The University of Oklahoma

**Academic Programs Council**

**Program Proposal Requests Distributed for April 7, 2017 meeting**

**SUBSTANTIVE:**

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Latinx Studies, Bachelor of Arts (RPC TBD, MC TBD). Addition of program. Level I Bachelor of Arts, Level II Bachelor of Arts, Level III Latinx Studies, Level IV Latinx Studies. A total of 120 hours is required for the degree, consisting of 40 hours General Education, 15 hours degree program core, 18 hours guided electives, and 47 hours general electives. Admission is based on the standards for admission established by the College of Arts and Sciences, which include: declaration of intent to pursue the major in Latinx Studies; at least a 2.0 combined retention grade point average on all college level work attempted; and at least 24 hours of earned college credit. Satisfactory progress completion toward the degree will be assessed each semester. Students will be placed on enrollment contract if they fall below the minimum GPA requirements for good standing in the College of Arts and Sciences. A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 is required for graduation. A grade of C or better must be earned in any course that is used to satisfy the hours in the major.
Reason for request: For many years, the University of Oklahoma has had significant offerings in the area of Latino studies but no major. Now, with recent faculty appointments and the accrual of relevant courses, especially in the interdisciplinary study of culture, history, and society, the moment is right to fulfill the mission of serving Latino students, including future Latino students who will be at OU in far greater numbers. A major at the University of Oklahoma, Latinx Studies will be arguably one of the most important new programs for the present and the future. The intersectional and interdisciplinary study of Latino culture, society, and history is increasingly important to many students in that interdisciplinary studies provide an emerging critical understanding of important cultural and social events of our time. In these ways, an undergraduate degree in Latinx Studies will be helping to fulfill the mandate of the College of Arts and Sciences' mission and the needs of a deserving and underserved student population. A major in Latinx Studies will enable students to be better decision-makers, creators, and innovators in a world where business, law, politics, and the arts all are being transformed by new communities emerging in the U.S. In particular, the integrative, comparative habits of mind our courses teach will prove extremely valuable to students interested in careers in teaching, business, professional study, and graduate study. Latinx Studies courses will emphasize the development of critical reading, historical perspectives, and writing skills, helping students learn how to ask and answer questions that they find meaningful and how to communicate their ideas and experiences to others. Such skills are valuable in all walks of life. Finally, this program will seek to inspire students to understand that critical inquiry is not just a luxury for academics, but something that can and should be a part of everyone's life, adding richness and depth to our experiences. A degree in Latinx Studies, especially when accompanied by acquaintance or expertise in ancillary fields, will be useful to careers in several professional areas. Students intending to pursue careers in law and politics will find that a familiarity with the history of Latinos in the U.S. will provide a unique and sophisticated understanding of public policy issues. Because the proposed program encourages interdisciplinary thinking, students interested in business and commercial applications will be equipped to respond to the global impact of Latino culture in the marketplace. Because graduates of the proposed program will be well-versed as historians, humanists, and social scientists, they may likely teach a variety of courses in addition to specialized topics in Latinx Studies. A degree in Latinx Studies may be a springboard to a career in policy creation in the public and private sector. Governmental and non-governmental agencies increasingly devote resources to strategic planning and oversight of critical programs serving Latino communities. Because Latinx Studies students have been trained to analyze culture and structure arguments in integrative ways, they will be among the most desirable employees in the humanities and social sciences.

PRICE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Finance, Graduate Certificate (RPC 025, MC TBD). Addition of embedded graduate certificate. The Graduate Certificate in Finance will consist of 6 courses (3 required, 3 electives) for a total of 12-13 hours (MBA courses at OU are typically two credit hours instead of three). The required courses will be FIN 5322, FIN 5332 and FIN 5382. The elective courses will consist of current MBA finance electives or MBA electives from a list maintained by the department and approved by the Graduate Liaison.
Reason for request: Graduate Certificate.in Finance formally documents the finance specialization on a student's transcript and provides an official OU certificate denoting these credentials. Currently, no designation of the finance specialization is provided on a student's transcript or diploma.

