

Eastern Illinois University
New/Revised Course Proposal Format
(Approved by CAA on 4/3/14 and CGS on 4/15/14, Effective Fall 2014)

Banner/Catalog Information (Coversheet)

1. ☒ **New Course** or ☐ **Revision of Existing Course**
2. **Course prefix and number:** ☐ MAT 5010 _____
3. **Short title:** ☐ Operations Research _____
4. **Long title:** ☐ Applied Operations Research

5. **Hours per week:** ☐ 4 Class ☐ 0 Lab ☐ 4 Credit
6. **Terms:** ☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer ☒ On demand
7. **Initial term:** ☒ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer Year: ☐ 2023 _____
8. **Catalog course description:** Construction and use of mathematical models in applied problem solving; linear programming via the simplex algorithm, integer programming, goal programming, queuing theory, PERT-CPM, and simulation
9. **Course attributes:**

General education component: ☐ N/A _____

☐ Cultural diversity ☐ Honors ☐ Writing centered ☐ Writing intensive ☐ Writing active

☐ Department Capstone as Senior Seminar
10. **Instructional delivery**
Type of Course:

☒ Lecture ☐ Lab ☐ Lecture/lab combined ☐ Independent study/research

☐ Internship ☐ Performance ☐ Practicum/clinical ☐ Other, specify: _____

Mode(s) of Delivery:

☒ Face to Face ☐ Online Synchronous ☒ Online Asynchronous ☐ Study Abroad

☐ Hybrid, specify approximate amount of on-line and face-to-face instruction _____
11. **Course(s) to be deleted from the catalog once this course is approved:** ☐ MAT 4750 and MAT 4850 _____
12. **Equivalent course(s):** ☐ N/A _____

a. **Are students allowed to take equivalent course(s) for credit?** ☐ Yes ☒ No
13. **Prerequisite(s):** ☐ MAT 2442; MAT 2550 or MAT 4760 _____

a. Can prerequisite be taken concurrently? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b. Minimum grade required for the prerequisite course(s)? C

c. Use Banner coding to enforce prerequisite course(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

d. Who may waive prerequisite(s)?

☐ No one ☒ Chair ☒ Instructor ☐ Advisor ☐ Other (specify)

14. Co-requisite(s): N/A

15. Enrollment restrictions

a. Degrees, colleges, majors, levels, classes which may take the course: ☐ Graduate students in Mathematics – Secondary Mathematics Education option

b. Degrees, colleges, majors, levels, classes which may not take the course: ☐ Everyone else

16. Repeat status: ☒ May not be repeated ☐ May be repeated once with credit

17. Enter the limit, if any, on hours which may be applied to a major or minor: 4

18. Grading methods: ☒ Standard ☐ CR/NC ☐ Audit ☐ ABC/NC

19. Special grading provisions:

☐ N/A Grade for course will not count in a student's grade point average.

☐ N/A Grade for course will not count in hours toward graduation.

☐ N/A Grade for course will be removed from GPA if student already has credit for or is registered in:

☐ N/A Credit hours for course will be removed from student's hours toward graduation if student already has credit for or is registered in:

20. Additional costs to students:

Supplemental Materials or Software ☐ N/A

Course Fee ☒ No ☐ Yes, Explain if yes

21. Community college transfer:

☐ A community college course may be judged equivalent.

☒ A community college may not be judged equivalent.

Note: Upper division credit (3000+) will not be granted for a community college course, even if the content is judged to be equivalent.

