

University Graduate Council Minutes

January 24, 2017

Meeting held electronically, with members voting on action items via email.

I. The December 2016 UGC minutes were approved electronically.

II. Action Items

A. College of Humanities and Sciences – **APPROVED**

Department of Forensic Science

Curriculum Revisions

- [MS-FOS-FCDT: Forensic Science, Master of Science \(M.S.\) with a concentration in forensic chemistry/drugs and toxicology](#)
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- [MS-FOS-FY: Forensic Science, Master of Science \(M.S.\) with a concentration in forensic biology](#)

Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics

Curriculum Revision

- [MS-MAS-MA: Mathematical Sciences, Master of Science \(M.S.\) with a concentration in mathematics](#)

Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics/Statistical Sciences and Operations Research

Curriculum Revision

- [PHD-SMS: Systems Modeling and Analysis, Doctor of Philosophy \(Ph.D.\) \[Mathematics and Applied Mathematics\]](#)

School of World Studies

Temporary Suspension of Admission

- [MIS-INS-CNLG: Interdisciplinary Studies, Master of \(M.I.S.\) with a concentration in cinema and language with the University of Cordoba in Spain and the University of Messina in Italy](#)

da Vinci Center – **APPROVED**

Curriculum Revision

- [MPI-PRI: Product Innovation, Master of \(M.P.I.\)](#)

The Graduate School – **APPROVED**

Curriculum Revision

- [MIS-INS: Interdisciplinary Studies, Master of \(M.I.S.\), individual program of study](#)

Office of the VP for Research – **APPROVED**

Center for Clinical and Translational Research

Temporary Suspension of Admission

- [PHD-CTS-PBSG: Clinical and Translational Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy \(Ph.D.\) with a concentration in psychiatric, behavioral and statistical genetics](#)

School of the Arts – APPROVED

Department of Art History

Permanent Concentration Closure

- [MA-ARH-AH: Art History, Master of Arts \(M.A.\) with a concentration in architectural history](#)

School of Allied Health Professions – APPROVED

Department of Nurse Anesthesia

Temporary Suspension of Admission

- [MSNA-NUA: Nurse Anesthesia, Master of Science in \(M.S.N.A.\)](#)

Department of Physical Therapy

Curriculum Revision

- [DPT-PHT: Physical Therapy, Doctor of \(D.P.T.\)](#)

School of Business – APPROVED

Business – Dean's Office

Curriculum Revision

- [PHD-BUS-IS: Business, Doctor of Philosophy \(Ph.D.\) with a concentration in information systems](#)

Concentration closure

- [MS-BUS-HU: Business, Master of Science \(M.S.\) with a concentration in human resource management](#)

Department of Economics

Curriculum Revisions

- [MA-ECO: Economics, Master of Arts \(M.A.\)](#)
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- [MA-ECO-HN: Economics, Master of Arts \(M.A.\) with a concentration in health economics](#)
- [MA-ECO-ST: Economics, Master of Arts \(M.A.\) with a concentration in statistics](#)

Department of Supply Chain Management

Curriculum Revision

- [MDA-DCA: Decision Analytics, Master of \(M.D.A.\)](#)

School of Education – APPROVED

Education – Dean's Office

Curriculum Revision & Name Change of Concentration

- [PHD-EDP-EIPS: Education, Doctor of Philosophy \(Ph.D.\) with a concentration in educational leadership, policy and justice](#)

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Department of Teaching and Learning

Curriculum Revision

- [CPM-RDS: Reading Specialist, Certificate in \(Post-master's certificate\)](#)

School of Engineering – APPROVED

Department of Computer Science

Curriculum Revision

- [MS-CSC: Computer Science, Master of Science \(M.S.\)](#)

School of Medicine – **APPROVED**

Medicine – Dean’s Office

Curriculum Revision

- [CPG-BHS: Pre-medical Graduate Health Sciences \(Post-baccalaureate graduate certificate\)](#)

Department of Biostatistics

Curriculum Revision

- [MS-BIS-CLRB: Biostatistics, Master of Science \(M.S.\) with a concentration in clinical research and biostatistics](#)

Department of Epidemiology

Curriculum Revision

- [PHD-EPI: Epidemiology, Doctor of Philosophy \(Ph.D.\)](#)

School of Nursing – **APPROVED**

Curriculum Revisions

- [PHD-NURD: Nursing, Doctor of Philosophy \(Ph.D.\)](#)
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B. Two proposed Policy and Procedure changes which were submitted at December’s UGC meeting are up for vote.

