

To: Dean Jackman

From: Jeanne Okrasinski, Acting Chair EC/ELE/MLE

Date: February 16, 2017

Executive Action Requested

Requested Change: Add an online mode of delivery to:

Courses: ELE 5490, ELE 5700, ELE 5990, MLE 5400, MLE 5700

Rationale for the change: As most of our graduate students are practicing teachers, they are seeking more flexibility towards how courses are offered/completed. Moving these courses to an online delivery mode is a step in that direction. The department is also interested in expanding from our local teachers to reaching others in out-lying areas that struggle to come to campus for coursework but would like to further their education. For these individuals, online delivery of the Master's program is critical. The online delivery of the course will not change any course content and the integrity of the course will be maintained. All online courses will be taught by graduate faculty who have completed the required training as established by EIU.

#### **ELE 5490 - Educational Problems**

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(3-0-3) Provides the student an opportunity for investigation and analysis of elementary or junior high school problems of a significant nature. May be repeated once for credit if a different topic is offered.

#### **ELE 5700 - Seminar in Elementary Education**

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(Arr.-Arr.- 1-3) Intensive study of important contemporary issues, problems, developments and trends in elementary education. May be repeated once for credit, with a maximum of six semester hours from any combination of the Seminar in Elementary Education courses.

#### **ELE 5990 - Independent Study**

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(Arr.-Arr.-1-3) Intended to permit a student to pursue more intensively various aspects of the area of his/her special interest. Prerequisites & Notes: Permission of the department chair. May be repeated once for credit, with a maximum of six semester hours from any combination of the Independent Study courses.

### **MLE 5400 - Topics in Middle Level Education**

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(3-0-3) A study of current research and practices in middle level education (e.g. organization of school advisory programs, utilization of technology, staff development, legal/ethical concerns). May be repeated once for credit if a different topic is offered.

### **MLE 5700 - Seminar in Middle/Junior High School Education**

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(Arr.-Arr-1-3) Intensive study of important contemporary issues, problems, developments and trends in Middle and Junior High School Education. May be repeated once for credit, with a maximum of six semester hours from any combination of the Seminar in Middle/Junior High School Education courses. Note: A maximum of nine semester hours may be earned in a combination of MLE 5700, ELE 5950, and ELE 5990.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2017

APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT CURRICULUM COMMITTEE & FACULTY: 2/16/17

CURRENT CATALOG COPY: no change

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