California State University, Northridge
Graduate Studies Committee
Annual Report 2012-2013

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Lani Kiapos, Graduate Studies, DARS Coordinator
Meetings

September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11
February 12
March 12
April 16
May 7

The Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) met eight times during the 2012-2013 academic year (specific dates listed above). Committee members participated in program reviews for the following departments: English, History, Physics and Astronomy, Political Science, and Spanish.

This year the committee reviewed and approved curriculum from eight academic colleges, which included new programs in: Master of Fine Arts in Screenwriting; new option in Higher Education for the M.A. in Educational Administration; Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) for the M.S. in Counseling, Sub-option: College Counseling/Student Services or Career Counseling or School Counseling; and new option in Multicultural and Multilingual Education for the M.A. in Secondary Education Option and Master of Sciences in Computer Engineering. The committee also approved new certificate programs in: Program Evaluation in Education and Education Related Settings Certificate Program, Certificate in Construction Management, Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics Administration, and Graduate Certificate in Sustainability Practices.

The GSC moved to approve the implementation for the Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) alternative. The procedural change will allow a score of 3 or higher on the GRE-Analytical section to meet the GWAR requirement (implemented December 2012). The UDWPE Substitution document was sent to the associate deans, department chairs, and graduate coordinators.

The committee agreed to discontinue the 12-unit rule starting in Spring 2013. The 12-unit rule states that students must achieve full Classified standing prior to completing more than 12 units of graduate course work in the program of study. The rationale for discontinuing the rule: this rule was broken thus petitioned more than 80% of the time - it resulted in hundreds of petitions, and none of the petitions were ever denied. The committee agreed that departments have the option to create their own procedures or regulations pertaining to classification. Departments have the option to create their own practice or regulation pertaining to classification that is more stringent if they so choose.

The GSC voted to place the Interdisciplinary Studies Program on hiatus and to remove the program from CSU Mentor for new incoming students. Current students will be allowed to complete their academic programs if they remain in ongoing status. The decision is due to several problems with the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, such as students having
difficulty with creating a thesis committee and students defaulting into this program because they were not admitted into their original, desired graduate program. In the future, a subcommittee will be formed to develop a stronger program that meets the intent of a true CSU Interdisciplinary program.

The GSC moved to approve the Intensive English Program (IEP) request to continue the TOEFL Waiver to students who complete the highest level of the IEP (level 10), with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

**Summary of Approved Curriculum**

**College of Arts, Media, and Communication**

**Art**

Course modifications:
ART 437-Printmaking III: Change the course description and change requisites.
ART 479/-Art Education Across Cultures and Lab: Change course description and subject abbreviation number.
ART 485/-Studio Problems in Teaching Crafts and Lab: Change course title, course abbreviation, course description, and subject abbreviation number.
ART 486/-Studio Problems in Teaching Art and Lab: Change unit value, course title, course abbreviation, course description, and subject abbreviation number.
ART 619-Seminar in Art History: Change course title, course abbreviation, course description, subject abbreviation number, and change requisites.

Program modification:
Modify the required courses based on course content, sequencing, and programmatic issues and the current 13-unit requirement will be changed to 12 units required for the Single Subject Matter Credential Program in Art Education.

**Cinema and Television Arts**

Course modification:
CTVA 692-Research Practicum: Change course title, course abbreviation, course description and requisites.

Experimental topics course:
CTVA 496G-Genres in Cinema and Television Arts (1st offering)

New courses:
CTVA 505-Contemporary Film Analysis
CTVA 510-Screenplay Scene Writing
CTVA 625-Writing the Feature-Length Screenplay
New program:
Master of Fine Arts in Screenwriting

Program modification:
Change the program requirements by adding new courses and modifying an existing course for the Master of Arts in Screenwriting.

**Communication Studies**

New course:
COMS 464-Digital Rhetorics

**Music**

New courses:
MUS 407A-Keyboard Literature I
MUS 407B-Keyboard Literature II
MUS 605-Teaching Music in Higher Education
MUS 632/L-Graduate Piano Master Class and Lab
MUS 639A-Individual Lessons in Composition
MUS 676-Collaborative Keyboard Practicum
MUS 678A/L-Graduate Piano Pedagogy Resources and Practicum and Lab
MUS 678B/L-Graduate Directed Teaching in Piano Pedagogy and Lab
MUS 692A-Z-Selected Topics in Music History

Program modifications:
Change program requirements for the Master of Music, Options in Performance, Conducting, and Composition.
Replace experimental topics course GBUS 695G-Entertainment Business Law with its permanent course counterpart BLAW 651-Entertainment Business Law for the Master of Arts in Music Industry Administration.
Increase units in the program from 30 to 31, modify the alteration of the courses, and change the option name to the Master of Music in Collaborative Keyboard Performance to Collaborative Piano Performance.