Please vote to approve:

<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/study/general-academic-regulations-graduate-students/graduation-requirements/>

Insert the word “graduate” before “certificate” for clarity. Remove bold from text. – **APPROVED**

Current

Graduation applications must be submitted by students to their advisers or deans no later than the dates indicated in the university’s [academic calendars](#) on the Web. Students should schedule conferences with their advisers well ahead of the deadline and should note that the application requires the approval of the adviser, the department chair or the school director of graduate studies, and the school dean. **Credit is applicable toward only one degree unless students are admitted to a course of study that allows a defined number of shared courses. Graduate credit hours earned toward a VCU certificate may be applied one time to degree requirements for master’s or Ph.D. programs. Graduate credit hours earned toward a VCU certificate may be applied toward only one certificate.** The determination of the acceptability of specific courses to be used for both the certificate and the graduate degree will be the responsibility of that masters or Ph.D. program or school.

Proposed

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Remove “20% C rule”. 3.0 GPA needed to graduate. Proposal: Grades of “C” continue to count towards graduate degree. – APPROVED, with one member opposed

Current

No more than six credit hours or 20 percent of total credit hours attempted (whichever greater) at C or below level (C, D, F). Individual programs reserve the right to establish more stringent requirements regarding the acceptance of C grades. Specifically, students may not present courses receiving grades less than C for fulfilling degree requirements.

Proposed

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III. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards

No report.

B. Committee on Internal Review

No report.

C. Committee on Policies and Procedures

No report.

D. Committee on Programs and Courses

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Department of Kinesiology & Health Sciences

Course Revisions

- [REMS 701: Advanced Exercise Physiology I](#)
 - Change of department from Physical Therapy to Kinesiology & Health Sciences
- [REMS 702: Advanced Exercise Physiology II](#)
 - Change of department from Physical Therapy to Kinesiology & Health Sciences
 - Course title correction

Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics

Curriculum Revision

- [MS-MAS-MA: Mathematical Sciences, Master of Science \(M.S.\) with a concentration in mathematics](#)

New Course

- [MATH 727: Topics in Analysis: _____](#)

Course Revision

- [MATH 602: Abstract Algebra II](#)
 - Course description, prerequisite, and title change

Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics/Statistical Sciences and Operations Research

Curriculum Revision

- [PHD-SMS: Systems Modeling and Analysis, Doctor of Philosophy \(Ph.D.\) \[Mathematics and Applied Mathematics\]](#)

Department of Statistical Sciences and Operations Research

Course Revision

- [STAT 696: Applied Project](#)
 - Course description and prerequisite

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Reviewers: Mary Ellen Huennekens and Simon Okoth

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Fast Track MBA

Course Revisions

- [FMBA 601: Team Building and Leadership](#)
- [FMBA 603: Business Foundations](#)
- [FMBA 604: Analysis and Decisions](#)
- [FMBA 605: Analysis and Decisions](#)
- [FMBA 608: Organizational Culture](#)
- [FMBA 609: Productivity and Innovation](#)
- [FMBA 610: Productivity and Innovation](#)
- [FMBA 611: Strategic Management](#)
- [FMBA 612: Strategic Management](#)
- [FMBA 613: Strategic Management](#)

School of Dentistry

Dental Special Topics

New Courses

- [DENS 780: Functional Occlusion: From TMJ to Smile Design Selective](#)
- [DENS 790: Selective: Applications of 3D Printing in Dentistry](#)

Department of Oral & Craniofacial Molecular Biology

Course Revisions

- [OCMB 703: Research Topics in Oral Biology](#)
 - Course description, prerequisite, and grading scheme change
- [OCMB 705: Oral Biology Oral Biology Directed Research](#)
 - Credits applied to graduation change and grade scheme change

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New Courses

- [IDDS 604: Interdisciplinary Studies in Developmental Disabilities: LEND Seminar I](#)
- [IDDS 605: Interdisciplinary Studies in Developmental Disabilities: LEND Seminar II](#)

Department of Educational Leadership

New Courses

- [ADMS 709: U.S. Educational Policy](#)
- [ADMS 710: Current Topics in Educational Leadership and Policy](#)

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Medicine – Dean’s Office

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Department of Biochemistry

New Course

- [BIOC 695: Biochemistry Student Seminar](#)

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Department of Epidemiology

Curriculum Revision

- [PHD-EPI: Epidemiology, Doctor of Philosophy \(Ph.D.\)](#)

New Course

- [EPID 594: MPH Practicum II](#)

Course Revisions

- [EPID 593: MPH Practicum I](#)
 - Credit hour and course description change
- [EPID 622: Maternal and Child Health](#)
 - Course description and prerequisite change