Business Administration, Master of Business Administration (RPC 025, MC M140Q446, M798). Course requirement change. Add B AD 5010, Foundations of MBA Success, as required course for all standard and professional MBA students. Total credit hours for the degree will not change.
Reason for request: This course is being added To ensure that all students admitted to the MBA program are well prepared to succeed in the program and upon graduation.

Finance, Bachelor of Business Administration (RPC 081, MC B435, B822). Course requirement change. Finance option:Change course number from FIN 3703 to FIN 3453; remove MIS 3223 from Finance major elective options. Risk Management option: Change course number from FIN 3703 to FIN 3453; remove MIS 3223 and add FIN 3203 to Risk Management major elective options. Total credit hours for the degree will not change.
Reason for request: Finance option: Course number was changed; FIN 3453 is more appropriate for course sequence; MIS 3223 is no longer offered. Risk Management option: Course number was changed; FIN 3453 is more appropriate for course sequence; MIS 3223 is no longer offered; FIN 3203 is a new course.

Management and Human Resources, Bachelor of Business Administration (RPC 168, MC B360, B380). Course requirement change. Energy Management option: Add EMGT 3123 to major requirements, increasing major requirement hours to 22; reduce Energy Related Elective hours to 12; remove PE 4113 and MIS 3223 from options; and change FIN 3703 to FIN 3453. Entrepreneurship & Venture Management option: Change in course substitution options; requiring upper-division ENT courses; restricting upper-division electives to 6 hours of business. Total credit hours for the degree will not change.
Reason for request: Energy Management option: EMGT 3123 replaces PE 4113 (no longer offered). As the course is now offered through PCB, we will be able to ensure that there are adequate seats to accommodate all EMGT students. Because of this, the course will now be required instead of an elective. MIS 3223 is no longer offered. FIN 3453 is a more appropriate number for course sequencing purposes. Entrepreneurship & Venture Management option: Allow students more course options; clarifying ENT options - when program began there were no lower division ENT courses; restricting the number of business hours encourages more rounded students and brings ENT in line with other business majors.

Business Administration, Bachelor of Business Administration (RPC 024, MC B590). Course requirement change. Foreign language requirement changed from specific course requirements to a minimum of 12 hours with 6 hours at the 3000/4000 level and focused in composition and/or conversation. Total credit hours for the degree will not change.
Reason for request: This allows for flexibility as the College of Business has no control over course progressions/changes in Modern Languages.

JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Fundamentals of Special Education, Graduate Certificate (RPC 219, MC TBD). Addition of embedded graduate certificate. The curriculum for this certificate consists of six (6) graduate courses that the Special Education faculty affirms are the most necessary and fundamental courses for persons interested in teaching individuals with disabilities who have not received their undergraduate degree or master's degree in Special Education but alternative certification from the State Department of Education and are currently in the classroom with Oklahoma's students. Requirements are: EDSP 5413, EDSP 5143, EDSP 5183, EDSP 5163, EDSP 5013, and a 3-hour elective course in special education (or general education) that pertains to the student's current/primary professional are of interest/teaching position or another course as approved by the graduate liaison or program coordinator.
Reason for request: This is a certificate that will be useful for those students who have completed an approved Oklahoma State Department of Education 150 hour "Bootcamp” and need the 18 hours of continuing education coursework to maintain their alternative licensure for teaching in the state. Additionally, students can begin these courses and if they would like, change to the master's in Education and all the courses will transfer to that degree.

Applied Behavior Analysis, Graduate Certificate (RPC 403, MC G019). Course requirement change. Change course name for EDSP 6023, and replace EDSP 5093 with EDSP 5013. Total credit hours for the certificate will not change.
Reason for request: The program is updating the course name for EDSP 6023 to reflect the most current best used practices in the field of Special Education. The program is replacing EDSP 5093 with EDSP 5013 for the purpose of additional Research and Instruction Methods that the faculty feel are more closely related to the field of Applied Behavior Analysis.

