

Graduate Council - Minutes

Thursday – June 20, 2024

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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: *Selcuk Acar, Rose Baker(absent), Daniel Bubeck, Ana Cleveland, Gurpreet Dhillon, Mariya Gavrilova Aguilar, Michael Greig, Jennifer Lane, Maurizio Manzo, Olav Richter, Anto Verghese, Lawrence Williams*

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennifer Lane:

- Welcomed all Graduate Council members and attendees
- Thanked everyone for being present

Victor Prybutok:

- Greeted all Graduate Council members and attendees

Jennifer Lane:

- Reminded voting members on how to submit their vote and motion
- Called meeting to order; Questioned if we met quorum; quorum was not met
- Due to not meeting quorum the agenda was reviewed for any questions/comments
- Request was made to convert the agenda into a Qualtrics survey for vote

II. MINUTES

ITEM II-1. APPROVED: 10 FOR

II-1. Approval of May 16, 2024, minutes

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

College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism

Department of Hospitality, Event & Tourism Management

ITEM III-1. APPROVED: 9 ACKNOWLEDGED; 1 ABSTAINED

III-1. [Hospitality and Tourism Data Analytics, MS](#) (Information Item; Requested exception Yr.: 2024-25)

Description: On a recent change to the Hospitality and Tourism Data Analytics, MS (<https://unt.curriculog.com/proposal:13709/form>), an “or” was accidentally placed between CMHT 5830 and CMHT 5870 in the Online Option Content Courses. This or should be removed.

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 Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

Department of Communication Studies

ITEM V-1. APPROVED: 10 FOR

V-1. **Communication Studies, MS** (delete degree)

Justification: Currently, the MA and MS degrees in Communication Studies are identical in terms of requirements for students enrolled in the graduate program, with the exception that students earning an MA are required to complete foreign language certification (this is something that students have completed prior to beginning their graduate program, typically as part of their undergraduate degree). The MS in Communication Studies was the option that students chose if they had not completed a foreign language competency. Since there is no longer a requirement for MA students at UNT to have completed a foreign language requirement, the Department of Communication Studies no longer needs an option for students who come in without foreign language competency.

Department of History

ITEM V-2. APPROVED: 10 FOR

V-2. **History, MS** (delete degree)

Justification: Our department has decided to eliminate our MS degree following a review of our language requirements.

Department of Political Science

ITEM V-3. APPROVED: 10 FOR

V-3. **Political Science, MS** (delete degree)

Justification: We propose to eliminate our MS in political science program and to retain the MA. The program is underenrolled and is redundant with most of the requirements for the MA degree. The MS requires students take our regression class, but most of our terminal masters students aren't taking the quantitative analysis course that prepares them for regression. Students wanting more rigorous training can still pursue regression if they want (in fact most do). Thus there is little difference between the MA and MS. Most all of our students at the Masters level are enrolled in the MA program. Thus this change will have little or no impact on students. The proposal to eliminate the MS degree program was reviewed by the Department Graduate Studies Committee and passed unanimously on April 12, 2024 (vote 5-0 in favor). It was further reviewed by the department executive committee and was passed by a department faculty meeting 19-0 in favor of elimination on April 16, 2024.

Mayborn School of Journalism

ITEM V-4. APPROVED: 10 FOR

V-4. **Journalism, MJ** (delete degree)

Justification: In order to better align the School's Master of Arts degree with other MA degrees in CLASS, the School is removing its master's thesis and foreign language requirements. These changes make the MA identical to the MJ and make the latter degree redundant. The school therefore proposes the elimination of the MJ. The School plans to stop admitting students in the MJ immediately. The last student admitted would be in Spring 2024. The faculty were notified of this decision during the December 6, 2023, faculty meeting.

The School will notify students via email when the MJ program is formally closed. All existing courses will continue to be offered in the usual rotation. The school would like to end the program by the start of the 2025-26 school year. Any current MJ students can be converted to the MA degree without taking any additional courses because MJ students are eligible to take any journalism graduate course. The graduate curriculum committee voted to delete this masters MJ degree

VI. REQUEST FOR ALL GRADUATE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES

College of Information

Department of Information Science

ITEM VI-1. APPROVED: 10 FOR

VI-1. Graduate Academic Certificate in Health Data Science (change in requirements; no change in hours)
(Requested exception Yr.: 2024-25; Rationale: Updates for previous prefix changes and cross-listed courses.)

Justification: Updates curricular and prefix changes previously approved by the Graduate Council.

ITEM VI-2. APPROVED: 10 FOR

VI-2. Graduate Academic Certificate in Health Information (change in requirements; no change in hours)
(Requested exception Yr.: 2024-25; Rationale: Updates prefix changes already approved.)

Justification: Updating prefix changes.

College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism

Department of Merchandising & Digital Retailing

ITEM VI-3. APPROVED: 10 FOR

VI-3. Graduate Academic Certificate in Digital Retail Merchandising (change in requirements)

Justification: We are requesting the deletion of the information from the note section as these courses (CMHT 5800 and all the HMGT courses) have already been removed from the GAC following proper protocol. This deletion is to clean-up the GAC program so that the “note” matches the courses being offered.

VII. REQUEST FOR NEW GRADUATE TRACK PATHWAYS

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

G. Brint Ryan College of Business

Department of Management

ITEM VIII-1. APPROVED: 9 FOR; 1 ABSTAINED

VIII-1. MBA with a major in Management Consulting (*) (change in title)

Justification: Change from MBA Management (cohort) program name to: MBA Management Consulting to be related more to industry.

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

Department of Communication Studies

ITEM VIII-2. APPROVED: 10 FOR

VIII-2. Communication Studies, MA (change in requirements; no change in hours)

Justification: Currently, the MA and MS degrees in Communication Studies are identical in terms of requirements for students enrolled in the graduate program, with the exception that students earning an MA are required to complete foreign language certification (this is something that students have completed prior to beginning their graduate program, typically as part of their undergraduate degree). The MS in Communication Studies was the option that students chose if they had not completed a foreign language competency. Since there is no longer a requirement for MA students at UNT to have completed a foreign language requirement, the Department of Communication Studies no longer needs an option for students who come in without foreign language competency.

Department of History

ITEM VIII-3. APPROVED: 10 FOR

VIII-3. History, MA (change in requirements; no change in hours)

Justification: Our department voted to remove the language requirement from our MA in History.

Department of International Studies

ITEM VIII-4. APPROVED: 10 FOR

VIII-4. International Studies, MA (change in requirements; no change in hours)

Justification: The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in CLASS, Dr. Jean Schaake, has requested that we remove the requirement for foreign language proficiency (for acceptance to the program), due to a CLASS-wide shift regarding foreign language requirements for MA degrees. Thus, we removed the language requiring intermediate proficiency in foreign language for acceptance to the program.

A. In Grad Track

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

Department of Sociology

ITEM VIII-5. APPROVED: 10 FOR

VIII-5. Sociology, BS with grad track option leading to Sociology, MS (change in title; removal of MA)

Justification: The SOCI graduate department is eliminating their MA. These changes are to reflect that there is no longer an MA option tied to the GradTrack program.

IX. REQUEST FOR DUAL OR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

X. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Course Changes

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

Department of Sociology

ITEM X-1. APPROVED: 10 FOR

X-1. SOCI 5950 - Master's Thesis

Description: ~~To be scheduled only with consent of department. 6 hours credit required. No credit assigned until thesis has been completed and filed with the graduate school. Continuous enrollment required once work on thesis has begun.~~ > To be scheduled only with consent of department. A total of 6 thesis hours are required for the Sociology MS with thesis. No credit assigned until thesis has been completed and filed with the graduate school. Continuous enrollment required once work on thesis has begun.

ITEM X-2. APPROVED: 10 FOR

X-2. SOCI 6950 - Doctoral Dissertation

Description: ~~To be scheduled only with consent of department. 9 hours credit required. No credit assigned until dissertation has been completed and filed with the graduate school. Doctoral students must maintain continuous enrollment in this course subsequent to passing qualifying examination for admission to candidacy.~~ > To be scheduled only with consent of department. A total of 9 dissertation hours are required for the Sociology doctorate. No credit assigned until dissertation has been completed and filed with the graduate school. Doctoral students must maintain continuous enrollment in this course subsequent to passing qualifying examination for admission to candidacy.

B. Course Deletions

C. Information Item-THECB Delete