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Memo

To: Dr. Simon Bott, President UH Undergraduate Committee
From: Melissa Pierson, Associate Dean, College of Education
Date: 2/29/12
Re: Major name change in B. S. in Interdisciplinary Studies

The College of Education seeks a name change for the Major Interdisciplinary Studies.

Presently, students pursuing careers in elementary or middle school teaching declare the degree of Bachelor of Science and the single major (plan) of Interdisciplinary Studies, rather than a major with a title more recognizable to teaching. The major name causes all sorts of trouble--students who want to teach don't know which degree to select because they are looking for something that sounds like teaching, and students who don't want to teach inadvertently declare our major, thinking it is something more like Liberal Studies. Consequently, our undergraduate retention numbers in the College suffer as students figure out the mistake and change their majors.

There is a history to this particular degree name, which is a common degree name at teacher preparation programs throughout Texas. Legislation passed in 1987 requires a person who applies for a teaching certificate to possess a degree with an academic major or an interdisciplinary academic major including reading, other than education, related to the public school curriculum. That same year the Coordinating Board eliminated degrees with the words "education" and "teaching" in the title, i.e., Bachelor of Science in Education and Bachelor of Arts in Teaching. The board also eliminated majors with the "education" in the name, i.e., Social Science Education.

However, knowing what a challenge the degree name has presented for us, we recently sought clarification on our options with the State Board for Educator Certification. We learned that the coordinating board action did not eliminate majors with the word "teaching" in the title. We were told that to provide clarification for students, yet still fit within the law of the state, we could have a degree title of Bachelor of Science with a major in, for example, Elementary Teaching and Curriculum.

We, therefore, seek to change the current Interdisciplinary Studies majors/plans to the majors 1) Elementary Teaching and Curriculum and 2) Middle School Teaching and Curriculum. Under those majors will remain the more specific subplans (e.g., science 4-8 or EC-6 Bilingual Generalist).

Attached is a list of specific CIP codes included in this proposed major name change.

Below is the specific catalog Language for Bachelor of Science with Majors in 1) Elementary Teaching and Curriculum; 2) Elementary Bilingual Teaching and Curriculum; 3) Elementary Teaching and Curriculum with Special Education; and 4) Middle School Teaching and Curriculum

Students seeking elementary (EC-6 Generalist, EC-6 Bilingual Generalist, or EC-6/EC-12 Special Education) teaching certification will complete the requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Elementary Teaching and Curriculum; students seeking middle school (4-8 English/Language Arts, 4-8 Math, 4-8 Science, 4-8 Social Studies) teaching certification will complete the requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Middle School Teaching and Curriculum. Students should seek an academic advisor to begin taking coursework according to the Pre-Teaching plan. Freshmen and transfer students without an earned UH GPA should declare as "Pre-Teaching" in order to earn a UH GPA of at least 2.5, as well as to meet other required benchmark requirements, prior to declaring a major in Elementary or Middle School Teaching and Curriculum.

The majors in Elementary and Middle School Teaching and Curriculum are composed of five components: academic foundations, pre-professional development courses, specific B.S. and Coordinating Board requirements for mathematics and science, and the Professional Development Sequence (QUEST). This degree requires 121-133 semester hours. Degree outlines are available online at www.coe.uh.edu/about/quest/.

If you are interested in declaring a Teaching and Curriculum major, you should make an appointment with an advisor in the Office of Undergraduate Studies in the College of Education. The advisor will answer your questions and concerns, review the requirements for the major, alert you to important milestones and deadlines, and assist you to sketch out a curriculum plan, based on University-wide Core Curriculum choices, and College of Education guidelines. Most important, the advisor will explain when you may file a Degree Plan for majoring in Elementary or Middle School Teaching and Curriculum.

