



MEMORANDUM

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To: Dr. Michael Menze, Chair, Council on Graduate Studies

Re: Request for Executive Action from the Department of English

Requested Change:

That ENG 5091 (“Studies in Language, Linguistics, and Literacy”) be re-numbered as ENG 5091A and 5091B, each retaining the same name.

The distinction between the two will be as follows:

ENG 5091A will be the broad, special topics course for the *M.A. program’s population*.

ENG 5091B will specifically have the topical focus on linguistics for the *Certificate in English as a Second Language (ESL) program’s population*.

The current catalog copy reads:

ENG 5091 Studies in Language, Linguistics, and Literacy. (3-0-3) Seminar in varying topics concerning the fields of linguistics and literacy.

Prerequisites & Notes: May be repeated once with permission of the Department Chairperson.

Credits: 3

The new catalog copy should read:

ENG 5091A Studies in Language, Linguistics, and Literacy. (3-0-3) Seminar in varying topics concerning the fields of linguistics and literacy.

Prerequisites & Notes: May be repeated once with permission of the Department Chairperson.

Credits: 3

ENG 5091B Studies in Language, Linguistics, and Literacy. (3-0-3) Seminar in varying topics concerning the fields of linguistics and literacy.

Prerequisites & Notes: May be repeated once with permission of the Department Chairperson.

Credits: 3

Rationale:

The course is presently a broad, special topics course. As the English Department has joined the Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education in the instruction of the ESL Certificate program, the former will contribute ENG 5091B to the ESL curriculum, with the intent of it being a yearly-offered course focusing on linguistics for teachers of English language learners (which is itself already a topic covered under the “Studies in” designation of the existing course). However, since the latitude written into the original ENG 5091 proposal is needed for faculty flexibility in the M.A. program, the designation of ENG 5091A has been created specifically for that population. Advisors will ensure students register for the correct course.

Since no substantial revision to the course is proposed, we believe that the change is best and most expediently accomplished through Executive Action.

College of Arts & Humanities Curriculum Committee Approval: December 3, 2014

Effective Year/Term:

FA 2015