Second Transition Education Specialist, Graduate Certificate (RPC 402, MC G101). Course requirement change. Replace S WK 5170 with S WK 5293, and remove EDSP 5393. Total credit hours for the certification will change from 18 hours to 12 hours.
Reason for request: The initial 18-hour transition sequence was created to correspond with an Office of Special Education Grant. At the end of the grant, discussions were made on how to make the graduate certificate accessible to more people, and protect the integrity and content of the initial proposal. It was decided that the two Social Work courses could be collapsed into one streamlined course and the graduate practicum in transition would be removed from the graduate certificate.

Special Education, Master of Education (RPC 219, MC M855, M856). Course requirement change. Change name of EDSP 6023, and remove Applied Behavior Analysis and Secondary Transition Education areas of concentration. Total credit hours for the degree will not change.
Reason for request: In the past, the program created concentrations that they felt would be beneficial for enrollment and advising purposes. Although advising has gotten easier, the enrollment aspect has become more difficult for students who are trying to graduate or even apply to the university. The program currently offers a Federal grant that combines our two Graduate Certificates but we do not have a concentration that meets this need, so students are confused when trying to apply to the University because they do not see the program they want. To alleviate this confusion, the program has to go back to just one concentration of Special Education and if students are interested in the additional subject areas, they will be able to add those Graduate Certificates on their degree, and take those classes as elective courses.

Special Education, PhD. (RPC 220, MC D855). Course requirement change. Change title of EDSP 6023.
Reason for request: The program is updating course offerings to meet the research and critical thinking needs of doctoral students in the degree.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/INTERNAL**

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Hebrew, Minor (N503). Change in Minor requirements. Remove HEBR 1115 and HEBR 1225 from the requirements for the minor. Add 3 credit hours to the Minor in Hebrew by adding 2 new 3-hour courses from which students will choose one: HEBR 3513 or HEBR 3973. Total credit hours for the Minor will change from 25 hours to 18 hours.
Reason for request: Since we added a new full-time instructor, we can now, finally, add necessary long-awaited courses: a course in conversation-a course that every other language program in our department already has-and Biblical Hebrew, a course that Hebrew students have long demanded but which we didn't have the staffing resources to offer it until now.

PRICE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Entrepreneurship Minor for Business Majors, Minor (TBD). Addition of a Minor. A total of 15 credit hours are required for the Minor. The objective of new Minor is to allow business students to add to the value of their undergraduate degrees with tangible entrepreneurship coursework and experience.
Reason for request: Demonstrated student interest – Minor is already offered for nonbusiness majors.

GALLOGLY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Biomedical Engineering, BS in Biomedical Engineering/Master of Science Biomedical Engineering (RPC 413/353, MC B108/M109). Addition of an accelerated dual degree program Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering/Master of Science Biomedical Engineering. A total of 150 hours is required for the degree; 12 hours will count for both degrees.
Reason for request: To provide students with accelerated degree option for Biomedical Engineering.

WEITZENHOFFER FAMILY COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Drama, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drama (RPC 330, MC B275P626). Change in Area of Concentration requirements. Add DRAM 2413 to Stage Management Emphasis required courses; increase Stage Management Emphasis required credit hours from 39 hours to 42 hours, and reduce advised electives from 18 hours to 15 hours. Total credit hours for the concentration will not change
Reason for request: To keep curriculum current with industry standards for State Management professionals.

**Administrative/Internal requests for APC Chair to review**

BBA (Accounting)/Master Accountancy – requesting changes to match accelerated with current BBA.

BBA (Finance)/MS in Mgt Info Tech – requesting same changes to accelerated that are being requested for BBA.

BBA (Risk Mgt)/MS in Mgt Info Tech – requesting same changes to accelerated that are being requested for BBA

BBA (Entrepreneurship)/MS in Mgt Info Tech – requesting same changes to accelerated that are being requested for BBA

Industrial Systems Engineering/Master of Business Administrative – requesting same changes to accelerated that are being requested for MBA