

**Minutes**  
**2020-2021 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**  
**September 11, 2020**  
**VIA ZOOM - 1:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Because the University is operating in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting of the UCC was conducted online with each proposal examined individually and voted on by a show of hands via Zoom.

**Members Present:** Kevin Downs (BAS), Yeqian Liu (BAS), Lauren Rudd (BHS), Sherri Stevens (BHS), Daniel Smith (BUS), Kelly Williams (BUS), Tiffany Wilson (COE), Kari Neely (LA), Will Perkins (LA), Misty Jones-Simpson (ME), Phil Loubere (ME), Kelsie Roberts (Student Rep), Jared Frazier (Student Rep), Nita Brooks (Ex Officio), Mitzi Brandon (Ex Officio), Susan Fieldhouse (Ex Officio), Teresa Thomas, (Ex Officio), Susan Myers-Shirk (Ex Officio), Karen Dearing (LIB)

**Members Absent:** Rachel Kirk (ex-officio)

**Guests Present:** Warner Cribb (BAS), Leah Lyons (LA), Henrique Momm (Geosciences), Tony Johnston (Agriculture), Brandon Wallace (Sociology and Anthropology), and Rick Cottle (Human Sciences)

**Committee Charge:** Dr. Brooks, Interim Vice Provost for Academic Programs, charged the committee with a description of their duties for this academic year.

**Elect Officers:** Dr. Nita Brooks explained each of the open positions to the committee. A motion was made to elect Kari Neely as Chair, Lauren Rudd as Vice-Chair, and the position of Recorder/Secretary remains open until the October 2020 meeting. Lauren Rudd will become Chair of the University Curriculum Committee for AY 2021-2022. Approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2020:** A motion was made to approve the minutes. That motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Announcements:** n/a

**Previously Tabled Proposals:** n/a

**New Business:**

	<b>Proposed Action</b>	<b>Detailed Explanation</b>	<b>Reference #</b>
<b>College of Basic and Applied Sciences</b>			
<b>Agriculture</b>			
AGBS - 3230 - Fundamentals of Agricultural Producer Risk Management Effective Spring 2021	New Course	Fundamental concepts and principles of agriculture risk management to understand agriculture production risk, price risk, and its limitation and strategies. Restriction: Junior or Senior classification	<b>1</b>
<b>Discussion:</b> n/a			
<b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.			
FERM - 4610 - Fermentation and Nutraceutical Production Effective Spring 2021	New Course	Scientific principles of fermentation employed for the production of value-added, functional food products with specific emphases on bioprocessing, bio-catalysis, and bio-separation. Prerequisites: FERM 1000, BIOL 1120, BIOL 2230, and CHEM 3530	<b>5</b>
<b>Discussion:</b> n/a			
<b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.			
PLSO - 4760 - Herbs, Spices, and Medicinal Plants in Our Lives Effective Spring 2021	New Course	The history, traditional uses, biological basis, botany, cultivation, and applications of specialized plants used as culinary herbs, spices, and in medicine. Prerequisites: PLSO 1610 or BIOL 1120/1121	<b>16</b>
<b>Discussion:</b> n/a			
<b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.			
POUL - 1000 - Introduction to Poultry Science Effective Spring 2021	New Course	Overview of the commercial poultry industry, biology of the domestic fowl, basic genetics and breeding, nutrition, reproduction, embryology, diseases, and poultry management.	<b>17</b>

**Discussion:** A representative confirmed that this course will be added to the minor.

**Committee Action:** Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.

Fermentation Science Minor  
Effective Summer 2021

New Minor

The Fermentation Science minor is designed to introduce the non-Fermentation Science major to the non-technical high points of the major course content. Students will learn about the scope and range of the field of study and delve deeper into specific fermented food topics of interest. Only 2 courses are specified, allowing students to use the remaining 3 in the minor to explore areas of personal interest. At least 9 hours in the minor must be completed at MTSU.

