

MINUTES
2025-2026 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
October 17, 2025
Zoom, 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Richard Tarpey (COB), chair; Elizabeth Whalen (CBHS), co-chair; Ricky Ferguson (COB), Paul Kline (CBAS), Richard Lewis (CME), Theresa McBreen (CLA), Richard Meeks (CBHS), Jade Treadwell (CLA), Donglin Wang (CBAS), Jeremy Winters (COE)

Student representatives: Jorge Avila, Tara Taha

Committee Members Absent

Brielle Campos (UC), Heather Dillard (COE)

Ex-Officio Members Present

Amy Aldridge, Tyler Henson, Mitzi Brandon, Rachel Kirk

Ex-Officio Members Absent

Christina Cobb, Teresa Thomas, Karen Dearing

Guests Present

Steven Severn, Angela Mertig, Kevin Downs, Samuel Haruna, Sanjay Asthana

Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2025

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Regular Agenda

Proposal	Effective Date	Proposed Action	Detailed Explanation	Reference #
College of Liberal Arts				
English				
English, Creative Writing Concentration, B.A. and B.S.	Summer 2026	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Remove ENGL 4230, 4240, 4270, 4320, and 4435 Add ENGL 3340 and ENGL 3365	10
Discussion: A department representative was available to answer questions.				
Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				
Sociology and Anthropology				
Sociology, B.A.	Summer 2026	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	The following core courses cannot count toward the required 9 credit hours of Sociology BA Major Requirements electives: SOC 1010; SOC 2980; SOC 3040; SOC 3050; SOC 3060; SOC 4980 This cannot be made retroactive.	15
Discussion: A department representative was available to answer questions.				
Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				
Sociology, B.S.	Summer 2026	Change to curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	The following core courses cannot count toward the required 9 credit hours of Sociology BA Major Requirements electives: SOC 1010; SOC 2980; SOC 3040; SOC 3050; SOC 3060; SOC 4980 This cannot be made retroactive.	16
Discussion: A department representative was available to answer questions.				
Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				

College of Media and Entertainment

Journalism and Strategic Media

JOUR - 2200 - Introduction to News Literacy	Spring 2026	New course	Students develop critical skills in evaluating news and information in print, broadcast, electronic, digital, and social media platforms; distinguish news from opinion, bias, disinformation, and propaganda, and learn basic principles of fairness, fact-checking, verification, etc.	11
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Discussion: A department representative was available to answer questions.

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

Recording Industry

RIM - 3808 - Sampling the Past: Hip Hop History and Culture	Spring 2026	New course	Explores the origins and evolution of hip-hop culture from its birth in the Bronx during the 1970s through the end of the 20th century. Topics include the four elements of hip-hop, the Golden Era, political and commercial rap, and regional styles. The course concludes with a look at hip-hop's post-2000 influence on global music, media, and technology.	12
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Discussion: N/A

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

College of Basic and Applied Sciences

Agriculture

ANSC - 2000 - Basic Animal Management and Handling	Spring 2026	New course	Prerequisites: ANSC 1410 and ANSC 1411 Restrictions: Grade of C (2.0) or greater required; restricted to students in Animal Science (Pre-Veterinary Medicine Concentration) An introduction to proper livestock, poultry, and companion animal handling techniques, with emphasis on applied hands-on learning.	5
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Discussion: A motion was made to combine proposals numbers 5, 6, 7, 17, 18, and 19. Motion was seconded and approved. Proposals were considered as a group.

Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposals. The motion was seconded and approved.

