

**College of Education
Curriculum Committee Minutes
February 24, 2020**

Members Participating: Dean Bower; Daniel Carter (TLF); Jim Howley (BGS/SEL); Kristen Holly, (Charleston Public Schools); Jon Coleman (CHE); Christy Hooser (SPE); Hannah McMahan, Student Representative (SPE); Jenny Reid, Student Representative (TLF)

Staff Present: Tiffany Swalls

Daniel Carter called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the October 14, 2019 and December 9, 2019 meetings were approved unanimously.

COE 20-01, Program Revision, BGS

Jim Howley presented the proposal for this program revision. Daniel Carter moved and Kristen Holly seconded the motion to approve the proposal. Following discussion, the proposal was approved unanimously with no concerns. Effective date is Fall 2020.

Dean's Report/Other

1. Dean Bower reported there is strong interest in the newly announced EIU Accelerated Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure Program.
2. Dean Bower shared a few upcoming changes regarding teacher licensure:
 - The state is changing the rules on receiving additional endorsements.
 - The new Elementary Education content test will be effective beginning in March.
 - There is currently a house bill seeking to eliminate edTPA.
3. Kristen Holly shared that Charleston CUSD #1 is making great progress toward implementing Competency-Based Education standards. Charleston CUSD #1 will showcase this progress at the Competency-Based Education Fair in the Atrium of Buzzard Hall on Thursday, April 23rd from 4:00 p.m-5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Swalls

Spring 2020 Meeting Schedule

March 25

April 8

April 22

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Room 2444 Buzzard Hall

Proposed BA. in General Studies Program Revision (COE 20-01)

Effective Date: Fall 2020

Rationale:

Current BGS policy requires that students earn grades of “C” or above in all courses once admitted to the program. Under the revised policy, students in the program would be held to the grade of “C” or better standard for BGS courses as well as the overall requirement for students to maintain a 2.0 GPA. This change will allow consistency and clarity for students on university standards.

Approved by Program: 2/3/2020

Approved by College of Education Curriculum Committee: 2/24/2020

Approved by CAA:

General Studies Degree Program

James A. Howley, Director

General Studies (B.A.)

The Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree Program is an individualized, nontraditional program designed for learners with significant life and/or work experience. The program combines sound academic principles with advances in technology to facilitate degree completion. After admission to the program, knowledge and skills acquired by prior learning outside of the traditional classroom, may be evaluated for academic credit.

Core Requirements

- 120 semester hours total
- 40 semester hours at the junior-senior level
- 20 semester hours taken from EIU
- 12 semester hours in Humanities/Fine Arts
- 12 semester hours in Social/Behavioral Sciences
- 12 semester hours in Scientific Awareness/Mathematics
- 6 semester hours in Communication/English
- 1 course in Cultural Diversity
- 1 Senior Seminar

In Addition Students Must:

- Complete BGS 3002, Critical Thinking and the Adult Learner and BGS 4001, Self-Directed Leadership.
- Students who have not taken college-level courses for the past five years are required to take BGS 2985, Adults in Transition. Other students may take the course as an elective.
- Note: Students must complete BGS 2985 (if required) and BGS 3002 with a grade of "C" or higher and have earned at least 90 semester hours prior to enrolling BGS 4001.
- Complete Electronic Writing Portfolio (EWP) requirements;
- Maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade-point average.

Notes:

1. A student must be admitted to this program by the Director of the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree Program.
2. Beginning Fall 2014 and thereafter, all students transferring into the BGS program from another EIU academic program must meet the BGS degree requirements for the catalog year they are admitted into the program.
- ~~3. After the student is admitted to the program, only grades of "C" and above will be counted toward meeting graduation requirements. Grades of "D" and "F" earned after admission to the~~

~~program will be included in the cumulative EIU grade point average, consistent with current EIU grade policy.~~

Students must earn grades of "C" or higher in all BGS courses upon admission to the program.

4. After admission to the program, students may use no more than five (5) one-credit-hour courses towards their degree.