**College of Business and Economics**

**Accounting and Information Systems**

New courses:
IS 531-Healthcare Information Systems Analysis and Design
IS 551-Managing Projects in Healthcare Information
Business Administration

Experimental topics course:
GBUS 695J-Negotiations (3rd offering)

College of Education

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

New program:
New option in Higher Education for the M.A. in Educational Administration

New courses for the M.A. in Educational Administration Higher Education Option:
ELPS 600HE-Research Design in Higher Education
ELPS 601HE-American Higher Education
ELPS 650HE-Contemporary Administrative Leadership in Higher Education
ELPS 656HE-Diversity and Student Success in Higher Education
ELPS 663HE-Policy & Law in Higher Education
ELPS 667HE-Organization and Administration of Community College Education
ELPS 673HE-Leadership for Managing Reform in Higher Education
ELPS 674HE-Higher Education Operations: Finance and Human Resources in Higher Education
ELPS 688HE-Fieldwork in Higher Education
ELPS 690HE-Research Analysis in Higher Education
ELPS 698CHE-Culminating Experience in Higher Education

Educational Psychology and Counseling

New programs:
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) for the M.S. in Counseling, Sub-option:
College Counseling/Student Services or Career Counseling or School Counseling
Program Evaluation in Education and Education Related Settings Certificate Program

Elementary Education

Course modification:
EED 698-Thesis/Graduate Project: Change requisites and the number of times the course may be taken.

Experimental topics course:
EED 595A-Foundations of Literacy: Theory and Practice (1st offering)
New courses:
EED 674-Family Literacy and Community Assets: Teacher Advocacy in Multicultural/Multilingual Settings
EED 676-Multicultural Arts Education

**Secondary Education**

New program:
New option in Multicultural and Multilingual Education for the M.A. in Secondary Education Option

**Special Education**

Course modifications:
SPED 655-Theoretical and Empirical Bases of Education of Learners with Autism: Change course title, course abbreviation, course description, requisites and course content.
SPED 681-Graduate Research in Special Education: Change course description and requisites.
SPED 682-Advanced Clinical Practicum in Special Education: Change course title, course abbreviation, course description, and requisites.
SPED 682D, 682EC, 682MM, 682MS-Advanced Clinical Practicum in Special Education: Change course classification.
SPED 683-Current Trends In Special Education: Change course description and requisites.
SPED 697-Directed Comprehensive Studies: Change course classification.
SPED 698-Thesis or Graduate Project: Change course classification.

**College of Engineering and Computer Science**

**Civil Engineering and Construction Management**

New courses:
CM 601-Advanced Construction Contracts
CM 602-Advanced Project Management
CM 603-Advanced Contract Administration

New program:
Certificate in Construction Management
**Computer Science**

Course modifications:
COMP 682-Software Requirements Analysis and Specification: Change subject abbreviation number and course level.
COMP 686-Software Engineering Management: Change subject abbreviation number and course level.

Experimental topics courses:
COMP 595MC-Mobile Computing (1st offering)
COMP 595MCL-Mobile Computing Lab (1st offering)

Program modification:
Change course numbers for the M.S. in Software Engineering.

**Electrical and Computer Engineering**

Course modifications:
ECE 526-Verilog HDL for Digital Integrated Circuit Design: Change course title and course description.
ECE 526L-Verilog HDL for Digital Integrated Circuit Design Lab: Change course title and course description.
ECE 561L-Digital Communications Systems Laboratory: Change course description.
ECE 677-Lasers and Masers: Change course title, course abbreviation, course description, subject abbreviation number, change requisites, and course level.

Experimental topics courses:
ECE 595DEG-Distributed Energy Generation (1st offering)
ECE 695DFP-Microelectronics Device Fabrication Principles (1st offering)

New program:
M.S. in Computer Engineering

**Manufacturing Systems Engineering and Management**

Course modifications:
MSE 604A-Economic Analyses of Engineering: Change course title and course description.
MSE 606A-Engineering Operations Research I: Change course title and course description.

Experimental topics course:
MSE 695SUS-Sustainability for Engineers (1st offering)

Program modification:
Change program requirements for the M.S. in Engineering Management.
**Mechanical Engineering**

Course modifications:
AE 697-Directed Comprehensive Studies: Change the unit value, course description, and requisites.
AE 698-Thesis or Graduate Project: Change the course description and requisites.
ME 697-Directed Comprehensive Studies: Change the course description and requisites.
ME 698A-C-Thesis or Graduate: Change the unit value, course description, and requisites.

