California State University, Northridge

Graduate Studies Committee

Annual Report 2015-2016

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Meetings

September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8
February 9
March 8
April 12
May 10

The Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) met eight times during the 2015-2016 academic year (specific dates listed above). Committee members participated in program reviews for the following departments: Communication Studies, Mathematics, and Sociology.

This year the committee reviewed and approved curriculum from eight academic colleges, which included new degree programs and options: M.A. in Higher Education Leadership, option in Apparel Design and Merchandising and option in Family and Consumer Studies for the M.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences; M.S. in Human Nutrition; M.S. in Geographic Information Science; and option in American Politics and option in Global Politics for the M.A. in Political Science. The committee also approved one new certificate program: Certificate of Dietetic Internship.

The committee approved a minor revision to the Comprehensive Examinations and revisions to the Transfer Work for Graduate Programs for the Catalog.

The GSC was tasked with identifying and writing Graduate Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs) for the University. The CSU Chancellor’s Office and WASC are requiring that CSU campuses establish Institutional Learning Outcomes for their graduate programs. The Graduate ILOs are able to assess how graduate students at CSUN are prepared and qualified for careers specific to their departmental disciplines. The GSC moved to approve the Graduate Institutional Learning Outcomes policy at the April GSC meeting. The policy was passed by the Faculty Senate and approved by President Harrison on May 19, 2016.

The GSC approved the following motion regarding the reinstatement of inactive courses: Active courses that have not been offered in seven years will be removed from the printed Catalog, except in special exceptional circumstances as requested by the Department Chair and/or Graduate Program Coordinator and approved by the GSC chair. Courses that have not been offered in ten years must go through a GSC reactivation process involving a new course proposal.

The committee approved the revised Program Review Policy and Procedures and Self-Study Guidelines.

The GSC developed an exit survey for graduate students. Institutional Research sent the exit survey to the 2016 spring and summer graduate degree recipients.
Summary of Approved Curriculum

College of Arts, Media, and Communication

Art

Course modification:
ART 698C-Thesis/Artistic Performance: Change course title, course description and requisites.

New course:
ART 698D-Graduate Project

Program modifications:
Change the program requirements for the M.A. in Art, Art Education option.
Change the program requirements for the M.A. in Art, Art History option.
Change the program requirements for the M.A. in Art, Visual Arts option.
Change the program requirements for the M.F.A. in Art.

College of Business and Economics

Business Administration

Experimental topics course:
GBUS 695L-Entrepreneurship (2nd offering)

College of Education

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

New program:
M.A. in Higher Education Leadership

Course modifications:
ELPS 600HE-Research Design in Higher Education: Change course description and requisites.
ELPS 656HE-Diversity and Student Success in Higher Education: Change course description and requisites.
ELPS 667HE-Organization and Administration of Community College Education: Change course description and requisites.
ELPS 673HE-Leadership for Managing Reform in Higher Education: Change course description and requisites.
ELPS 688HE-Fieldwork in Higher Education: Change course description and requisites.
ELPS 690HE-Research Analysis in Higher Education: Change course description and requisites.

New course:
ELPS 697HE-Directed Comprehensive Studies

**Educational Psychology and Counseling**

Course modifications:
EPC 656-Counseling Children, Adolescents, and Their Families: Change course title and course abbreviation.
EPC 670C-Psychoeducation and Group Process in Family Counseling: Change course title and course abbreviation.
EPC 673-Community Mental Health Counseling: Change course title and course abbreviation.
EPC 675- Chemical Dependency and Addictions Counseling: Change course title and course abbreviation.
EPC 677-Counseling Couples in Relationships: Change course title and course abbreviation.
EPC 690A-Advanced Fieldwork and Professional Development: Change course description and basis of grading.
EPC 690B-Advanced Fieldwork and Professional Development: Change course description and basis of grading.
EPC 690C-Advanced Fieldwork and Professional Development: Change course description and basis of grading.

New courses:
EPC 616-Seminar: Current Trends in Instructional Design and Adult Learning
EPC 621-Collaboration and Consultation for School Counselors
EPC 659R-Fieldwork in Marriage and Family Therapy
EPC 671M-Law, Ethics, and Professional Issues in Family Therapy

Program modifications:
Change the program requirements for the M.S. in Counseling, School Counseling option.
Increase the total units in the program, replace EPC 671 with EPC 671M, and revise several course titles for the M.S. in Counseling, Specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy.

**Secondary Education**

Course modifications:
SED 554/S-Supervised Field Experience for Single Subject Credential: Change course description and requisites.
SED 555-Supervised Practicum for the Single Subject Credential: Change course description and requisites.
SED 555BL-Supervised Practicum for the Single Subject Credential with BCLAD Emphasis: Change course description and requisites.
SED 555S-Practicum Seminar for the Single Subject Credential: Change course description and requisites.
Informational Item:
Change the admission requirements for the M.A. in Education, Secondary Education options effective Fall 2016.

New course:
SED 505-Completing the Induction Experience

Program modification:
Change the total units in the Single-Subject University Intern Program.

**Special Education**

Course modifications:
SPED 400-Developmental Differences and Implications in Special Education: Change the course description.
SPED 404-Teaching Diverse Learners with Social Communication Disabilities including Autism: Change the course description.
SPED 501MM-Special Education Assessment of Diverse Learners with Mild/Moderate Disabilities: Change course description and requisites.
SPED 505MS-Curriculum and Instruction for Diverse Learners with Moderate/Severe Disabilities: Change course description and requisites.
SPED 535-Collaboration with Families in Early Childhood Special Education: Change course description and requisites.
SPED 580ECI-Advanced Specialist Fieldwork in Early Childhood Special Education: Change course description and requisites.
SPED 580MM-Student Teaching and Seminar in Mild/Moderate Disabilities: Change course description and requisites.
SPED 672-Advanced Assessment: Change course description and requisites.
SPED 683-Current Trends in Special Education: Change course description and requisites.
SPED 683EC-Current Trends in Early Childhood Special Education: Change course description and requisites.

New course:
SPED 625-Adapting Curriculum and Instruction to Facilitate the Development of Language and Academic Skills

Program modifications:
Add SPED 625 to the Education Specialist Clear Credential program.
Add SPED 625 to the M.A. in Special Education.

**College of Engineering and Computer Science**

**Computer Science**

Experimental topics courses:
COMP 496ML-Introduction to Machine Learning (1st offering)
COMP 595MC/L-Mobile Computing and Lab (3rd offering)

**Electrical and Computer Engineering**

Experimental topics courses:
ECE 595DEG-Distributed Alternative Energy Generation (4th offering)
ECE 695DFP-Microelectronics Devise Fabrication Principles (4th offering)

New course:
ECE 511-Distributed Energy Generation

Program modification:
Add ECE 511 as an elective course to the M.S. in Electrical Engineering.

**Engineering Management**

Program modification:
Change the program requirements and offer the existing program through self-support for the M.S. in Engineering Management.

**Manufacturing Systems Engineering and Management**

Course modifications:
MSE 410/L-Production Systems Modeling and Lab: Change course description and requisites.
MSE 623-Composite Materials: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.

Informational Item:
Change the admission requirements for the M.S. in Engineering Management effective Fall 2016.

Program modification:
Change the catalog entry to change the subject abbreviation number from MSE 623 to MSE 523 for the M.S. in Materials Engineering.

**Mechanical Engineering**

Course modifications:
ME 531-Mechanical Design With Composites: Change course description and requisites.
ME 532-Mechanical Design with Polymers: Change course title, course abbreviation, course description and requisites.
ME 560-Automotive Engineering: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, requisites and course level to undergraduates only.
ME 562-Internal Combustion Engines: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, requisites and course level to undergraduates only.
ME 590-Advanced Fluid Dynamics: Change course description and requisites.
ME 675A-Conductive and Radiative Heat Transfer: Change course description and requisites.
ME 675B-Convective Heat and Mass Transfer: Change course description and requisites.