Department of Human & Molecular Genetics

New Courses

- [HGEN 601: Research in Genetic Counseling](#)
- [HGEN 615: Techniques in Genetic Counseling](#)

Department of Physiology & Biophysics

New Courses

- [PHIS 607: Cell Physiology: GI and Endocrine](#)
- [PHIS 650: Critical Thinking in Physiology](#)

- [PHIS 651: MD/PHD Journal Club](#)
- [PHIS 652: MD/PhD Science and Disease](#)
- [PHIS 689: Physiology Preseminar Highlights](#)

Course Revisions

- [PHIS 501: Mammalian Physiology](#)
 - Course title and description change; removal of variable credits option
- [PHIS 604: Cell Physiology: Cardiovascular and Respiratory](#)
 - Course title and description change
- [PHIS 606: Molecular Basis for Disease](#)
 - Course title change

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III. Minor Items for Approval by the Chair and Dean

College of Humanities and Sciences

Department of Mathematics

Course Deletions

- [MATH 525: Introduction to Combinatorial Mathematics](#)
- [MATH 601: Abstract Algebra I](#)
- [MATH 634: Partial Differential Equations](#)

Department of Statistical Sciences and Operations Research

Course Deletion

- [STAT 690: Research and Communications Seminar](#)

School of the Arts

Course Deletions

- [CRAF 547: Ceramic Technology](#)
- [CRAF 548: Ceramic Workshop](#)
- [CRAF 549: Ceramic Workshop](#)

School of Dentistry

Course Revisions

- [DENS 513: Foundations of Effective Interpersonal Skills During Patient Interactions I](#)
 - Grading scheme changed to pass/fail; enrollment restricted to students in a SOD degree program
- [DENS 603: Foundations of Effective Interpersonal Skills During Patient Interactions II](#)
 - Grading scheme change
- [DENS 703: Advanced Interpersonal Communications I](#)
 - Grading scheme change; enrollment restricted to students in a SOD degree program
- [DENS 713: Advanced Interpersonal Communications II](#)
 - Grading scheme change; enrollment restricted to students in a SOD degree program

School of Education

Course Deletion

- [SEDP 618: Strategies for Managing Disabilities in the Workplace](#)

Course Revisions

- [SEDP 707: Critical Issues in Special Education](#)
 - Course description change
- [EDUS 710: Quantitative Research Design](#)
 - Course title and description change

School of Medicine

Department of Health Behavior and Policy

Course Revision

- [HCPR 702: Health Services Research and Policy II](#)

- Course description change

Department of Human & Molecular Genetics

Course Revisions

- [HGEN 501: Introduction to Human Genetics](#)
 - Course description change
- [HGEN 502: Advanced Human Genetics](#)
 - Course description change
- [HGEN 510: Classic Papers in Human Genetics](#)
 - Course description change
- [HGEN 603: Mathematical and Statistical Genetics](#)
 - Prerequisite change

Department of Pharmacology

Course Revision

- [PHTX 606: Clinical Therapeutics Module: Introduction to Pharmacology \(Pharmacy\)](#)
 - Course title change

Institute for Drug and Alcohol Studies

Course Deletions

- [IDAS 610: Contemporary Issues in Addiction Prevention and Treatment](#)
- [IDAS 611: Politics and Policy Planning for Addiction](#)
- [IDAS 685: HHH Seminar Series](#)
- [IDAS 686: HHH Independent Research](#)
- [IDAS 691: Special Topics in Addiction](#)

School of Pharmacy

Course revision

- [PCEU 508: Pharmacokinetics](#)
 - Prerequisite/corequisite change

IV. Changes Approved by the Graduate School (Here as informational item.)

School of Nursing

- [CPM-NUR-AANP: Nursing, Certificate in \(Post-master's certificate\) with a concentration in adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner](#) – updated admissions requirements
- [CPM-NUR-APNP: Nursing, Certificate in \(Post-master's certificate\) with a concentration in adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner](#) – updated admissions requirements
- [CPM-NUR-FN: Nursing, Certificate in \(Post-master's certificate\) with a concentration in family nurse practitioner](#) – updated admissions requirements
- [CPM-NUR-NL: Nursing, Certificate in \(Post-master's certificate\) with a concentration in nursing administration and leadership](#) – updated admissions requirements
- [CPM-NUR-PQNP: Nursing, Certificate in \(Post-master's certificate\) with a concentration in psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner](#) – updated admissions requirements
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IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Chair's Report
None.