

AGENDA
2022-2023 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
October 14, 2022
Via Zoom - 1:00 p.m.

Call to Order (Downs)

Roll Call (Fults)

Voting Committee Members

Kevin Downs, Chair (CBAS), Heather Dillard (COE), Michelle Finch (CBHS), Scott Handy (CBAS), Theresa McBreen (CLA), Tim Nelson (UC), Sheri Selph (CLA), Denise Shackelford (CME), Chris Quarto (COE), Richard Tarpey (COB), Elizabeth Whalen (CBHS), Kelly Williams (COB), SGA student representatives: Stayton "Grayce" Sanders and Ashley Greer

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 23, 2022

Guests Enter the Meeting

Consent Agenda

Proposals

Proposal	Effective Date	Proposed Action	Detailed Explanation	Reference #
College of Basic and Applied Sciences				
Agriculture				
AGBS - 1210 - Principles of Agribusiness	Spring 2023	New Course	The purpose of this class is to serve as an introduction to agriculture as a business. In addition, it will focus on how agricultural products move through the supply chain. Experiential learning will be incorporated into class by showing students how to find agricultural data and incorporating data into an assignment.	1
Biology				
Biology, B.S.	Summer 2023	Change to Curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Changes to Core Curriculum – We are proposing to remove BIOL 3500 (Evolution - 3 cr) from our core curriculum and replace it with BIOL 3060/3061 (Diversity of Eukaryotic Life – 3 cr). This change will not affect the number of credit hours in the core curriculum, or the number of lower division and upper division credit hours in the core curriculum.	2
Biology, Organismal Biology and Ecology Concentration, B.S.	Summer 2023	Change to Curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	Proposing to make BIOL 3500 (Evolution) a requirement for students in this concentration. Currently, students are required to choose at least 10 credit hours from a list of fourteen courses. Under this proposal, students will take Evolution and choose at least 7 hours from that same list.	3

College of Liberal Arts

PWR - 3000 - Public Writing and Rhetoric	Spring 2023	New Course	Prerequisites: ENGL 1010 and ENGL 1020. An introduction to the study and practice of writing for public audiences. Students will gain a better understanding of terms like “rhetoric” and “public” and what it means to think about writing in those terms. Students will both analyze and produce writing meant for public audiences that extends beyond narrow academic and professional contexts. Along the way, they will consider the rhetorical and ethical decisions involved in the crafting and circulation of such writing. Ultimately, coursework will be directed toward the practice and production of public writing.	10
PWR - 3010 - Community Writing	Spring 2023	New Course	Prerequisites: ENGL 1010, ENGL 1020, and PWR 3000. Prepares students to engage with communities via writing and with an awareness of how writing functions in specific contexts. Emphasizes writing with and for community organizations.	11
PWR - 3020 - Digital Writing	Spring 2023	New Course	Prerequisites: ENGL 1010, ENGL 1020, and PWR 3000. An overview of the theoretical and practical work involved in creating, editing, and publishing writing using digital platforms. Coursework will emphasize the production of digital writing projects, with students collaboratively navigating digital publishing workflows from first drafts through actual digital publication. Students will learn how digital technologies are affecting the ways people write in public and professional contexts, including overlaps and divergences from analog writing platforms and genres.	12
PWR - 3030 - Cultural Rhetorics	Spring 2023	New Course	Prerequisites: ENGL 1010, ENGL 1020, and PWR 3000. Cultural Rhetorics focuses on the study of communication and persuasion--written, spoken, and gestural--beyond the Western canon. Students examine rhetorical intersections between bodies, texts, contexts, and histories in different communities and cultures.	13

PWR - 4000 - Experimental Writing	Spring 2023	New Course	Prerequisites: ENGL 1010, ENGL 1020, and PWR 3000. Experimental Writing is an intensively collaborative, production-oriented course in which students create experimental writing projects using an array of styles, technologies, and genres. The course adopts an innovative approach to genres “in the wild”: those that we come across every day, such as cereal boxes, social media posts, music reviews, quarterly reports, etc. Using rhetorical genre theory, which asserts that genre should be understood as a social response to a recurrent rhetorical situation, students will consider conventional and obligatory approaches to composition, and they will also be encouraged to purposefully deviate from genre conventions and consider audience responses to their choices.	14
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University Honors College

UH - 4600 - Senior Interdisciplinary Seminar	Summer 2023	Course Discontinuation	UH 4600 has become obsolete as a requirement for the Honors minors because UH 3500 will fulfill the same requirement.	16
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University Honors Associate Minor	Summer 2023	Change to Curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	This proposal is to make the following curriculum changes to the University Honors Associate Minor: Add UH 3200 – Visiting Artist’s Seminar – 1 credit hour, as a course option along with current UH 3000 in the University Honors Lecture Series. (Make retroactive to all valid catalogs). Add UNIV 4010 -MTSU Institute of Leadership Excellence – 3 credit hours, as a course option in the Interdisciplinary Seminar requirement. UNIV 4010 is the same course as UH 4010 currently listed as an option in the program. Adding this course will eliminate the need for individual course substitution forms. (Make retroactive to all valid catalogs). Delete UH 4600 as a course option in the Interdisciplinary Seminar requirements – A proposal has been submitted to discontinue this course.	17
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University Honors Minor	Summer 2023	Change to Curriculum of existing major (including concentrations), minor, or certificate	<p>This proposal is to make the following curriculum changes to the University Honors Minor:</p> <p>Add UH 3200 – Visiting Artist’s Seminar – 1 credit hour, as a course option along with current UH 3000 in the University Honors Lecture Series. (Make retroactive to all valid catalogs).</p> <p>Add UNIV 4010-MTSU Institute of Leadership Excellence – 3 credit hours, as a course option in the Interdisciplinary Seminar requirement. UNIV 4010 is the same course as UH 4010 currently listed as an option in the program. Adding this course will eliminate the need for individual course substitution forms. (Make retroactive to all valid catalogs).</p> <p>Delete UH 4600 as a course option in the Interdisciplinary Seminar requirements – A proposal has been submitted to discontinue this course.</p> <p>These changes will not impact the total hours required in the program. Changes are only modifying the course options in the Lecture Series and Interdisciplinary Seminar areas. The total hours will remain 29.</p>	18
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The next meeting of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee will be November 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Proposals are due Wednesday, November 9, 2022 in order to be considered by the committee for approval.

Adjournment