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Dear Dr. Poulter, dear Dr. Augustine:

As part of our program revisions for Master of Arts in Communication Studies, I would like to request a number of executive actions to make minor adjustments to course descriptions and course prerequisites in several of our graduate classes. I also request the deletion of three graduate classes from the course catalog.

The program revisions and new course proposals for the MA in Communication Studies have been approved by the graduate faculty in Communication Studies, by the College of Arts and Humanities Curriculum Committee, and most recently by the Council on Graduate Studies (May 3, 2011). On the following pages, I list the requested executive actions for all courses, along with a short rationale. Please let me know if you have any questions or require any changes to my requests.

Thanks,

Olaf Hoerschelmann

CMN 5620 – Social Relations and Media Effects
CMN 5810 – Seminar in American Public Address
CMN 5830 – Applied Criticism

Requested action: Removal of CMN 5620, CMN 5810, and CMN 5830 from course catalog.

Rationale: Classes have not been taught in several years and will not be part of our revised degree program.

CMN 5520 - Social Interaction. (5620)

(3-0-3) Practical application of major communication theories.

Prerequisites & Notes:

CMN 5510 or permission of the instructor.

Requested action: Removal of prerequisites from course description.

Rationale: CMN 5620 will be dropped from the catalog.
Prerequisite of CMN 5510 will not be needed in restructured degree program and will be detrimental to students' degree completion.

CMN 5610 - Media Criticism. (5330)

(3-0-3) A study of various critical approaches to the analysis of the medium of television. Consideration will be given to various methodological approaches to the study of the historical, economic, political, cultural, and sociological impact of television.

Requested action: Removal of prerequisites from course description.

Rationale: CMN 5330 is not listed in the course catalog and will not be offered by the department anymore. This prerequisite will be detrimental to students' degree completion.

CMN 5710 - Organizational Communication. (5520)

(3-0-3) An examination of how communication creates different types of organizations and how these organizations in turn direct and control employees' actions and communication.

Requested action: Removal of prerequisites from course description.

Rationale: Prerequisite of CMN 5520 will not be needed in restructured degree program and will be detrimental to students' degree completion.

CMN 5720 - Seminar in Public Relations. (5220)

(3-0-3) Study of special topics in Public Relations. Practical applications of the principles of Communication Studies. May be repeated once with a change in course content.

Requested action: Removal of prerequisites from course description.

Rationale: CMN 5220 is not listed in the course catalog and will not be offered by the department anymore. This prerequisite will be detrimental to students' degree completion.

CMN 5900 - Instructional Practicum

(Arr.-Arr.-3) Students learn and apply pedagogy skills in a supervised setting.

Prerequisites & Notes

Students must have completed 10 hours of CMN courses and maintain degree seeking status.

Requested action: Change prerequisites to the following: Students must have completed **9 hours** of CMN courses and maintain degree seeking status.

Rationale: The reduction of required completed hours from 10 hours to 9 hours will allow students to enroll in CMN 5900 in their second semester of study. This will also allow students to enroll in additional classes in communication pedagogy, namely CMN 5901 - Advanced Instructional Practicum or CMN 5980 - Internship in their second year of study.

CMN 5980 - Internship

(Arr.-Arr.-9) Students practice teaching in a supervised community college classroom.

Prerequisites & Notes

Students must have completed 28 hours of CMN courses and maintain degree seeking status. Approval of the Graduate Coordinator required.

Credits: 9

Requested action: Change prerequisites to the following: Students must have completed **18 hours** of CMN courses and maintain degree seeking status. Students must have completed CMN 5240 - Seminar in Teaching Speech with a grade of B or better and CMN 5900 – Instructional Practicum with a grade of “credit” (C).

Change credits available to: Credits: 3-9

Rationale: The reduction of required completed hours from 28 hours to 18 hours will allow students to enroll in CMN 5980 in their third semester of study. Currently, we can place students in a pedagogical internship at Lake Land College only in the fall semester. Therefore, a change in prerequisites is necessary to allow students to intern at Lake Land College and to facilitate timely degree completion.

The addition of CMN 5240 and CMN 5900 as prerequisites ensures that students have received appropriate pedagogical training before enrolling in internship.

Three credit hours is sufficient credit for students placed in an internship at Lake Land College or other nearby institutions. Students only need to enroll for 9 hours if they will not be able to be on campus during their internship. In those cases, students need to enroll for 9 hours to maintain full-time status. Only three credit hours of CMN 5980 will count toward degree.