

**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**Thursday – February 20, 2025**  
<https://unt.curriculog.com/agenda:735/form>  
**Zoom mtg. ID: 842 5951 3497**

**Note: Course changes and additions will not take effect until they are listed in the graduate catalog. Items marked with an asterisk (\*) must have approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board before listing in the graduate catalog. Items marked with a plus (+) must be approved by the Department of Education before being listed in the graduate catalog.**

**Graduate Council Voting Members:** *Rose Baker, Ana Cleveland, Gurpreet Dhillon, Mariya Gavrilova Aguilar, Michael Greig, Jaymee Haefner, Jennifer Lane, Maurizio Manzo, Olav Richter, Dalena Taylor, Anto Verghese, Lawrence Williams*

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Jennifer Lane:**

- Welcomed back all Graduate Council members and attendees
- Thanked everyone for working together in getting these proposals in for this month's meeting
- Passed to Victor Prybutok, GC Administrative Co-Chair

**Victor Prybutok:**

- Welcomed all Graduate Council members...

**Jennifer Lane:**

- Reminded/illustrated to voting members on how to submit their vote
- Called the meeting to order

**II. MINUTES**

**MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM II-1. - APPROVED BY MAJORITY**  
**MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM II-1. - APPROVED BY MAJORITY**

**APPROVAL OF ITEM II-1**

**II-1.** Approval of January 16, 2025, minutes

**III. CHAIR / TGS DISCUSSION ITEMS / ACTION ITEMS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

**III-1.** Departmental representation for proposals that are on the agenda (discussion item)

**III-1.** Topic was discussed amongst members regarding the lack of departmental representation when proposals come up for discussion. It was agreed upon that a reminder will be sent out to each department requesting that a departmental representative be present if a proposal(s) have been submitted for GC approval.

**III-2.** Review of the 2025-26 GC Calendar

**III-2.** Members reviewed the calendar and discussed options regarding summer meetings being done electronically; calendar amended to conduct July's mtg. electronically and noted if items require discussion prior to approving, a call to meet will be announced.

#### IV. REQUEST FOR NEW COURSES

##### College of Health & Public Service

##### Department of Criminal Justice

**MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS IV-1. AND IV-2. AS A BLOCK - APPROVED BY MAJORITY**  
**MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEMS IV-1. AND IV-2. AS A BLOCK - APPROVED BY MAJORITY**

**APPROVAL OF ITEMS IV-1. AND IV-2.**

##### IV-1. CJUS 5170 - Vulnerable Populations in Criminal Justice

**Description:** This course is designed to explore criminal justice populations that require a unique approach for management and treatment. Specifically, students will be introduced to policing and corrections evidence-based practices to better serve the youth, elderly, females, LGBTQ+, offenders with disabilities, as well as individuals responsible for committing unique crime types, such as sex offenses and domestic violence.

##### IV-2. CJUS 5720 - Crime over the Life Course

**Description:** Seminar is designed to provide an intensive examination of crime and the life course. Life course examined as a theoretical orientation, a research methodology, and as an empirical field of study with special reference to crime and deviance. Key conceptual and research issues analyzed and discussed including the development of criminal and deviant behavior and criminal/deviant careers; stability and change in criminal/deviant behavior across developmental stages of the life course; trajectories, transitions, and turning points through life; quantitative and qualitative approaches to studying crime and the life course; and how evidence from this field can be used to inform criminal justice policy and practice.

#### V. REQUEST FOR ADD NEW OR DELETE EXISTING MAJOR/PROFESSIONAL FIELD, CONCENTRATION, OPTION, MINOR, CERTIFICATE (excluding GACs), OR SPECIALIZATION

#### VI. REQUEST FOR ALL GRADUATE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES

#### VII. REQUEST FOR NEW GRADUATE TRACK PATHWAYS

#### VIII. REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN PROGRAM, MAJOR, MINOR, DEGREE, OPTION, CONCENTRATION OR REQUIREMENTS

##### College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

##### Department of Philosophy & Religion

**MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS VIII-1. AND VIII-2. AS A BLOCK - APPROVED BY MAJORITY**  
**MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEMS VIII-1. AND VIII-2. AS A BLOCK - APPROVED BY MAJORITY**

**APPROVAL OF ITEMS VIII-1. AND VIII-2.**

##### VIII-1. Philosophy, MA (change in requirements; no change in hours) (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: Current curriculum geared toward different exams than the catalog requirements.)

