



MEMORANDUM

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To: Dr. Melissa Jones, Chair, Council on Graduate Studies

Re: Request for Executive Action from the Department of English

Action Requested:

Change the course title and catalog description of ENG 5585 as stated in "Catalog Language Changes" below.

Rationale:

The changes will better reflect the course's actual focus on the teaching of writing at levels K-16. ENG 5585 is an intensive course on the teaching of writing across curriculum and grad levels, part of EIU's partnership with the National Writing Project, which is committed to improving the teaching of writing K-16. The original title of the course was intended to clarify that it was part of a program for working teachers, but inadvertently omitted those community college and college teachers for whom the course is also appropriate. Recent interest by community college teachers has brought this inadvertent omission to our attention, and thus the Department requests this change.

Catalog Language Changes:

ENG 5585 - Writing Project for K-~~12~~ 16 Teachers

(6-0-6) Based on National Writing Project principles, this course will provide K-~~12~~ 16 teachers across the curriculum with opportunities to experience and apply researched composition pedagogies for use in their own classroom and explore a variety of theories regarding writing to learn and writing and reading in the disciplines.

Prerequisites & Notes

Graduate Standing; at least one year of K-~~12~~ 16 teaching; application to the Eastern Illinois Writing Project (EIWP) and permission of the EIWP instructor.

Credits: 6

Effective Year/Term:

Fall 2019.