The University of Oklahoma

**Academic Programs Council**

**Program Proposal Requests Distributed for October 14, 2016**

**SUBSTANTIVE:**

COLLEGE OF ATMOSPHERIC & GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Geography, Bachelor of Arts in Geography (RPC 328, MC B460P506 and B460P268). Course requirement change. Delete 6 hours of free electives. Total credit hours for the degree will change from 124-126 to 120.  
Reason for request: This reduction will decrease the hours required from 124-126 to 120, making this program consistent with others offered by the department as well as meet the minimum University requirement.

Geography, Bachelor of Science in Geography (RPC 289, MC B465). Course requirement change. Delete 6 hours of free electives. Total credit hours for the degree will change from 126 to 120.  
Reason for request: This reduction will decrease the hours required from 126 to 120, making this program consistent with others offered by the department as well as meet the minimum University requirement.

PRICE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Accounting, Master of Accountancy (RPC 265, MC M0001). Course and program requirement change. Convert Non-Thesis degree from a comprehensive examination to coursework-only. Total credit hours for the degree will not change.   
Reason for request: Switching Non-Thesis degree to coursework-only to be consistent with other graduate degrees within the college and similar programs across the country.

Business Administration, Graduate Certificate in Foundations of Business (RPC TBD). Addition of Embedded Certificate. A total of 13 hours is required for the Graduate Certificate in the Foundations of Business, consisting of 1 required course, B AD 5001, and 6 MBA courses chosen from a list maintained by the department and approved by the Graduate Liaison.  
Reason for request: The toolbox provided in the Graduate Certificate in the Foundations of Business will provide participants appropriate business acumen thereby expanding potential employment opportunities for practicing physicians and/or HSC students. Current practicing physicians will also enjoy the ability to increase the overall profitability of their current and/or future practices.

JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Science in Education (RPC 046, MC B285 and B284). Course requirement change. Early Childhood Education option: Replace EIPT 3011 with EDEC 3541. Total credit hours for the degree will not change. Early Childhood Birth through Third Grade option: Remove EIPT 3011 requirement. Total credit hours for degree will change from 127 to 126 hours.   
Reason for the request: Early Childhood Education option: EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad. EDEC 3541 will be added to the Professional Education requirement and will align better with required accreditation policies for Early Childhood Education. Early Childhood Birth through Third Grade option: EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 1-hour course that is used to meet the 17 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad. Removal of the one credit hour will not impact the minimum.

Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Education (RPC 062, MC B355). Course requirement change. Removing a one-hour Professional Education course that was not used in the overall 124-hour requirement towards earning the Bachelor of Science in Education degree.  
Reason for request: EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad.

Language Arts Education, Bachelor of Science in Education (RPC 143, MC B625). Course requirement change. Remove several courses from program requirements, add advisor approved options for required elective options in several categories. Move categories from both General and Specialized Education sections of the program to better meet the needs and content requirement for students, and to align with current courses offered on the OU Norman campus. Total credit hours for the degree will not change.  
Reason for request: Changes to program reflect updates/changes made to state certification subject area tests, and with current courses offered on the OU Norman campus. EIPT 3011 is being removed which is 0-1 hour as this course has been replaced by a Technology Seminar that students will attend once fully admitted into their program.

Mathematics Education, Bachelor of Science in Education (RPC 156, MC B673). Course requirement change. removing a one-hour Professional Education course that was not used in the overall 124-hour requirement towards earning the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Total credit hours for the degree will not change.   
Reason for request: EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad.