**Justification:** The old MA exam did not align with our curriculum and did not foster student-faculty engagement. This change will bring greater alignment and will generate more student-faculty interaction.

VIII-2. [Philosophy, PhD](#) (change in requirements) (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: Current curriculum geared toward different exams than the catalog requirements.)

**Justification:** Our Comprehensive Exam was not aligned with our curriculum and did not help students to prepare for their dissertations. This new model is designed to both align the exam with the curriculum and to springboard students into the dissertation process.

A. In Grad Track

IX. REQUEST FOR DUAL OR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

X. CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR FROM X-1. THROUGH X-34. AS A BLOCK – APPROVED BY MAJORITY**

**MOTION TO VOTE ON ALL ITEMS UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR FROM X-1. THROUGH X-34. AS A BLOCK – APPROVED BY MAJORITY**

**APPROVAL OF ITEMS X-1. THROUGH X-34.**

A. Course Changes

College of Health & Public Service

[Department of Rehabilitation & Health Services](#)

X-1. [HLSC 6760 - Grant Proposal Writing for Health Funding](#)

**Course Title:** Grant Proposal Writing for Health Funding

**Description:** The process for community development requires many strategies for evoking desired changes. Grant proposal writing is increasingly associated with new paradigms for creating changes in our environmental, technical, governmental, and social capacities and relationships. Applications extend to problem-solving in a development context in pursuit of the common good. This course provides the skills needed to conceive, prepare and submit successful proposals for external funding. As part of the course, each student develops a grant proposal and submits it for funding.

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

[Department of English](#)

(Items X-2. through X-12. Requesting same prerequisite)

**Prerequisite:** consent of department.

X-2. [ENGL 5145 - Form and Theory: Prose](#)

X-3. [ENGL 5320 - Studies in Composition Theory.](#)

**Repeat Status:** No

X-4. [ENGL 5900 - Special Problems](#)

X-5. [ENGL 5910 - Special Problems](#)

X-6. [ENGL 5950 - Master's Thesis](#)

X-7. [ENGL 6900 - Special Problems](#)

X-8. [ENGL 6910 - Special Problems](#)

X-9. [ENGL 6941 - Directed Research](#)

X-10. [ENGL 6942 - Directed Research](#)

X-11. [ENGL 6944 - Directed Research](#)

X-12. [ENGL 6950 - Doctoral Dissertation](#)

**Department of Geography & the Environment**

X-13. [GEOG 5160 - Foundations of Geographic Thought](#)

**Prerequisite:** none

X-14. [GEOG 5185 - Statistical Research Methods in Geography](#)

**Prerequisite:** Not open to students who have completed GEOG 4185.

X-15. [GEOG 5210 - Seminar in Urban Geography](#)

**Prerequisite:** none

X-16. [GEOG 5250 - Climatology](#)

**Prerequisite:** none

X-17. [GEOG 5400 - Environmental Modeling](#)

**Prerequisite:** Graduate standing

X-18. [GEOG 5410 - Location-Allocation Modeling](#)

**Prerequisite:** none

X-19. [GEOG 5420 - Critical Resource Geography](#)

**Prerequisite:** none

X-20. [GEOG 5525 - LiDAR Data Analysis in GIS](#)

**Delete Cross Listing:** GEOG-4525

X-21. [GEOG 5550 - Advanced Geographic Information Systems](#)

**Prerequisite:** none

X-22. [GEOG 5590 - Advanced GIS Programming](#)

**Prerequisite:** GEOG 5560

X-23. [GEOG 5700 - Global Environmental Change](#)

**Prerequisite:** GEOG 1710 or GEOL 1610, or equivalent.

**X-24. [GEOG 5750 - Surface Water Hydrology](#)**

**Prerequisite:** none

**X-25. [GEOG 5900 - Special Problems](#)**

**Prerequisite:** none

**X-26. [GEOG 5920 - Research Problems in Lieu of Thesis](#)**

**Prerequisite:** Must have completed 12 additional hours toward the Master of Science degree in applied geography.

**X-27. [GEOL 5630 - Soils Geomorphology](#)**

**Short Course Title:** SOILS GERMORPHOLOGY

**Prerequisite:** none

**Department of Sociology**

**X-28. [SOCI 5700 - Health and Aging](#)**

**Recommended:** none

**College of Visual Arts & Design**

**Department of Art Education**

**X-29. [ARTE 5708 - Mulberry Street Studio](#)**

**Course Title:** Mulberry Street Studio

**Rationale to Course Title Change:** This practicum course has students offering art lessons to young people as part of their experiential education to become art educators. As previously titled the "Art Lab School," the new innovative title reflects the location of our classroom/building on Mulberry Street and reflects what an art education space might be named in the real world.

**Short Course Title:** MULBERRY STREET STUDIO

**Description:** Practicum centered explorations in the teaching and learning of art for various sites and demographics.

**B. Course Deletions**

**College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences**

**Department of Spanish**

**X-30. [SPAN 5235 - History of the Spanish Language](#)**

**Justification:** This is an old course once taught by Donny Vigil, who departed UNT many years ago. It has not been taught for many years. Our department's one linguist, Dr. Yoon, is not interested in teaching the course and has approved deleting it from the catalog. It is an excellent topic, but our MA enrollments cannot support it.

**X-31. [SPAN 5512 - Ethno-Education and Decolonial Thinking](#)**

**Justification:** This course has not been taught for many years and was previously taught by Talia Weltman-Cisneros who left UNT many years ago. There are no faculty in the Department of Spanish who are interested in teaching the course.

**C. Information Item - THECB Delete**

**D. Information Item - Documenting Changes**

**College of Engineering**

**Department of Computer Science & Engineering**

**X-32. Artificial Intelligence, MS - requirements clarification** (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26)

**Description:** This information item is to serve as clarification for the recently approved changes to the Artificial Intelligence, MS (<https://unt.curriculog.com/proposal:16048/form>) that

- the "validations methods course" required for the degree is to be included in the 12 hours of course work required for the student's chosen concentration.
- the elective course options will not include a course chosen from the degree's core courses, as all of the listed core courses are required for the degree.

**X-33. Data Engineering, MS - requirements clarification** (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26)

**Description:** The biomedical engineering concentration in the Data Engineering, MS was recently approved (<https://unt.curriculog.com/proposal:16051/form>) with a small error in the number of allowed unrestricted BMEN courses that may be used for elective course work. The biomedical engineering concentration section on the program should show that

Non-thesis students will choose five, 3-hour courses (15 semester hours) from the available courses below or select three courses from the list below and two unrestricted 3-credit hour BMEN graduate courses.

Thesis students will take 6 semester hours of elective course work and 6 semester hours of BMEN 5950 - Master's Thesis. For the 6 semester hours of elective course work, students may choose two courses from the list below or one course from the list below and one unrestricted 3-credit hour BMEN graduate course.

**Department of Mechanical Engineering**

**X-34. Engineering Management, MS - requirement correction** (Requested exception yr.: 2025-26; Rationale: without this revision, list of courses will not be complete and the catalog info will cause confusion for students.)

**Description:** Two of the EMGT courses (EMGT 5000 and 5010) included in the proposal <https://unt.curriculog.com/proposal:15989/form> were not approved by the Graduate Council.

We have been communicating with the Dept of Management, and they will offer a section of MGMT versions of those courses for our students.

Since EMGT 5000 and 5010 do not appear in the preview of the 2025-26 catalog, we kindly request adding the MGMT 5760 (in place of EMGT 5000) and MGMT 5300 (in place of EMGT 5010) in two sections as described below.

**NO NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING - APPROVED BY MAJORITY**

**MOTION TO VOTE FOR THE MEETING TO BE ADJOURNED - APPROVED BY MAJORITY**