Experimental topics course:
ME 595AMM-Advanced Measurements in Mechanical Systems (1st offering)

New course:
ME 593-Compressible Flow

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

College of Health and Human Development

Communication Disorders and Sciences

Course modifications:
CD 500-Background Leveling in Communication Disorders and Sciences: Change course description.
CD 566-Clinical Practicum in Speech Pathology II: Change requisites was approved.
CD 672A-Advanced Clinical Practice in Speech Pathology and Audiology I: Change course title, course description and requisites.
CD 672B-Advanced Clinical Practice in Speech Pathology and Audiology II: Change unit value, course title, course description and requisites.

New course:
CD 565-Clinical Practicum in Speech Pathology I-GR

Program modification:
Change total units to degree from 39 to 55 units for the M.S. in Communicative Disorders.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Course modifications:
FCS 505-Nutrient and Drug Interactions: Change course description and requisites.
FCS 535-Fashion Theory: Change course title, course abbreviation, and requisites.
FCS 563-Textile Technology II: Change course title, course abbreviation, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
FCS 570-Practicum in Nutrition Therapy: Change unit value, course classification, and course description.
FCS 570-Practicum in Nutrition Therapy: Change course description, requisites, basis of grading and number of times course may be taken.
FCS 571-Practicum in Food Service Systems Management: Change unit value, course classification, and course description.
FCS 571-Practicum in Food Service Systems Management: Change course description, requisites, basis of grading and number of times course may be taken.
FCS 572-Practicum in Community Nutrition: Change unit value, course classification, and course description.
FCS 572-Practicum in Community Nutrition: Change course description, requisites, basis of grading and number of times course may be taken.
FCS 573-Seminar for Dietetic Interns: Change course description and requisites.
FCS 572-Vitamin and Mineral Metabolism: Change course description and requisites.
FCS 572-Carbohydrate, Lipid and Protein Metabolism: Change course description and requisites.
FCS 572-Family Relations: Change course abbreviation, course description, and number of times course may be taken.

New courses:
FCS 506-Readings in Human Nutrition
FCS 601-Food and Nutrition Policy and Regulations
FCS 605-Ethics and Social Justice in Human Nutrition
FCS 609-Nutrigenomics and Nutrigenetics
FCS 623-Family Financial Issues
FCS 685-Decision Making in Family and Consumer Sciences
FCS 686-Current Issues in Family and Consumer Sciences

New programs:
Certificate of Dietetic Internship - Note: This is a temporary certificate program.
M.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences: Apparel Design and Merchandising option and Family and Consumer Studies option.
M.S. in Human Nutrition

Health and Human Development

Experimental topics course:
HHD 595LPC-Leadership/Professional Competencies for Health and Human Development Disciplines (1st offering)

Health Sciences

Experimental topics courses:
HSCI 595D-Public Health Policy: Processes and Development (3rd offering)
HSCI 595E-Women’s Global Health (1st offering)

New course:
HSCI 534-Lactation Education for the Healthcare Professional
Program modification:
Add the electives to DARS and the catalog for the Master in Public Health, Community Health Education option.

**Recreation and Tourism Management**

Course modification:
RTM 693B-Supervised Internship II: Change course classification and course description.

**College of Humanities**

**Chicana/o Studies**

Course modification:
CHS 312-Chicana/o Art Studio in Painting: Change course description and subject abbreviation number.