Science Education, Bachelor of Science in Education (RPC 203, MC B830, B831, B832, B833, B834). Course requirement changes. Biological Sciences option**:** Remove a one-hour Professional Education course that was not used in the overall 124-hour requirement towards earning the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Total credit hours for the degree will not change. Chemistry option:Remove a one-hour Professional Education course that was not used in the overall 124-hour requirement towards earning the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Replace eight hours of Organic Chemistry focused on Physical Science with eight hours of Organic Chemistry focused on Biological Science. Total credit hours for the degree will not change. Earth Science option:Remove a one-hour Professional Education course that was not used in the overall 124-hour requirement towards earning the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Total credit hours for the degree will not change. Physical Science option:Remove a one-hour Professional Education course that was not used in the overall 124-hour requirement towards earning the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Replace GPHY 1103 with GEOL 1003. Total credit hours for the degree will not change. Physics option:Remove a one-hour Professional Education course that was not used in the overall 124-hour requirement towards earning the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Replace GPHY 1103 with GEOL 1003.   
Reason for request: Biological Sciences option:EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad. Chemistry option: EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad. CHEM 3064 Organic Chemistry I and CHEM 3164 Organic Chemistry II are being replaced with the Organic Chemistry sequence that better aligns with current state subject area test material. Earth Science option:EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad. Physical Science option:EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad. GPHY 1103, Adventures in Geophysics is being removed because the course has not been offered at OU in over 6 semesters. It will be replaced with GEOL 1003, Volcanoes and Earthquakes. Physics option:EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad. GPHY 1103, Adventures in Geophysics is being removed because the course has not been offered at OU in over 6 semesters. It will be replaced with GEOL 1003, Volcanoes and Earthquakes.

Social Studies Education, Bachelor of Science in Education (RPC 208, MC B837). Course requirement change. Remove a one hour Professional Education due to a change in the Professional Education sequence. Total credit hours for the degree will not change.   
Reason for request: EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad.

Special Education, Bachelor of Science in Education (RPC 218, MC B855). Course requirement change. Remove a one-hour Professional Education course that was not used in the overall 124 hour requirement towards earning the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Total credit hours for the degree will not change.  
Reason for request: EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad.

World Language Education, Bachelor of Science in Education (RPC 083, MC B883P266, B883P271, B883P411, B883P621). Course requirement change. Total credit hours for the degree will not change. French: Remove a one-hour Professional Education course that was not used in the overall 124-hour requirement towards earning the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. German: Remove a one-hour Professional Education course that was not used in the overall 124-hour requirement towards earning the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Latin: Remove a one-hour Professional Education course that was not used in the overall 124-hour requirement towards earning the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Spanish: Remove a one-hour Professional Education course that was not used in the overall 124-hour requirement towards earning the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Several of the Spanish courses have been deleted/updated with new names and course numbers by the OU Spanish Department in the College of Arts & Sciences.  
Reason for request: French: EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad. German: EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad. Latin: EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad. Spanish: EIPT 3011 is being removed which is a 0-1 hour course that is used to meet the 26 hours of Professional Education requirements. EIPT 3011 is being replaced by a mandatory Technology Seminar that students will attend for full-admission into their education program and to receive their iPad. Updating the Spanish courses on the degree sheet will align with the course offerings available at OU that meet state certification requirements.

Instructional Psychology & Technology, Master of Education (RPC 055, MC M550Q374, M550Q206, M550Q357). Course requirement change. Remove EIPT 5113 from the list of electives for all concentrations; replace EIPT 5940 with EIPT for the Instructional Design and Technology concentration; and change number of hours needed for EIPT 5970 to 2 hours for the Integrating Technology in Teaching concentration. Total credit hours for the degree will not change.  
Reason for request: EIPT 5113 is no longer offered. EIPT 5940 is no longer offered and students will be required to complete an internship instead in order to gain valuable practical experience in the field. EIPT 5970 should have been listed as two hours instead of three hours. We are now requesting that this error be corrected.

WEITZENHOFFER FAMILY COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Drama, Master of Fine Arts in Drama (RPC 275, MC M275, M276, 1007N). Program deletion.   
Reason for request: In 2012, the School of Drama suspended admissions to the MFA program in Drama because of budget cuts to the Graduate Teaching Assistant budget. Because it is nearly impossible to recruit high-quality students without offering assistantships, the faculty of the School of Drama has voted to delete the program.

