

**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**  
**Agenda**  
**October 27, 2016**  
3:30 pm, UC 222

**I. Announcements**

- A) Introduction: student representative (ex officio), Josh Dillinger, ASG
- B) Meeting minutes from 8/25/16 approved by Faculty Senate on 10/6/2016
- C) Combined Curriculum 2015-16 Year-End Report approved by Faculty Senate on 10/6/2016
- D) Meeting minutes from 9/22/16 on Faculty Senate's 10/6/2016 Consent Agenda

**II. Curriculum Proposals**

**A) Business**

Course Modification

- 1. ACCT 392 Accounting Information Systems

**B) SBS-Criminal Justice**

Course Addition

- 2. CRMJ 440 Capital Punishment
- 3. CRMJ 480 Inside-Out Prison Exchange

Course Deletion

- 4. CRMJ 387 Crime and Inequality
- 5. CRMJ 485 Research Methods II

Program Modification

- 6. BA Criminal Justice: 3706
- 7. BAS Criminal Justice -Post Academy: 3701

**C) SBS-History**

Course Deletion

- 8. HIST 137 Latinos in the United States
- 9. HIST 306 History of South and Southeast Asia

Program Modification

- 10. BA History: 3716
- 11. BA History-Secondary Education: 3704

**D) SBS-Political Science**

Course Deletion

- 12. POLS 365 European Government and Politics

Program Modification

- 13. BA Political Science: 3718

**E) SBS-Psychology**

Course Modification

14. PSYC 314 Psychology of Learning [Tabled from 9/22/16 meeting]

Course Deletion

15. PSYC 380 Comparative Psychology

16. PSYP 324 Career Counseling

Program Modification

17. BA Psychology-Counseling Psychology: 3726

**F) SBS-Social Science**

Course Deletions

18. SOCI 110 simThinkin: Modeling the Social and Natural World

19. SOCI 121 Americorps Field Placement I

20. SOCI 122 Americorps Field Placement II

21. SOCI 136 The African-American Experience

22. SOCI 340 Methods of teaching social studies: Secondary Schools

23. SOCI 351 History of Ideas: Ancient and Medieval Periods

**III. Information Items**

- A. The Dept. of Health Sciences is working on the required follow-up for curricular changes from AY 15-16 (details included on previous two agendas).
- B. Deactivated programs with status reports due Fall 2016:
  - a. Technical Certificate, Manufacturing Supervision. (Deactivated Feb, 2015)

**IV. New Business**

- A. Proposed revision to *Curriculum Policy and Procedure Manual*: Upper-division Course Requirements for Programs. Section IV. B, p. 22. (Tim Pinnow)

Explanation:

Academic Affairs proposes the revision of the 40 hour upper division credit hours requirement because an additional program has found itself in the same position as the BAS exception. The RN to BSN program struggles to attract students, in part because most other programs nationally require 30-35 hours of upper division credit. As a degree-completion program akin to the AAS to BAS program that emphasizes skills training in a specific practical area to currently employed professionals seeking career advancement, the program needs to compete regionally and compare favorably to other programs while still maintaining the “best practices” of the discipline. Rather than ask for another exception, like the BAS exception, this revision proposes the creation of an exception policy with strict guidelines and a high threshold for action, which would allow the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee to consider exceptions to the 40 hour rule through the course of its regular deliberations rather than by amending the policy manual in each instance.

## IV. Policies Pertaining to Academic Programs

### A. Credit Hour Requirements

1. 120 semester credit hours are required in every bachelor program, to include at least 2 semester credit hours in Kinesiology. Each student must take KINE 100 plus one activity (KINA) course.
2. Bachelor programs above 120 semester credit hours will be permitted only when it can be documented that such programs are consistent with professional accreditation and/or licensure as defined by CDHE policy.
3. Associate of Arts and Associate of Science programs contain 60 semester credit hours; Associate of Applied Science programs contain 60-75 hours.
4. Technical Certificate programs (a.k.a. “Certificates”) contain 5-59 semester credit hours (see Section IV. H.)
5. Master programs must contain a minimum of 30 semester credit hours of 500 level or higher courses, and include a practicum, project, or thesis.
6. A doctoral program must contain a minimum of 60 semester hours of courses at the 500, 600, and 700 levels. At least thirty semester hours must be at the 600 or 700 levels. Thirty semester hours may be at the 500 level and may be comprised of a master program at the discretion of the department in which the doctoral program resides. A doctoral program must include a dissertation, scholarly project, or alternative culminating experience, which comprises at least six semester hours at the 700 level in the program.
7. For Associate programs, all courses and hours specified by a department must be included in the Major. For Bachelor programs, all courses and hours specified by a department must be included in the Major or in the Foundation Courses. Exemptions for PTO programs to name essential learning courses are explained in IV.C.2.c

### B. Upper Division Course Requirements

1. A bachelor program must contain a minimum of 40 semester credit hours of courses numbered 300 or higher.
2. Exceptions to the 40 hours of upper-division credit hour requirement may be made for programs that document the following criteria:
  - a. The program is in an applied or professional discipline.
  - b. The educational standard for the program-type can be clearly established as lower than 40 credits of upper-division.
  - c. Students in the program are admitted with a current professional credential.
  - d. The 40 hour credit requirement inhibits the competitiveness of the program.
3. Exception for Bachelor of Applied Science is stated in Section IV.G.2.
4. Exception for interdisciplinary majors is stated in Section IV.D.2.b.