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**Discussion:** n/a

**Committee Action:** Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.

Fermentation Science, B.S.  
Effective Summer 2021

Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate

Add FERM 4610 Fermentation and Nutraceutical Production to the list of courses from which students can choose in the specialized core in the Fermentation Science (B.S.) major

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**Discussion:** Retroactive to all valid catalogs.

**Committee Action:** Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.

Plant and Soil Science, B.S.  
Effective Summer 2021

Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate

Add PLSO 4760 - Herbs, Spices, and Medicinal Plants in Our Lives (new course proposal) - to the list of PLSO UD electives that will count in the PLSO major

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**Discussion:** Retroactive to all valid catalogs.

**Committee Action:** Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.

## Geosciences

GEOL - 3070 - Geochemistry of Earth Systems Effective Spring 2021	New Course	Geochemical evolution and compositions of the solid Earth, hydrosphere, and atmosphere; cycling of elements between Earth systems; impacts of human development on geochemical cycles influencing the environment and climate change. Prerequisites: GEOL 1030/GEOL 1031 or GEOL 1040/GEOL 1041 and CHEM 1010/1011 or CHEM 1110/1111.	<b>8</b>
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**Discussion:** n/a

**Committee Action:** Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.

Geosciences, Environmental Science, B.S. Effective Summer 2021	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Amend the Environmental Science upper-division form to indicate that the mentor approved electives are "major-supporting" and that "at least 8 hours must be at 3000-4000 level".	<del>10</del> <b>9</b>
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**Discussion:** Proposal tabled for further clarification.

**Committee Actions:** Motion was made to table this proposal until the October meeting of the University Curriculum Committee. That motion was seconded. This proposal is tabled until the next meeting.

Geosciences, Geography Concentration ( <i>Physical</i> Geography for Teachers), B.S. Effective Summer <del>2021</del> 2020	Program Track Inactivation	When Geosciences and Global Studies and Human Geography split, GS&HG retained a teacher prep track, while Geosciences did not. However, the track was removed from the catalog but still appears in DegreeWorks, and it needs to be removed. The last students to graduate with this track finished in 2016, and inactivating this track should affect no current students.	<b>9</b> <b>10</b>
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**Discussion:** Teresa Thomas requested immediate termination (Summer 2020) so students can't register for the program. Susan stated that track name should be Physical Geography for Teachers.

**Committee Action:** Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.

Geosciences, Geology Concentration (Geology), B.S. Effective Summer 2021	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Approval of this change will allow Degree Works to be modified so that GEOL 1030 is no longer automatically populated as the core GEOL elective. By amending the upper division form to stipulate that the elective be filled with a 3000 to 4000-level GEOL course (Geosciences does not offer any 2000-level GEOL courses), the advisor will no longer have to make Degree Works exceptions for every student in the Geology concentration.	<b>11</b>
<p><b>Discussion:</b> n/a</p> <p><b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.</p>			

**College of Behavioral and Health Sciences**  
**Criminal Justice Administration**

CJA - 2800 - Introduction to Emergency and Disaster Management Effective Summer 2021	Course number change from 3800 to 2800	It is proposed that our course number for CJA 3800 could be changed to CJA 2800, and if approved, the course would be eligible for dual enrollment students in our surrounding counties.	<b>3</b>
<p><b>Discussion:</b> Mitzi Brandon will contact Criminal Justice Administration about any needed program changes.</p> <p><b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.</p>			

**Human Sciences**

NFS - 4275 - Applied Nutrition Across the Lifespan Effective Spring 2021	New Course	Focuses on the physiologic changes and nutritional needs across the lifespan including components of both standard nutrition and treatment of nutrition-related conditions. Offered spring only. Prerequisite: NFS 2220 and NFS 4270 with B or higher; junior status	<b>13</b>
<p><b>Discussion:</b> Discussion occurred regarding the prerequisite: NFS 2220 and NFS 4270 with B or higher; B- will be accepted unless clarification is made re: B (3.0). Mitzi Brandon will consult with department.</p> <p><b>Committee Actions:</b> Motion was made to table this proposal until the October meeting of the University Curriculum Committee. That motion was seconded. This proposal is tabled until the next meeting.</p>			