Experimental topics courses:
CHS 496EJ-Environmental Justice and Chicana/o Communities (1st offering)
CHS 595H-Seminar in Hip-Hop (4th offering)
CHS 595IP-Identity and Performance (4th offering)
CHS 595PLC-Seminar in Post-Colonial Literature & Criticism (3rd offering)

New courses:
CHS 509-Chicanas and Feminism
CHS 514-Performance & Identity
CHS 596A-Z-Selected Graduate Topics in Chicana/o Studies

Program modification:
Add new courses to the electives section for the M.A. in Chicana/o Studies.

**Gender and Women’s Studies**

New course:
GWS 440-Latin American Feminisms

**Linguistics/TESL**

New course:
LING 455-Computational Linguistics

Program modification:
Add LING 455 to the M.A. in Teaching of English as a Second Language.
Modern & Classical Languages & Literatures

Course modifications:
SPAN 505-The Art of Translation: Change requisites.
SPAN 506-Advanced Written Expression: Change requisites.
SPAN 520-Latin American Cinema and Literatures: Change requisites.
SPAN 530-Spanish Dialectology: Change requisites.
SPAN 560-Latin American Women Writers: Change requisites.

Experimental topics course:
SPAN 496MS-Spanish for the Health Professions I (1st offering)

Informational Item:
SPAN 550-The Latin American Novel: Remove the graduate credit availability.

New course:
SPAN 594A-Z-Selected Topics in Hispanic Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics

Program modification:
Change the program requirements for the M.A. in Spanish.

College of Science and Mathematics

Biology
Course modifications:
BIOL 492R-Tropical Botany Field Studies: Change course description and requisites.
BIOL 492S-Tropical Ecology and Conservation Field Studies: Change course description and requisites.
BIOL 492T-Tropical Vertebrates: Change course description and requisites.
BIOL 504/L-Phycology and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 506/L-Tropical Botany and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 507/L-Tropical Ecology and Conservation and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 508/L-Biology of Tropical Vertebrates and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 509-Tropical Biodiversity: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 510-Seminar on Topics in Tropical Biology: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and will only be offered for undergraduate credit.
BIOL 511/L-Molecular Markers in Evolutionary Studies and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 512/L-Herpetology and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 513/L-Entomology and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 514/L-Avian Ecology and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 524-Tropical Biology: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 525-Animal Behavior: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 527/L-Biology of Pelagic Organisms and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 528/L-Behavioral Ecology and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 529/L-Marine Ecology and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 530/L-Ichthyology and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 531/L-Ecology of Marine Fishes and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 533-Conservation Biology: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 542/L-Developmental Biology and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 544-Biology of Viruses: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 561-The Molecular Genetics of Microorganisms: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 562-The Molecular Genetics of Eukaryotic Organisms: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 564-Human Biochemical Genetics: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 566-Genetics of Bacteria and Their Viruses: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 567-Medical Genetics: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 568-Clinical Cytogenetics and Cancer Genetics: Change course description and subject abbreviation number.
BIOL 571-Molecular Diagnostics: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 572/L-Recombinant DNA Techniques and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 575/L-Biological Imaging and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 577/L-Cell and Tissue Culture and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 580/L-Cellular Physiology and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 581-Endocrinology: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 582/L-Principles of Neurophysiology and Lab: Change course title, course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 585-Mechanisms of Bacterial Pathogenesis: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 589-Cellular Immunology: Change course description and subject abbreviation number.
BIOL 592A-Avian Ecology Field Studies: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 592B-Behavioral Ecology Field Studies: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 592C-Conservation Biology Field Studies: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 592D-Animal Behavior Field Studies: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 592E-Herpetology Field Studies: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 592F-Entomology Field Studies: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 592I-Marine Ecology Field Studies: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 592J-Ichthyology Field Studies: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 592L-Pelagic Organisms Field Studies: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 592P-Phycology Field Studies: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 592Q-Ecology of Marine Fishes Field Studies: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.
BIOL 592U-Tropical Biodiversity Field Studies: Change course description, subject abbreviation number, and requisites.

Program modification:
Change several 500-level courses to 400-level courses and change total units to degree from 30 to 31 units for the M.S. in Biology.

**Geological Sciences**

Course modifications:
GEOL 546-Geodynamics of the Earth and Planetary Interiors: Change the unit value.
GEOL 548-Seismology: Change the unit value.

Program modification:
List all the Geology courses allowed as electives for the M.S. in Geology, Geophysics option.
Physics and Astronomy

Course modification:
PHYS 697-Directed Comprehensive Studies: Change unit value, course description, requisites, and basis of grading.

Experimental topics course:
PHYS 595MAE-Multiferroic Materials and Systems (1st offering)

Program modification:
Change the catalog description for the M.S. in Physics.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Anthropology

Course modification:
ANTH 601-Seminar in Anthropological Theory: Change the catalog description.

Geography

New courses:
GEOG 408H/L-GIS in Water Resource Management and Lab
GEOG 470-The Geography of Aquatic Ecosystems
GEOG 472-Water Transfers in the American West
GEOG 473-Water Quality in the Managed Environment
GEOG 474-Water in Dryland Environments
GEOG 476-Principles of River Restoration
GEOG 690J-Foundations in Geographic Information Science

New program:
M.S. in Geographic Information Science: Elevating the M.A. in Geography, Geographic Information Science option to a full degree program.

Program modifications:
Change the program requirements and remove the Standard Program option from the M.A. in Geography.
Delete the Geographic Information Science option for the M.A. in Geography.

Political Science

New course:
POLS 698D-Graduate Culminating Project

New program:
M.A. in Political Science: American Politics option and Global Politics option.
Public Administration

Course modification:
MPA 698S-Graduate Project: Change the course classification, course description and list tenure-line program faculty eligible to sit on Graduate Project Committees.

Program modification:
Change the culminating experience from the Comprehensive Exam to Graduate Project (MPA 698S) and list tenure-line program faculty eligible to sit on Graduate Project Committees for all the options in the Master of Public Administration.

Social Work

Course modification:
SWRK 698-Capstone: Change course title and course description.

Sociology

Experimental topics courses:
SOC 496GL-Sociology of Globalization (1st offering)
SOC 496IM-Sociology of Immigration (1st offering)

Informational Items:
SOC 415-Gender and Criminal Justice: Remove the graduate credit availability.
SOC 418-Gender and Crime: Remove the graduate credit availability.
SOC 428-Domestic Violence: Remove the graduate credit availability.
Change the admission requirements for the M.A. in Sociology effective Fall 2016.

Summary of Curriculum Not Approved (Withdrawn, Denied or Sent back for Revision)

College of Education

Educational Psychology and Counseling

New course was tabled and not brought back to GSC:
EPC 698D-Graduate Culminating Project

New program was tabled and not brought back to GSC:
Master of Arts in Instructional Design

Special Education

Course modification was tabled and not brought back to GSC:
SPED 697-Directed Comprehensive Studies


College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Anthropology

New courses were not moved to approve:
ANTH 527-Advanced North American Archaeology
ANTH 549-Advanced Historical Archaeology
ANTH 519-Advanced Archaeological Method and Theory
ANTH 574-Advanced Quantitative Methods in Anthropology
ANTH 575-Advanced Ethnographic Research Methods
ANTH 590A-Research Seminar in Anthropology: Archaeology
ANTH 590B-Research Seminar in Anthropology: Biological Anthropology
ANTH 590C-Research Seminar in Anthropology: Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 590E-Research Seminar in Anthropology: Applied Anthropology

Program modifications were withdrawn:
Increase total units in the program and change requirements for admission for the M.A. in Anthropology.
Add new courses to electives and to the catalog for the M.A. in Anthropology, General Anthropology.

Geography

New course was withdrawn:
GEOG 483-Transportation Planning

Urban Studies and Planning

Course modification was withdrawn:
URBS 480-Transportation Planning