

RECEIVED DEC 8 2008

TO: Lawrence Williams, Chair
Undergraduate Council

FROM: Richard Scamell
Degree Programs Committee: Programs

SUBJECT: Proposals UC 10051 08F, UC 10057 08F, UC 10058 08F, and UC 10192 08F

DATE: December 3, 2008

The Committee met on Wednesday, December 3 consider a requests from the Department of Health and Human Performance (UC 10051 08F), the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (UC 10057 08F and UC 10058 08F), and the Department of Biology and Biochemistry (UC 10192 08F). Participating in the discussion were committee members Roger Blakeney, Partha Krishnamurthy, Iain Morrison and Richard Scamell. Martha Dunkelberger, Ian Evans, Demetrius Pearson, and Rey Trevino attended portions of the meeting as guests.

UC 10051 08F – Proposed Changes to the Kinesiology: Sports Administration Degree Plan

The purpose of this proposal from the Department of Health and Human Performance is to modernize the sports administration degree plan to a model that is similar to most sports administration programs at other institutions. The essence of the proposal is to remove the emphasis on basic Kinesiology classes from the new degree plan. Doing so is intended to make the department's Sports Administration Program more competitive with similar programs at other institutions and provide subject material deemed necessary by the North American Society for Sport Management. The proposed degree plan is made up of the following elements.

- It removes the Kinesiology core from the Sports Administration degree plan (KIN 1252 – Foundations of Kinesiology, KIN 2100 – Individual, Dual, Lifetime Activities, KIN 2105 – Team Sports, KIN 2106 – Intermediate Swimming, KIN 2108 – Weight Training and Aerobic Fitness, KIN 3300 – Motor Development, KIN 3304 – Human Structure, KIN 3305 – Social and Cultural Aspects of Kinesiology and Sport, KIN 3306 - Physiology, KIN 3309 - Biomechanics, KIN 4310 - Measurement, and KIN 4315 – Motor Learning). Only KIN 1252 and KIN 3305 remain in the proposed sports administration degree plan.
- With the exception of the PEB 1130 - Golf, PEB 1136 - Racquetball or PEB 1138 – Beginning Tennis one hour requirement, all courses in the current 26 hour sports administration core remain as part of the proposed 55 hour sports administration core.
- New courses in the proposed sports administration core include COMM 1332 – Fundamentals of Public Speaking, ACCT 2331 – Fundamentals of Financial Accounting, ECON 2304 – Microeconomic Principles, TELS 2360 – Business Law, COMM 3368 - Principles of Public Relations or Advanced Elective, KIN 4340 – Sport Governance, and KIN 4190 – Sports Administration Seminar. In addition, the two three-hour Internship or Advanced Elective requirement in the current sports administration core have been replaced by two six-hour Internships (KIN 4690 (Internship and KIN 4691 - Internship). The North American Society for Sport Management standard requires that students have a minimum of 400 hours of field experience for program approval. The increase in the internship requirement from 6 to 12 hours is necessary to accommodate the minimum number of working hours and provides the student to concentrate on the internship only during the course of one semester. Students are advised to do their internship after their academic work is complete. An abundance of internship opportunities are available to students in Houston and the surrounding areas.
- The proposed degree plan reduces the number of hours required for a degree from 129 to 124. This is accomplished by (a) deleting 19 of the 24 hours in the Kinesiology core, (b) not including the 1 hour activity requirement from the current sports administration core, (c) adding 25 hours to the current sports administration core, (d) reducing the number of hours for the minor and approved electives from the 34 required in the current degree plan to 24 in the proposed degree plan.
- Suggested minors for sports administration students include Health, Global Business, Management, Marketing, Sales, Business Administration, Corporate Communications, Journalism, Media Production, Media Studies, Public Relations and Advertising.

UC 10051 08F - RETURNED TO COMMITTEE
FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION 12/10/08
e

UC 10216 08F

Page 2 of 4

UC 10057 08F – Changes in Communication Sciences and Disorders for Fall 2009 – *APPROVED 12/10/08*
 This proposal maps each of the eleven existing current requirements for the Existing Communication Sciences and Disorders degree to proposed revised versions of the eleven requirements designed to describe the Proposed Communication Sciences and Disorders program. These mappings appear on pages 3-6 of UC 10057 08F. Some brief comments about the requirements that contain changes follow. Those requirements that do not change appear in UC 10057 08F.

The changes described below are the result an extensive self-study conducted by the Department in preparation for a recent external review. Three fundamental changes emerged from this self-study and external review. The first focused on the sequencing of courses offered in the major. Some courses were no longer required, others were renumbered and re-described, and new laboratory course was added. The second change increased the exposure of the student to language science in an effort to get their students more involved in scientific inquiry. The third change parallels the second change and proposes the reactivation of Senior Thesis credit courses. Given that 75 to 80 percent of all COMD graduates enter a graduate program, this opportunity for students to do research under the direction of a faculty member was viewed as an excellent idea by the committee. As mentioned above, the remainder of the discussion outlines compares the eleven existing COMD degree requirements with the eleven proposed COMD degree requirements in UC 10057 08F.

- Requirement 1 focuses on the 32 hours of coursework required to major in Communication Sciences and Disorders in the proposed degree program. The table shown below describes each change. The justification for each change (**shown in bold**) appears in UC 10057 08F.

Hrs	Existing COMD Requirement	Hrs	Proposed COMD Requirement
3	COMD 1333 Introduction to Communication Disorders	0	No longer required
3	COMD 2338 - Phonetics	3	COMD 2338 - Phonetics
3	COMD 2339 Speech and Language Development of the Normal Child	4	COMD 2339 – Speech and Language Development and COMD 2139 – Speech and Language Development Lab
3	COMD 2376 – Anatomy and Physiology of the Vocal Mechanism	3	COMD 2376 – Anatomy and Physiology for Communication
3	COMD 2380 – Professional Writing in Communication Disorders	3	COMD 3380 - Professional Writing in Communication Disorders
3	COMD 3371 – Phonological Disorders	0	No longer required
3	COMD 3381 – Fundamentals of Audiology	3	COMD 3381 – Fundamentals of Audiology
3	COMD 3383 – Language Disorders	0	No longer required
		3	COMD 3375 – Speech and Language Disorders in Children
3	COMD 4333 – Neurogenic Communications Disorders	3	COMD 4333 – Neuroscience for Communication Disorders
3	COMD 4382 – Management for Individuals with Hearing Impairment	3	COMD 4382 – Aural Rehabilitation
3	COMD 4385 – Speech Science	3	COMD 2385 – Speech Science
3	COMD 4390 – Clinical Procedures II	0	No longer required
4	COMD 4489 – Clinical Procedures I	4	COMD 4489 – Clinical Procedures
40	Existing Total COMD Requirements	32	Proposed Total COMD Requirements
			COMD 3399 – Senior Honors Thesis in COMD
			COMD 4399 – Senior Honors Thesis in COMD
	PHYS 2340 – Science of Sound		No longer required
	The following nine hours constitute specific University core course requirements for COMD students.		The following nine hours constitute specific University core course requirements for COMD students.
3	Social Science Methods Course	3	Social Science Methods Course
3	PSYC 2350 – Child Psychology or PSYC 2351 – Psychology of Adolescence	3	PSYC 2350 – Child Psychology or PSYC 2351 – Psychology of Adolescence
3	Biology Course	3	Biology Course

- Requirements 2, 7, 9, and 10 contain no changes and deal with advising, requirements to enroll in COMD 4489 – Clinical Procedures, enforcement of prerequisites by the department, and the fact that courses in the major will not count if taken seven or more years ago.
- Requirement 3 contains a straightforward clarification of the requirement that all COMD courses must be completed with a grade no lower than B-. This includes the Social Science Methods course listed as part of Requirement 1.
- Requirements 4 and 5 state that acceptance into the COMD major will occur upon successful completion of the departmental core (COMD 2338, COMD 2339, COMD 2139, COMD 2376, and COMD 2385). The departmental core is successfully completed when the student has earned a grade of B- or better in COMD 2338, COMD 2339, COMD 2139, and COMD 2376. A student may earn no more than one grade below a B- in a COMD major course. A single course may be repeated once to resolve a grade below a B-. Should a course be repeated, the average of the two grades must be no lower than a B-.
- Requirement 6 permits students who earn more than one grade below a B- to petition the faculty to remain in the major. Petitions are considered by the faculty at the end of the fall and spring semesters.
- Requirement 8 clarifies the prerequisites, allowable co-requisites, and grade point average required for a COMD major to enroll in COMD 4489 – Clinical Procedures.
- Requirement 11 clarifies the requirements to file a degree plan.