Nutrition and Food Science, Dietetics Effective Summer 2021	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	<p>NFS 4275, which will be a 4-credit hour course will meet the needs of addressing the knowledge requirement of lifecycle nutrition per education standards for the accredited dietetics program, while also providing the course material via experiential learning and using it to introduce students to basic concepts of medical nutrition therapy.</p> <p>NFS 4400, a 2-credit hour course will provide the students with a basic research methods course to meet the accreditation standards in this knowledge requirement area.</p> <p>The 6 hours necessary to add these courses will be obtained by eliminating NFS 4210 Nutrition in Aging and NFS 4250 Maternal Child Nutrition.</p>	<b>14</b>
<p><b>Discussion:</b> Proposal was tabled since NFS 4275 was tabled.</p> <p><b>Committee Actions:</b> Motion was made to table this proposal until the October meeting of the University Curriculum Committee. That motion was seconded. This proposal is tabled until the next meeting.</p>			

**College of Liberal Arts  
Political Science and International Relations**

PS - 3360 - Law and Policy Effective Spring 2021	New course	<p>This course will address the relationship between courts, policy, and society through the lens of different actors and state institutions. We utilize legal, policy, and sociolegal scholarship that touches on issues such as bureaucracy, criminal justice, education, environmental regulation, injury litigation, and more.</p>	<b>18</b>
<p><b>Discussion:</b> A representative was present to clarify answers from the committee about prerequisites.</p> <p><b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.</p>			

## Sociology and Anthropology

Family Studies Minor Effective Summer 2021	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Adding existing courses that are already approved to the Family Studies minor. NOTE: Adding SOC 3152, SOC 4153, and SOC 4360 to Electives category.	<b>4</b>
<b>Discussion:</b> Retroactive to all valid catalogs.			
<b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.			

Sociology Minor Effective Summer 2021	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Adding SOC 3152 Sociology of Sex/ualities to the curriculum, and this course can count as an elective for the Sociology minor.	<b>19</b>
<b>Discussion:</b> Retroactive to all valid catalogs.			
<b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.			

Sociology, B.S. and Sociology, B.A. Effective Summer 2021	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	SOC 3152 Sociology of Sex/ualities can be an elective for the major (SOC choice for required 9 hours of general electives)	<b>20</b>
<b>Discussion:</b> Retroactive to all valid catalogs.			
<b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.			

Sociology, Social Justice Concentration, B.S. Effective Summer 2021	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Adding new course, SOC 3152 Sociology of Sex/ualities, as an elective for the Social Justice concentration.	<b>21</b>
<b>Discussion:</b> Retroactive to all valid catalogs.			
<b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.			

### World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

SPAN - 4140 - Advanced Spanish-English Translation Effective Spring 2021	New course	3 credit hours. This course offers extensive practice of both direct and inverse English-Spanish translation skills using a variety of advanced text types, including legal, administrative, digital, economic, financial, scientific, literary, and constrained translations, as well as an introduction to sight translation for interpreting.	22
<b>Discussion:</b> n/a			
<b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.			

SPAN - 4150 - Special Topics in Spanish/English Translation & Interpreting Effective Spring 2021	New course	3 credit hours. Practical course in specialized Spanish/English translation or interpreting at the advanced level. Taught primarily in Spanish. Specific topic will be announced upon scheduling.	23
<b>Discussion:</b> n/a			
<b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.			

Chinese Minor Effective Summer 2021	New Academic Program	With this minor, faculty will seek to create a bridge between world language study and disciplines in other colleges. We will also continue to work to increase our students' global competency.	2
<b>Discussion:</b> A representative was present for discussion with the committee regarding a minimum GPA requirement for this minor. No other minors in the department have a minimum GPA requirement.			
<b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.			

Linguistic Studies Minor Effective Summer 2021	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Add FREN 3140 to the Linguistic Studies Minor under the "elective" category.	12
<b>Discussion:</b> Retroactive to all valid catalogs.			
<b>Committee Action:</b> Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.			



**Other New Business:** n/a

**Closing Remarks:** The next meeting of the committee will be on Friday, October 16 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. That motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned.