

Graduate Council Minutes

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Electronic Voting – 6/19-6/25

Note: Course changes and additions will not take effect until they are listed in the graduate catalog. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board must be notified of any item marked with a double asterisk () and must approve any item marked with a single asterisk (*) 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.**

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I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

II. MINUTES

ITEM II-1. APPROVED BY MAJORITY: 8 APPROVE

II-1. Approval of May 21, 2026, minutes

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

IV. REQUEST FOR NEW COURSES

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

College of Visual Arts & Design

Department of Studio Art

ITEM V-1. APPROVED BY MAJORITY: 8 APPROVE

V-1. Studio Art, MFA (add option)

Justification: Students who select this degree Option will be provided professional training related to careers in art museum education which broadens their opportunities when entering the job market.

VI. REQUEST FOR ALL GRADUATE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES

College of Education

Department of Educational Psychology

ITEM VI-1. APPROVED BY MAJORITY: 8 APPROVE

VI-1. Graduate Academic Certificate in Qualitative Research (**) (change in requirements, reducing hours)

Justification: The purpose of reducing the hours in the Qualitative Research Graduate Academic Certificate to 12 is to maintain consistency with other Graduate Academic Certificates across the College and University; to reduce the requirement for extraneous coursework; to enhance marketability; and to allow for the Graduate Academic Certificate to be stackable with other degree programs at UNT. Faculty and curriculum are not impacted. Students will benefit by allowing them to earn the credential by taking only the most important coursework.

The Doctoral Faculty approved the change in March 2026. Research Methods, Statistics, and Measurement faculty approved the change in April 2026. The Department Graduate Curriculum Committee approved the change on April 8, 2026.

VII. REQUEST FOR NEW GRADUATE TRACK PATHWAYS

G. Brint Ryan College of Business

Department of Supply Chain Management

ITEMS VII-1. THROUGH VII-3. APPROVED BY MAJORITY: 8 APPROVE

VII-1. Supply Chain Management, BS with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA (all tracks) (approved by UUCB for 2027-28)

Justification: The G. Brint Ryan College of Business would like to build a new pathway with the BS Supply Chain Management to encourage its brightest students to pursue graduate study in the MBA Business Administration after completing their bachelor's degrees. The selected pathway courses mirror learning objectives and the partnership makes good sense for those students ready for advanced study.

1. Must have completed 75 credit hours of the degree for the application
2. May begin taking the graduate-level courses after completing at least 90 hours
3. Must complete the bachelor's degree within one academic year of beginning graduate coursework.

VII-2. Supply Chain Management, BS with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA (approved by UUCB for 2027-28)

Justification: The G. Brint Ryan College of Business would like to build a new pathway in the BS Supply Chain Management to encourage its brightest students to pursue graduate study in the MBA in Business Analytics after completing their bachelor's degrees. The selected pathway courses mirror learning objectives and the partnership makes good sense for those students ready for advanced study.

1. Must have completed 75 credit hours of the degree for the application
2. May begin taking the graduate-level courses after completing at least 90 hours
3. Must complete the bachelor's degree within one academic year of beginning graduate coursework.

VII-3. Supply Chain Management, BS with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA (approved by UUCB for 2027-28)

Justification: The G. Brint Ryan College of Business would like to build a new pathway in the BS Supply Chain Management to encourage its brightest students to pursue graduate study in the MBA Management Consulting after completing their bachelor's degrees. The selected pathway courses mirror learning objectives and the partnership makes good sense for those students ready for advanced study.

1. Must have completed 75 credit hours of the degree for the application
2. May begin taking the graduate-level courses after completing at least 90 hours
3. Must complete the bachelor's degree within one academic year of beginning graduate coursework.

College of Science

Department of Data Analytics & Statistics

ITEMS VII-4. THROUGH VII-6. APPROVED BY MAJORITY: 8 APPROVE

VII-4. Biochemistry, BA with grad track option leading to Advanced Data Analytics, MS

Justification: The addition of this Grad Track creates an interdisciplinary pathway that bridges biochemistry and data analytics. It is designed for students seeking to enhance their analytical and computational skills, likely for students who choose not to continue into graduate-level studies within the biological sciences directly. We expect this pathway to increase marketability of students by broadening their career readiness and opportunities.

*Indicates THECB approval required

This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the DAST Academic Affairs Committee and the Department of Biological Sciences.

VII-5. Mathematics, BA with grad track option leading to Advanced Data Analytics, MS

Justification: The addition of this Grad Track within the BA in Mathematics creates an interdisciplinary pathway that bridges mathematics expertise and data analytics. It is designed for students seeking to enhance their mathematics background with applicable analytical and computational skills, likely for students who choose not to continue into graduate-level studies within the mathematics field directly. We expect this pathway to increase marketability of students by broadening their career readiness and opportunities.

This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the DAST Academic Affairs Committee and the faculty of the Department of Mathematics.

VII-6. Mathematics, BSMTH with grad track option leading to Advanced Data Analytics, MS

Justification: The M.S. in Advanced Data Analytics is a 30 SCH program, with the proposed Grad Track in Mathematics to double-count 9 hours. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the DAST Academic Affairs Committee and the faculty of the Department of Mathematics.

The addition of this Grad Track within the BA/BSMTH in Mathematics creates an interdisciplinary pathway that bridges mathematics expertise and data analytics. It is designed for students seeking to enhance their mathematics background with applicable analytical and computational skills, likely for students who choose not to continue into graduate-level studies within the mathematics field directly. We expect this pathway to increase marketability of students by broadening their career readiness and opportunities.

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

College of Education

Department of Educational Psychology

ITEM VIII-1. APPROVED BY MAJORITY: 8 APPROVE

VIII-1. Educational Psychology, PhD (*) (change in requirements; decreasing hours - from: 63 to: 54)

Justification: The current degree plan has 63 hours and we are proposing to reduce the number of credit hours to 54 hours, which is more common among other doctoral programs in Educational Psychology. The purpose of reducing the hours in the Educational Psychology PhD is to reduce the requirement for extraneous coursework and to allow for more choice in the methods coursework. Students will benefit by allowing for completion of the degree in a timely manner and by allowing for choice with methods coursework that will more align to their career goals, as well as by allowing them to earn the degree by taking only the most important coursework. Faculty are not impacted.

The EPSY Doctoral Degree Taskforce voted in favor of the new degree plan on March 31, 2026. The Department Graduate Curriculum Committee approved the change on April 8, 2026.

College of Engineering

Department of Mechanical Engineering

ITEMS VIII-2. THROUGH VIII-4. APPROVED BY MAJORITY: 8 APPROVE

VIII-2. Engineering Management, MS (requested exception yr: 2026-27; rationale: Incorporating the clarification of admission criteria on the program page will be very helpful for prospective students.) (change in admission requirements; adding and clarifying admission requirements info to the program page)

*Indicates THECB approval required

Justification: Adding and clarifying admission requirements information to the program page.

VIII-3. Mechanical and Energy Engineering, MS (change in admission requirements; adding and clarifying admission requirements info to the program page) (requested exception yr: 2026-27; rationale: Incorporating the clarification of admission criteria on the program page will be very helpful for prospective students.)

Justification: Adding and clarifying admission requirements information to the program page.

VIII-4. Mechanical and Energy Engineering, PhD (requested exception yr: 2026-27; rationale: The QE format change has been recently approved by ME faculty, and required collection of data, surveying different approaches of major ME departments in TX, and rounds of discussions in the department. Including the changes in 2026-27 catalog will greatly help our PhD students.)

Justification: Department of Mechanical Engineering faculty recently approved a change to the format of the PhD Qualifying Exam (QE) (from written to oral exam). This change will offer a better progression for PhD students. The proposal clarifies the QE and subsequent steps toward degree completion. It also adds and clarifies admission requirements.

College of Visual Arts & Design

Department of Art Education

ITEM VIII-5. APPROVED BY MAJORITY: 8 APPROVE

VIII-5. Art Education, MA (change in catalog description)

Justification: The current program description does not include a list of required courses and lacks clarity.

A. In Grad Track

G. Brint Ryan College of Business

ITEMS VIII-6. THROUGH VIII-44. APPROVED BY MAJORITY: 8 APPROVE

Items VIII-6. through VIII-32. share the following requests:
(change in requirements) (approved by UUCB for 2027-28)

Justification: We are adding the following course to this grad track pathway:

* DSCI 3710 - Business Statistics with Spreadsheets with DSCI 5180 - Analytics Foundations for Business

Please add the following verbiage to this grad track pathway:

"Other Ryan College of Business graduate-level courses may be applied to the MBA grad track program with the consent of the department. See RCoB Graduate Programs Office."

VIII-6. Business Integrated Studies, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA (all subplans)

VIII-7. Business Integrated Studies, BBA with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA

VIII-8. Economics, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA (all subplans)

VIII-9. Economics, BBA with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA

VIII-10. Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA (all subplans)

VIII-11. Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA

*Indicates THECB approval required

- VIII-12. [Finance, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA \(all subplans\)](#)
- VIII-13. [Finance, BBA with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA \(all subplans\)](#)
- VIII-14. [Financial Planning, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA \(all subplans\)](#)
- VIII-15. [Financial Planning, BBA with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA](#)
- VIII-16. [General Business, BS with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA \(all subplans\)](#)
- VIII-17. [General Business, BS with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA](#)
- VIII-18. [Human Resource Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA \(all subplans\)](#)
- VIII-19. [Human Resource Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA](#)
- VIII-20. [Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA \(all subplans\)](#)
- VIII-21. [Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA](#)
- VIII-22. [Marketing - Professional Selling, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA \(all subplans\)](#)
- VIII-23. [Marketing - Professional Selling, BBA with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA](#)
- VIII-24. [Marketing, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA \(all subplans\)](#)
- VIII-25. [Marketing, BBA with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA](#)
- VIII-26. [Real Estate - Residential Property Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA \(all subplans\)](#)
- VIII-27. [Real Estate - Residential Property Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA](#)
- VIII-28. [Real Estate, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA \(all subplans\)](#)
- VIII-29. [Real Estate, BBA with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA](#)
- VIII-30. [Risk Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA \(all subplans\)](#)
- VIII-31. [Risk Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA](#)
- VIII-32. [Sport Entertainment Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Sport Entertainment Management, MBA](#)

Items VIII-33. through VIII-44. share the following requests:
(change in requirements) (approved by UUCB for 2027-28)

Justification: Please add the following verbiage to this grad track pathway:

"Other Ryan College of Business graduate-level courses may be applied to the MBA grad track program with the consent of the department. See RCoB Graduate Programs Office."

- VIII-33. [Business Integrated Studies, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA](#)
- VIII-34. [Economics, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA](#)

*Indicates THECB approval required

VIII-35. [Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA](#)

VIII-36. [Finance, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA](#)

VIII-37. [Financial Planning, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA](#)

VIII-38. [Human Resource Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA](#)

VIII-39. [Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA](#)

VIII-40. [Marketing - Professional Selling, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA](#)

VIII-41. [Marketing, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA](#)

VIII-42. [Real Estate - Residential Property Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA](#)

VIII-43. [Real Estate, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA](#)

VIII-44. [Risk Management, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA](#)

IX. REQUEST FOR DUAL OR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

X. CONSENT CALENDAR

ALL ITEMS UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR FROM X-1. THROUGH X-3. - APPROVED BY MAJORITY: 8 APPROVE

A. Course Changes

College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism

Department of Hospitality, Event & Tourism Management

X-1. [NUTR 5640 - Global Healthy Sustainable Foods](#) (effective Fall 2026)

Prefix: NUTR

Academic Unit: It was recently decided (at the dean/provost level) to move this course from the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism to the College of Public Affairs and Health Sciences (PAHS) with an effective start in Fall 2026. Therefore, in order to accommodate this transition and ensure that SCHs and related instructional fees are routed corrected in the UNT system to PAHS, this change in prefix (and associated college instructional fee) is needed in the catalog for fall 2026.

B. Course Deletions

C. Information Item - THECB Delete

D. Information Item - Documenting Changes

G. Brint Ryan College of Business

Department of Accounting

X-2. [Taxation and Data Analytics, MS](#) - admission requirements clarification (catalog effective year 2026-27)

Description: The Taxation and Data Analytics, MS program updated its admission requirements on the January 2026 Grad Council proposal: <https://unt.curriculog.com/proposal:18169/form>

This is to clarify that the following paragraph was meant to be included in the program's March 2026 proposal:

<https://unt.curriculog.com/proposal:18296/form>

“Students admitted to the MS in Taxation or MS in Accounting programs must meet the 3.0 Accounting GPA requirement to satisfy admission standards. Accounting GPA is calculated by using grades from Intermediate Accounting I, Intermediate Accounting II, Cost Accounting, Accounting Systems, Advanced & Not for Profit Accounting Principles, Federal Income Tax I, Federal Income Tax II, Auditing, and Accounting Research & Data Analysis. Only grades of A, B, or C will be considered in the Accounting GPA. Students who do not meet the 3.0 Accounting GPA requirement prior to the start of the masters program may not begin graduate coursework and will be placed on departmental probation. Their status and next steps will be reviewed by the program director. In addition, students will be required to meet with the program director to address any deficiencies or unmet requirements.”