New courses:
ME 531-Mechanical Design with Composites
ME 532-Mechanical Design with Polymers

Program modifications:
Require GRE test scores to be reported at time of application for the M.S. in Mechanical Engineering.
Add two new courses to the course electives for the M.S. in Mechanical Engineering Systems Design emphasis.

**College of Health and Human Development**

**Environmental and Occupational Health**

Experimental topics course:
EOH 595TL-Critical Analysis of the Technical Literature In Environmental and Occupational Health (1st offering)

**Family and Consumer Sciences**

New courses:
FCS 429-Family and Consumer Public Policy
FCS 453/L-Fashion Promotion and Visual Merchandising and Lab

**Health Sciences**

New course:
HSCI 505A-Health Informatics

New program:
Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics Administration

**Kinesiology**

Experimental topics course:
KIN 496UC-Intermediate/Advanced Urban Contemporary Dance (1st offering)
**Recreation and Tourism Management**

Experimental topics course:
RTM 695AT-Alternative Tourism (3rd offering)

**College of Humanities**

**Chicana/o Studies**

Experimental topics course:
CHS 595FM-Chicanas, Chicana/o Studies and Feminism (4th offering)

**English**

Course modification:
ENGL 611-Seminar in Historical Linguistics: Change course title, course abbreviation, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.

Experimental topics courses:
ENGL 595CLF-Children’s Literature and Film (2nd offering)
ENGL 595LW-Life Writing (2nd offering)

**Liberal Studies**

New program:
Graduate Certificate in Sustainability Practices

New courses for the Sustainability Practices Certificate:
SUST 500-Foundations of Sustainable Systems
SUST 510-Resource Use and Management
SUST 520-Regulatory Framework for Sustainability
SUST 540-Sustainable Business Practices

**Linguistics/TESL**

Course modification:
LING 404-Morphology and Syntax: Change course title, course abbreviation, course description, and requisites.

New courses:
LING 403-Introduction to Morphology
LING 500-Seminar in Phonetics
LING 578-English for Specific Purposes
LING 604-Acoustic and Instrumental Phonetics
College of Science and Mathematics

Biology

Course modification:
BIOL 665-Colloquium in Human Genetics: Delete the course.

Experimental topics course:
BIOL 595GML-Molecular Genetics of Microorganisms Lab (4th offering)

Science and Mathematics

Experimental topics course:
SCI 495-Ultra Microscopy (1st offering)

Geological Sciences

Experimental topics course:
GEOL 595GC-Principles and Applications of Geochronology (1st offering)

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Anthropology

Course modifications:
ANTH 476A-Z-Topics in Anthropological Methods: Change number of times course may be taken.
ANTH 494AA-ZZ-Anthropological Field Studies: Change course description.

Geography

Course modification:
GEOG 695B-Methods in Geomorphology: Reactivate course.

New courses:
GEOG 408C/L-Geospatial Project Management/Lab
GEOG 408D/L-Spatial Database Management/Lab
GEOG 408F/L-WebGIS/Lab
GEOG 408G/L-GIS and Decision Making/Lab

History

New course:
HIST 698D-Graduate Culminating Project
Program modification:
Change program requirements for the M.A. in History.

Pan African Studies

New course:
PAS 488-Sustainability and Environmental Justice in African and African Diaspora Communities

Political Science

Experimental topics course:
POLS 496LP-Latina/o Politics (1st offering)

Psychology

Course modification:
PSY 492SOC-Professional Development in the Social Sciences I: Change course classification, course title, course abbreviation, course description, subject abbreviation number, requisites, and basis of grading.

New courses:
PSY 593A/S-Community Research I/Community Research Seminar I
PSY 593B/S-Community Research II/Community Research Seminar II
PSY 698D-Graduate Culminating Project

Social Work

Course modifications:
SWRK 522-Foundations of Field Education I: Change the unit value, course description and requisites.
SWRK 523-Foundations of Field Education II: Change the unit value, course classification, course description and requisites.
SWRK 622-Advanced Field Practicum with Urban Families I: Change the unit value, course description and requisites.
SWRK 623-Advanced Field Practicum with Urban Families II: Change the unit value, course description and requisites.

New courses:
SWRK 522P-Foundations of Field Education I Placement
SWRK 523P-Foundations of Field Education II Placement
SWRK 622P-Advanced Field Practicum with Urban Families I Placement
SWRK 623P-Advanced Field Practicum with Urban Families II Placement
SWRK 621-Advanced Social Work Practice in Urban Communities
Program modifications:
Change program requirements for the Master of Social Work.
Change the required courses in the Master of Social Work Program.

Sociology

Course modifications:
SOC 418-Women and Crime: Change course classification, course title, course abbreviation, and course description.
SOC 485B-Selected Topics in Criminal Justice: Community Policing: Change course title and course description.