ANSC - 3200 - Livestock Grazing Management	Spring 2026	New course	Prerequisites: ANSC 1410 and ANSC 1411 Restrictions: Junior or Senior Classification Comprehensive overview of grazing management topics applicable to commercial livestock enterprises	6
Discussion: A motion was made to combine proposals numbers 5, 6, 7, 17, 18, and 19. Motion was seconded and approved. Proposals were considered as a group. Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposals. The motion was seconded and approved.				
ANSC - 4800 - Animal Science Senior Seminar	Spring 2026	New course	Prerequisite: ANSC 3000 Restrictions: Senior Classification; restricted to ANSC (Industry and Production Concentration) majors Focus on career preparation and presentation skills. Topics include job searching and application preparation, review of scientific literature, and soft skills preparation (career fairs, interviews, and presentations). Majors advised to take this course during their final semester.	7
Discussion: A motion was made to combine proposals numbers 5, 6, 7, 17, 18, and 19. Motion was seconded and approved. Proposals were considered as a group. Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposals. The motion was seconded and approved.				
VET - 3100 - Small Animal Health and Nutrition	Spring 2026	New course	Prerequisites: ANSC 1410 Restrictions: Junior or Senior Classification; restricted to ANSC (Pre-Veterinary Medicine Concentration) and ANSC (Industry and Production Concentration) An overview of various facets related to small animal health and nutrition. The course will emphasize best feeding practices for small animals based on life stages, lifestyle, and nutritional needs related to health conditions and weight management.	17
Discussion: A motion was made to combine proposals numbers 5, 6, 7, 17, 18, and 19. Motion was seconded and approved. Proposals were considered as a group. Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposals. The motion was seconded and approved.				

VET - 4100 - Animal Health	Spring 2026	New course	Prerequisite: ANSC 1410 Restrictions: Junior or Senior Classification; restricted to ANSC (Pre-Veterinary Medicine Concentration) An overview of various facets related to the health of companion and agricultural animal species	18
Discussion: A motion was made to combine proposals numbers 5, 6, 7, 17, 18, and 19. Motion was seconded and approved. Proposals were considered as a group. Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposals. The motion was seconded and approved.				
VET - 4800 - Veterinary Science Seminar	Spring 2026	New course	Prerequisite: ANSC 3000 Restrictions: Junior or Senior Classification; restricted to ANSC (Pre-Veterinary Medicine Concentration) Focus on career readiness of pre-veterinary medicine students and preparing for the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) application and interview processes. Majors advised to take this course during the junior year prior to VMCAS submission.	19
Discussion: A motion was made to combine proposals numbers 5, 6, 7, 17, 18, and 19. Motion was seconded and approved. Proposals were considered as a group. Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposals. The motion was seconded and approved.				
Animal Science, Industry and Production Concentration, B.S.	Summer 2026	New concentration	The new Animal Science (Industry and Production Concentration) will meet the demands of students interested in pursuing a career in animal agriculture or allied fields. Job opportunities in these areas are highly available. It will also serve as a viable option for students in the Animal Science (Pre-Veterinary Medicine Concentration) who may not be equipped to handle the rigors of the pre-professional program.	8
Discussion: A department representative was available to answer questions. Committee Action: A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and approved.				

Animal Science, Pre-Veterinary Summer 2026 New concentration
Medicine Concentration, B.S.

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The new Animal Science (Pre-Veterinary Medicine Concentration) will be in high demand for high school, transfer, and likely current MTSU students. The interest in a career in veterinary medicine remains particularly high across the country.

Discussion: A department representative was available to answer questions.

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

Good of the Order

The next meeting of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee will be Friday, November 21, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.
Proposals are due Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in order to be considered by the committee for approval.

Adjournment

Consent Agenda 2025-26 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee October 17, 2025								
All items effective Summer 2026								
Current Prefix and Number	Current Course Title	Course Number Change	New Course Title	Course Prefix Change	Catalog Desc. Change	Contact Hour Change	Course Inactiv.	Other
CBAS								
1) AERO 3205	Conventional Landing Gear Airplane Laboratory		Conventional Landing Gear Airplane Flight Lab					
2) AERO 3222	High-Altitude Aircraft Operations Laboratory		High-Altitude Aircraft Operations Flight Lab					
3) AERO 3223	High-Performance Aircraft Flight Laboratory		High-Performance Aircraft Flight Lab					
4) AERO 3241	Air Charter Flight Laboratory		Air Charter Flight Lab					
CLA								
14) SOC 4450	Sociology of Emotions		Emotions in Society: Context, Structure, and Identity					
CME								
13) RIM 4550	Hip-Hop Music and Culture						X	

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