UC 10058 08F – Changes in Minor in Communication Sciences and Disorders for Fall 2009 – APPROVED 12/10/08
 Three groups of students typically choose to minor in Communication Sciences and Disorders: (a) students with an interest in the field but who have a desire to major in another health-care or education-related discipline, (b) students in the new American Sign Language Interpreter program, and (c) students who originally planned to major in Communication Sciences and Disorders who do not successfully complete the COMD core (see UC 10057 08F) for a description of the COMD core.

The changes proposed to the existing Communication Sciences and Disorders minor come as a result of changes proposed to the curriculum that constitutes the major (see UC 10057 08F) and the desire of the department for students in the minor to benefit from the scientific foundation course offered by the department.

Hrs	Existing COMD Minor	Hrs	Proposed COMD Minor
3	COMD 2340 – Science of Sound	4	COMD 2339 – Speech and Language Development and COMD 2139 – Speech and Language Development Lab
3	COMD 3381 – Fundamentals of Audiology	3	COMD 3381 – Fundamentals of Audiology
3	COMD 3301 – Deaf Culture	3	COMD 3301 – Deaf Culture
6	COMD 2338 – Phonetics and COMD 3371 – Articulation Disorders or COMD 2339 – Speech and Language Development and COMD 3383 – Language Disorders	3	COMD 4382 – Aural Rehabilitation Choice of COMD 2340 – Science of Sound or COMD 2376 – Anatomy or COMD 2385/4385 Speech Science
15	Total Hours Required For a Minor	16	Total Hours Required For a Minor

UC 10192 08F – Clarification of Biochemistry Degree Changes – APPROVED 12/10/08
 This proposal contains two changes to the Biochemistry Degree. One involves the designation of BCHS 4311 – Biochemistry Laboratory II as satisfying the writing in the discipline requirement. While this has been approved by the Core Curriculum Subcommittee of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, UC 10192 08F contains no information that would permit us to evaluate the appropriateness of this course as satisfying the writing in the discipline requirement. We assume that this justification has been sent to the Core Curriculum Committee of the Undergraduate Council for its review. The second change involves the addition of BCHS 4307 – Proteins as a required Biochemical and Biophysical Sciences course in the 29 semester hour Biochemical course requirement. Page 2 of the proposal suggests that this change may have been approved previously but has not found its way into the current online catalog.

Three comments on the proposed degree plan (Fall 2009) found on pages 3 and 4 of UC 10192 08F and the existing degree plan (Fall 2008) found on pages 5 and 6 of UC 10192 08F illustrate how each degree plan contains a total of 122 semester hours.

- The Fall 2009 degree plan reduces the social and behavioral science requirement as part of the University core requirements from 6 hours to 3 hours. It should be noted that the total number of hours required as part of the University core should have been shown 30 hours in the Fall 2008 degree plan. This appears to have been a typo as the total number of hours required for the degree in the Fall 2008 degree plan is 122 when 30 hours for the University core is used.
- The addition of BCHS 4307 – Proteins to the 29 semester hour course requirement in the Fall 2009 degree plan is accompanied by a reduction of the additional hours of advanced BCHS electives from 12 hours (in the Fall 2008 degree plan) to 9 hours (in the Fall 2009 degree plan).
- In the Fall 2009 degree plan, the number of additional hours to complete a total of 122 hours, including at least 36 advanced hours has been increased to 8 hours (from 5 hours in the Fall 2008 degree plan).

Recommendation

The Committee unanimously supports UC 10051 08F, UC 10057 08F, UC 10058 08F, and UC 10192 08F.