COLLEGE OF LAW

Healthcare Law, Master of Legal Studies (RPC TBD, MC TBD). Addition of program, Healthcare Law. A total of 32 hours is required for the degree, consisting of 32 hours in the degree program core. The program objectives are to provide graduate level education for professionals who work in the administration of healthcare facilities or systems. Students will receive a grounding in laws and regulations that frame, guide, and direct the provision of healthcare services. The curriculum will require the study of laws regulating the delivery and quality of medical services, access to and public and private means of payment for such services, and transactions and liability within the healthcare industry. The program will follow the admission, retention, and graduation standards set by the College of Law at the University of Oklahoma. Students must earn at least a 7.0 GPA on a 12 point scale.  
Reason for request: The College, in conjunction with an outside consultant, undertook a comprehensive review of industries in need of specialized graduate legal education. The conclusion of this study was that the Healthcare industry has acute needs for such education. Healthcare, being a highly regulated industry, is adding additional employees in compliance and procurement positions that need additional legal education. The University has a strong history of excellence in the Healthcare field with a renowned College of Medicine and College of Public Health offering a variety of degrees and certifications (including doctoral and master’s degrees) in Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Healthcare Administration and Public Health. Although many of these degrees contain one or two introductory courses in Healthcare Law, none offer extensive opportunities to study in detail the legal and regulatory environment of the healthcare industry. The College therefore proposes to add to its offering of Masters of Legal Studies, a program focused on Healthcare Law. Recognizing that non-lawyer employees and executives in healthcare companies and non-profit organizations are facing more regulatory, compliance, contractual and legal issues on a daily basis, the College of Law recognizes a need for an on line graduate program to serve the professionals in the healthcare industry who do not wish to seek a Juris Doctor degree at this point in their career. This program will offer an accelerated program (15 months) that can be taken primarily on line. Upon completing this program, students will: Acquire a basic working knowledge of the Healthcare system; develop basic legal research skills in the context of healthcare law; gain a deeper understanding of the law and regulation of billing and collection for healthcare services in both the public and private contexts; understand the legal organizational structure of healthcare organizations; become proficient in the laws governing patient privacy and issues surrounding the management of healthcare data; and gain experience in the process of an investigation of a healthcare institution

**ADMINISTRATIVE/INTERNAL**

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Political Science, Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts (RPC 191/192, MC B790P617/M790). Addition of simultaneous accelerated dual degree program, Political Science Bachelor of Arts/Political Science Master of Arts. A total of 143 hours is required for the degree, with 12 shared hours.   
Reason for request: This proposal is the direct result of student feedback and demand regarding the need to earn both degrees in an accelerated format. The Department of Political Science serves National Merit Scholars, as well as other undergraduate students, who enter the University with a large number of college credit hours. In addition, many of these students have tuition and/or scholarship funding guaranteed for five years. College credits earned prior to entering the University often results in students graduating before their funding guarantees have been deleted. Provisions for five-years’ worth of funding provides an ideal situation for students to earn both the undergraduate and graduate degree in a compressed format.

Public & Nonprofit Administration/Political Science, Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts (RPC 036/192, MC B805/M790). Addition of simultaneous accelerated dual degree program, Public & Nonprofit Administration Bachelor of Arts/Political Science Master of Arts. A total of 143 hours is required for the degree, with 12 shared hours.   
Reason for request: This proposal is the direct result of student feedback and demand regarding the need to earn both degrees in an accelerated format. The Department of Political Science serves National Merit Scholars, as well as other undergraduate students, who enter the University with a large number of college credit hours. In addition, many of these students have tuition and/or scholarship funding guaranteed for five years. College credits earned prior to entering the University often results in students graduating before their funding guarantees have been deleted. Provisions for five-years’ worth of funding provides an ideal situation for students to earn both the undergraduate and graduate degree in a compressed format.

PRICE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Accounting, Bachelor of Business Administration (Accounting) and Master of Accountancy (RPC 003/265, MC A001/F001). Course and program requirement change. Convert Non-Thesis degree from a comprehensive examination to coursework-only. Total credit hours for the accelerated program will not change.  
Reason for request: Switching Non-Thesis degree to coursework-only to be consistent with other graduate degrees within the college and similar programs across the country.

WEITZENHOFER FAMILY COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Drama, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drama (RPC 330, B275). Course requirement changes: Move DRAM 3052 from Design Emphasis required courses to Design Emphasis tracks in Scenic Design, Costume Design and Lighting Design; reduce Design Emphasis required courses from 28 hours to 26 hours, and increase Design Emphasis tracks from 20 hours to 22 hours. Add Sound Design area of concentration. The objective of the new concentration is to train professional sound designers. Total credit hours for the degree will not change.  
Reason for request: The changes and addition will expand course offerings and emphasis area choices for students studying in the BFA Drama program.