

MEMORANDUM

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To: Dr. Chris Laingen, Chair, Council on Graduate Studies

Re: Request for Executive Action from the Department of English

Requested Changes:

To modify the Graduate Certificate for the Teaching of Writing as follows:

1. To allow for offering the Certificate's courses (see below) online;
2. To add ENG 4765 (Professional Writing) and ENG 5061 A, B, D (Special Topics in Literature and Literary Theory) to the roster of courses that will count towards the Certificate.

Rationale:

Implemented in Fall 2011, the CTW is an 18-credit hour program, designed primarily for certified teachers of English/Language Arts (at middle and high school levels) to assist them in their professional development in writing pedagogy. The CTW is closely allied with EIU's Summer Writing Institute, a program that works under the aegis of the National Writing Project.

The Department feels that an online CTW:

- Addresses the need for a program to help high school teachers become qualified to teach dual-certification courses (the most frequently asked question from potential students);
- Allows students to complete the certificate in 4 semesters;
- Would provide courses for those teachers (outside English) seeking ELA endorsement;

- Would be marketable across the state (attractive to EIU alumni and non-alumni);
- Will increase enrollment in the MA program—through participation in CTW but also if students decide to continue on for the MA degree (all 18 credit hours will count towards degree).

Catalog Language Changes:

All courses listed below can be offered online as per this Executive Action.

Certificate Course/Curriculum Requirements

All students must complete the following six-credit course:

- [ENG 5585 - Writing Project for K-12 Teachers](#) Credits: 6
Students must complete one year of teaching before applying for ENG 5585
- Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of graduate-level courses (5000 and above)

Additional Courses

Students should choose at least four of the following three-credit courses:

- [ENG 4760 - Special Topics in Professional Writing](#) Credits: 3
May be repeated.
- [ENG 4801 - Integrating the English Language Arts](#) Credits: 3
- [ENG 4906 - Problems in the Teaching of English](#) Credits: 3
May be repeated.
- [ENG 5007 - Composition Theory and Pedagogy](#) Credits: 3
- [ENG 5011 - Studies in Composition and Rhetoric](#) Credits: 3
May be repeated.
- [ENG 5091A - Studies in Language, Linguistics, and Literacy](#) Credits: 3
May be repeated.
- [ENG 4765 - Professional Editing](#)
- [ENG 5061A - Special Topics in Literature and Literary Theory](#)
- [ENG 5061B - Special Topics in Literature and Literary Theory](#)
- [ENG 5061D - Special Topics in Literature and Literary Theory](#)

Approved by College of Arts and Humanities Curriculum Committee:

November 16, 2016.

Effective Year/Term:

Summer 2017