Current Interdisciplinary Major/Education Minor Course Titles & CIP Codes

Course Number/Title	CIP Code
ARED 3305 Art in Elementary Schools	13.1302.00 03
CUIN 3111 Introduction to Technology for Young Children	13.0301.00 04
CUIN 3112 Technology and Content Teaching	13.0301.00 04
CUIN 3121 Educational Technology for Adolescents I	13.0301.00 04
CUIN 3122 Educational Technology for Adolescents II	13.0301.00 04
CUIN 3201 Integrated Course I: Teaching Young Children	13.1201.00 04
CUIN 3202 Content-Focused Teaching	13.999.10 18
CUIN 3221 Intro to Teaching Middle Grades	13.1210.00 04
CUIN 3222 Content Focused Teaching Middle Grades	13.1210.00 04
CUIN 3302 Community-Based	13.0301.00 04
CUIN 3310 Foundations of Bilingual Ed	13.0201.00 04
CUIN 3311 Methods of Bilingual Ed	13.0201.00 04
CUIN 3313 Information and Instructional Tech for Adolescents	13.0501.00 04
CUIN 3316 Prekindergarten Curriculum	13.1210.00 04
CUIN 3317 Kindergarten and Elementary School Curriculum	13.1210.00 04
CUIN 3333 Differentiating Instruction for Diverse Learners	13.0301.00 04
CUIN 3346 Teaching the Writing Process	13.1315.00 04
CUIN 3347 Reading in the Content Areas	13.1315.00 04
CUIN 4303 Second Language Acquisition	13.1306.00 01
CUIN 4304 LA/Reading Methods	13.1306.00 01
CUIN 4315 Assessment of Young Children	13.1210.00 04
CUIN 4318 Organizing an Environment for Young Children	13.1210.00 04
CUIN 4325 Teaching Science in Grades 4-8 I	13.1316.00 02
CUIN 4326 Teaching Science in Grades 4-8 II	13.1316.00 02
CUIN 4329 Technology in Social Education	13.0301.00 04
CUIN 4332 Corrective and Remedial Reading	13.1315.00 04
CUIN 4336 Popular Culture/Media in Education	13.0301.00 04
CUIN 4337 Issues in Social Education Gen	13.0301.00 04
CUIN 4344 Teaching Mathematics in Grades 4-8	13.1202.00 04

Current Interdisciplinary Major/Education Minor Course Titles & CIP Codes

CUIN 4349 Teaching Geometry concepts Grades 6-12	13.1203.00 04
CUIN 4351 Developing Proportional Reasoning	13.1203.00 04
CUIN 4375 Classroom Management	13.0301.00 04
CUST 3320 Multicultural Studies	13.0202.00 04
EDUC 3301 Introduction to Teaching	13.9999.30 18
EDUC 4311 Student Teaching Elem	13.9999.10 18
EDUC 4312 Student Teaching Elem	13.9999.10 18
EDUC 4313 Student Teach E C Ed	13.9999.11 18
EDUC 4314 Student Teaching Secondary	13.9999.30 18
EDUC 4315 Student Teaching Secondary	13.9999.30 18
EDUC 4316 Student Teach Art Elem	13.9999.10 18
EDUC 4317 Student Teaching Art Secondary	13.9999.30 18
EDUC 4318 Student Teaching Music Elem	13.999.10 18
EDUC 4319 Student Teaching Music Secondary	13.999.30 18
EDUC 4324 Student Teaching Middle	13.9999.01 18
EDUC 4325 Student Teaching 4-8 2nd Wks	13.9999.01 18
ELED 3320 Children's Literature	13.1305.00 01
ELED 3322 Reading Instruction for Young Children, Ages 3 – 8	13.1315.00 04
ELED 4310 Reading in Elementary Schools	13.1315.00 04
ELED 4312 Science in Elementary Schools	13.1316.00 02
ELED 4315 Mathematics in the Elementary School	13.1311.00 02
ELED 4320 Social Studies in the Elementary School	13.1318.00 01
EPSY 3300 Educational Psychology	42.2806.00 01
EPSY 3360 Special Populations	13.1001.00 04
EPSY 3361 Behavior Management Theories in Spec Ed	42.2806.00 01
EPSY 4362 Behavior Modification in Spec Ed	13.1001.00 04
EPSY 4367 Consultation Strategies-Sp Educ	13.1001.00 04
EPSY 4397 Assistive Technology	42.2806.00 01
EPSY 4363 Individual Educational Programming	13.1001.00 04
EPSY 4365 Prin of Diagnostic Teaching-Sp Ed	13.1001.00 04
EPSY 4391 Student Teaching in Special Ed	13.9999.40 18
EPSY 4392 Student Teaching in Special Ed	13.9999.40 18
HLT 3303 Health Education	13.1307.00 04

Current Interdisciplinary Major/Education Minor Course Titles & CIP Codes

MUSI 4342 Music Education	13.1312.00 03
SEDE 4309 Teaching Science in Secondary School	13.1205.00 04
SEDE 4311 Teaching Social Studies Sec Sch	13.1302.00 03
SEDE 4312 Teaching English in the Secondary School	13.1302.00 03

INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is provided in connection with recent action(s) taken by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and reported to your institution in a letter from MacGregor M. Stephenson dated August 20, 2012.

ACTION: UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

On August 20, 2012, the Coordinating Board approved at the staff level the request from University of Houston to make the following changes:

Administrative Unit Affected		Academic Unit #		Action	Effective Date
College of Education		0850		Create degree program	September 1, 2012
Degree Title	Program Name	CIP Code	# of SCH	Action	Effective Date
BS	Interdisciplinary Studies	30.9999.01	124	Phase out degree program	August 31, 2012
BS	Teaching and Learning	30.9999.01	124	Create degree program	September 1, 2012

Notes:

These changes will affect the way your institution reports courses, programs, and degrees to the Coordinating Board. Please inform the appropriate reporting personnel of these changes.

If you have any questions about this action or about your institution's program inventory, please contact:

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