ENGL 4670 and add 4685 to third category of requirements in Writing Concentration. ENGL 3505, 3555, 3570, 3620, 4510, 4520, 4530, 4570, 4605, 4640, 4685	3
Discussion: n/a				
Committee Actions: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				

College of Media and Entertainment

Journalism and Strategic Media

JOUR - 3170 - Digital Analytics and Certifications	Spring 2022	New Course	Theory and practices behind digital marketing including analytics, creative direction, and digital media, leading to analytics certifications for users and a journalistic and strategic understanding of digital practices.	4
Discussion: There was discussion between representatives from the School of Journalism and Strategic Media and the Department of Marketing regarding the course description and content areas covered. A committee member motioned that the proposal be tabled until the next meeting to allow for the two departments to resolve any issues regarding the course.				
Committee Actions: A motion was made to table the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				

JOUR - 4220 - Media, Environment, and Climate Change	Spring 2022	New Course	Interdisciplinary study of media, environment, and climate change; local and regional contexts of environmental and climate change issues in Middle Tennessee and the South; role of media in environmental and climate justice movements in the U.S. and around the world.	5
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Discussion: The course was discussed regarding the science component and concern over the lack of science prerequisites. Department representatives were available to address the concerns and will work with Scheduling to address prerequisites.

Committee Actions: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.

Closing Remarks: The next meeting of the committee will be Friday, October 15 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.