Rationale, Justifications, and Assurances (Part I)

1. ☐ Course is required for the major(s) of _____
☐ Course is required for the minor(s) of _____
☐ Course is required for the certificate program(s) of _____
☒ Course is used as an elective
2. **Rationale for proposal:** The department currently offers two courses, MAT 4750 – Linear Programming and MAT 4850-Operations Research which are each rarely offered but both focus on different optimization techniques. Additionally, advances in technology and modeling has resulted in some content between the two courses being deemphasized. This new course combines aspects of those two classes into one 4-credit course covering the more broad spectrum of applied optimization techniques all of which still fall under the umbrella of Operations Research.
3. **Justifications for (answer N/A if not applicable)**
Similarity to other courses: N/A
Prerequisites: This class requires knowledge of Calculus-based optimization techniques, as well as some fundamental ideas of vector spaces.
Co-requisites: N/A
Enrollment restrictions: This is a graduate level class and requires an undergraduate background in mathematics.
Writing active, intensive, centered: N/A
Capstone as Senior Seminar: N/A
4. **General education assurances (answer N/A if not applicable)**
General education component: N/A
Curriculum: N/A
Instruction: N/A
Assessment: N/A
5. **Online/Hybrid delivery justification & assurances (answer N/A if not applicable)**
Online or hybrid delivery justification: Most often, students taking this class will be located off-campus. Other similar classes have been offered online successfully.
Instruction: Online delivery of the class will be facilitated through the EIU Learning Management System. Materials will include professor-recorded/selected videos, notes,

discussions and other components. Faculty teaching the class online will have the appropriate OCDI training.

The EIU LMS provides various ways for work to be securely given and collected. Assignments will be checked for integrity using available tools.

Interaction: The EIU LMS allows for discussion boards to be posted on and video collaboration. The professor will give feedback and interact with students via these methods, online office hours, and online class meetings if and when necessary. The discussion board tools also allow students to interact with each other.

Model Syllabus (Part II)

1. Course number and title

MAT 5010 – Applied Operations Research

2. Catalog description

Construction and use of mathematical models in applied problem solving; linear programming via the simplex algorithm, integer programming, goal programming, queuing theory, PERT-CPM, and simulation

3. Learning objectives.

The student will be able to:

- (a) mathematically model close to real life scenarios and use technology in solution processes. (1, 2)
- (b) use techniques for solving linear programming problems. (1, 2)
- (c) use techniques for solving integer and goal programming problems. (1, 2)
- (d) use duality and engage in post-optimal analysis. (1, 2)
- (e) create models appropriate for queuing theory. (1, 2)
- (f) distinguish between different simulation scenarios. (1, 2)
- (g) create models for timing networks using PERT and CPM. (1, 2)

4. Course materials.

Text: “Operations Research: An Introduction” by Hamady A. Taha (Pearson, 2017)

5. Weekly outline of content.

Week 1: Introduction/Review of Calculus-based Applied Optimization techniques

Week 2: Modeling with Linear Programming

Week 3: Graphical Solution Methods

Week 4: Simplex Algorithm

Week 5: Sensitivity Analysis

Week 6: Special Cases

Week 7: Canonical Form of a Linear Program

Week 8: Duality and Post-Optimal Analysis

Week 9: Goal Programming & Integer Programming

Week 10: Goal Programming & Integer Programming

Week 11: Queuing Systems

Week 12: Monte Carlo Simulations

Week 13: Other Simulations

Week 14: PERT and CPM

Week 15: PERT and CPM

Week 16: Final Exam

6. Assignments and evaluation, including weights for final course grade.

Homework 25%

Discussions/Participation 25%

Written Exams 50%

7. Grading scale.

100% - 90%A, 80-89.9% B, 70-79.9% C, 60-69.9% D, < 60% F.

8. Correlation of learning objectives to assignments and evaluation.

	Homework (25%)	Discussion (25%)	Exams (50%)
(a) mathematical model close to real life scenarios and use technology in solution processes (1, 2)	x	x	x
(b) use techniques for solving linear programming problems (1, 2)	x		x
(c) use techniques for solving integer and goal programming problems (1, 2)	x		x
(d) use duality and engage in post-optimal analysis (1, 2)	x		x
(e) create models appropriate for queuing theory (1, 2)	x		x
(f) distinguish between different simulation scenarios (1, 2)	x	x	x
(g) create models for timing networks using PERT and CPM (1, 2)	x		x

Date approved by the department or school: 12/6/21

Date approved by the college curriculum committee: 1/19/22

Date approved by the Honors Council (*if this is an honors course*):

Date approved by CAA: CGS: