

TO: Dr. Robert Augustine, Dean, Graduate School
FROM: Glenn Hild, Interim Associate Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
DATE: October 23, 2013
RE: Request for Executive Action from Department of English

Requested Change:

Request that ENG 5061, Special Topics in Literature and Literary Theory, be re-numbered as ENG 5061A, ENG 5061B, and ENG 5061D

Rationale:

This change is necessary to ensure that students may repeat the course more than once. Because the course has an entirely different topic each time it is offered, it is logical to allow students to take the class up to three times. With the changes in financial aid rules in 2011 limiting a student to two repeats of a specific course number, it is now necessary to renumber the course with a letter designation that will allow the department to cycle through the course numbers during the summer sessions.

This is an important issue because the course has often been the only 5000+ class offered during the summer. Because its topic can be selected to appeal to the particular mix of students we get in summer graduate classes, it works well in the summer curriculum. The result is that those of our graduate students who teach K-12 take it repeatedly; because of time constraints, they depend on summer course offerings to complete their degree. Without the ability to take 5061 more than twice, they might run into trouble completing the degree within the six-year time limit.

Effective Year/Term:

Spring 2014