

**AGENDA**  
**2023-2024 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**  
**October 13, 2023**  
**via Zoom - 1:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order (Shackelford)**

**Roll Call/Introductions (Calahan)**

**Voting Committee Members**

Denise Shackelford, Chair (CME), Brielle Campos (UC), Heather Dillard (COE), Natalie Griffin (COE), Sarah Ji (COB), Paul Kline (CBAS), Theresa McBreen (CLA), Robert Rogers (CBHS), Amanda Swenson (CLA), Richard Tarpey (COB), Elizabeth Whalen (CBHS), Xin Yang (CBAS)  
SGA student representatives: Jenene Grover and Sydney Anthony

**Ex-Officio Members**

Amy Aldridge Sanford, Susan Myers-Shirk, Teresa Thomas, Tyler Henson, Mitzi Brandon, Suzanne Mangrum, and Karen Dearing

**Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2023**

**Guests enter the meeting**

**Consent Agendas (Regular and Course Discontinuation)**

**Proposals**

Proposal	Effective Date	Proposed Action	Detailed Explanation	Reference #
<b>College of Basic and Applied Sciences</b>				
<b>Data Science Program</b>				
DATA - 2025 - Communicating with Data	Summer 2024	New Course	Understanding, analyzing, and communicating with real-world data through statistical concepts, data visualization, interpreting trends, creating data-driven narratives, and applying ethics.	12

DATA - 4900 - Selected Topics in Data Science	Spring 2024	New Course	Prerequisite: Permission of department. An in-depth study of a selected topic in data science to be chosen and announced at time of class scheduling. Repeatable up to 6 hours with permission of department.	<b>13</b>
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Data Science Minor	Summer 2024	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Add MATH 2050 - Probability and Statistics 3 credit hour as an option for students taking the minor so that the course options are: BIA 2610 - Statistical Methods 3 credit hours OR MATH 1530 - Applied Statistics 3 credit hours OR MATH 2050 - Probability and Statistics 3 credit hours	<b>14</b>
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**Aerospace**

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Minor	Summer 2024	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Propose adding AERO 2201 Professional Pilot Flight Lab as an alternative to AERO 2710.	<b>25</b>
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**Biology**

BIOL - 4451 - Molecular Genetics Lab	Summer 2024	New Course	This lab is a co-requisite for BIOL 4450. Three hour lab.	<b>8</b>
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**Concrete and Construction Management**

CMT - 4350 - Cost Estimating for Disaster Restoration and Reconstruction Projects	Spring 2024	New Course	Prerequisites: CCM 2050 and CCM 3200. Introduces the fundamentals of project estimating for disaster restoration and reconstruction management. Students learn how to conduct damage assessments, document site conditions, create scopes of work, estimate costs, and use technology in disaster situations. Students examine projects requiring emergency services, demolition, restoration, and reconstruction work of varying magnitudes.	<b>10</b>
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Construction Management, Land Development/Residential Building Construction Management, B.S.	Summer 2024	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Adds MATH-1730 to LDRB requirements. Allows Changes to the MATH requirements for the LDRB concentration from MATH-1710 and MATH-1720 to: MATH 1710 and MATH 1720 OR MATH 1730 OR MATH 1810 OR MATH 1910 Changes required credits to a range of 3-7 credits	<b>11</b>
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**College of Liberal Arts**

Public Writing and Rhetoric Minor	Summer 2024	New Program	The proposed Public Writing and Rhetoric minor will build on the strengths and curriculum of MTSU’s innovative Public Writing and Rhetoric major. The minor will cover a streamlined version of that curriculum, equipping students with writing skills that supplement a wide variety of professions.	<b>20</b>
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Public Writing and Rhetoric, B.S.	Summer 2024	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Make the Creative Writing category more open (and streamlined), revising the requirement to be 6 hours selected from a list of 10 course options, including ENGL 2500, ENGL 3625, ENGL 3630, ENGL 3645, ENGL 3655, ENGL 3665, ENGL 4645, ENGL 4685, ENGL 3675, ENGL 3685	<b>21</b>
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**Political Science and International Relations**

PS - 1040 - Dystopias, Dictators, and Democracies	Spring 2024	New Course	Students will learn how dystopian governments work and how democracy is the antidote to dystopian government.	<b>19</b>
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## Philosophy and Religious Studies

RS - 4170 - Qur'an and Culture	Spring 2024	New Course	Study of the impact of the cultural milieu of the late antique Near East on the formation of the Qur'an; Study of the impact of the Qur'an on the formation of varieties of cultures in Islamicate communities.	<b>22</b>
Religious Studies, B.A. and B.S.	Summer 2024	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Guided RS electives: Any RS course (1000:4999). NOTE: This includes RS 1030 and changes the requirement from the current RS 2000:4999. Add RS 1030: Introduction to World Religious to the current list of courses for the Description requirement. NOTE: Make retroactive to all valid catalogs	<b>23</b>
Foreign Languages, French and Francophone Studies Concentration (all programs - remove FREN 3010)	Summer 2024	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Eliminate the FREN 3010 requirement. FREN electives will increase to 20 hours from 17 hours (19 from 16 for teacher licensure). The total number of required credit hours in the concentration (and the total number of required upper-division credit hours) will remain the same.	<b>17</b>
Foreign Languages, French and Francophone Studies Concentrations (all programs - UD hour req. change)	Summer 2024	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Reduce the 6-hour upper division requirement to 3 credit hours. FREN electives will increase to 23 hours from 20 hours (22 from 19 for teacher licensure). The total number of required credit hours in the concentration (and the total number of required upper-division credit hours) will remain the same.	<b>18</b>

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The next meeting of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee will be November 17, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Proposals are due Wednesday, November 8, 2023 in order to be considered by the committee for approval.

## Adjournment