

Graduate Academic Council

Meeting of May 15, 1983

Present: R. Craig, I. Edelson, M. Kavanagh, S. Kim, F. Lees,  
G. Purrington, J. Ramaley, J. Shumaker, R. Teevan,  
T. Turner, S. Wasby.

Recorder: J. Collins

1. Accepted the minutes of April 28, 1983.
2. The Council unanimously approved the Ph.D. program in Organizational Studies.
3. The Graduate Academic Council reaffirmed the existing policy on the training of Graduate Teaching Assistants of April 16, 1970 and asks that the Vice-President for Research and Educational Development, in cooperation with the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, take steps to impliment this policy at the earliest possible date and no later than the Fall of 1984.
4. The Committee on Curriculum and Instruction recommended the following changes:

A. M.S. Program in Geological Sciences

From "a. Courses as advised, including two courses in petrology and one in structural geology." to

"a. Geo 510 and Geo 517 are required for the degree, plus one course from each of the following groups: (a) Geo 520, 530, or 650; and (b) Geo 518, 545, or 675. Other courses as advised."

B. Ph.D. Program in Geological Sciences

From "In addition to taking other courses as advised by the Graduate Committee of the department, all students in the Ph.D. program must take graduate courses in structural geology (two semesters), tectonics, marine geology, igneous petrology, and metamorphic petrology." to

"In addition to taking other courses as advised by the Graduate Committee of the department, all students in the Ph.D. program must complete Geo 510 and 517, and four courses from among the following: Geo 518, 520, 530, 545, 650, 675."

C. M.S. and Ph.D. Programs in Geological Sciences

Diagnostic test: From "All incoming students will be given a general oral examination early in the first session of graduate study to discover any areas in which they may be insufficiently prepared for this program." to

"A proficiency examination in optical mineralogy and petrography will be given at the beginning of the first semester of graduate study."

D. M.S., M.A. Programs in Basic Classroom Teaching  
In "Program of Study" Change "one course in teaching/learning and one course in school and society" to "a minimum of six credits in the Foundations of Education with at least one course from Department of Educational and Social Thought and at least one course from the Department of Educational Psychology and Statistics."

E. M.S. in Rhetoric and Communication

From

"Specialization in Communication Studies

- (1) Special Field (12 credits)
  - a. Concentration in political communication (RCO 526 and 527 and 6 additional credits as advised), or
  - b. Concentration in interpersonal communication (RCO 565 and 9 additional credits as advised), or
  - c. Concentration in communication research methods (RCO 590 and 9 additional credits as advised)
- (2) Supporting electives as advised (12 credits).
- (3) Coursework in related departments can be applied to the concentration or to the requirement of supporting electives as advised, up to a maximum of 6 credits.
- (4) RCO 698 or RCO 699 (6 credits)"

To

"Specialization in Communication

- (1) Communication (24 credits minimum)
  - a. 506 and 508 (6 credits)
  - b. 698 or 699 (6 credits)
  - c. 12 credits of elective communication courses as advised. Students planning to emphasize interpersonal/intercultural communication should plan on taking 541 and 565, while students planning to emphasize political communication should plan on taking 520 and 523.
- (2) Supporting electives (0-6 credits) in departments other than communication as advised.
- (3) Satisfactory completion of a written major field examination."

F. M.S. Program in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)  
Approved a Certification version of the existing TESOL program.

G. M.S.W. Program in Social Welfare

Approved a revised course format for the Management Concentration's Required Course Sequence and a revision of the Second Year Direct Practice Concentration Requirements.

5.

{ The Council accepted reports from the Committee on Program Review for the M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Geology and for the M.A. program in Theater.

6. The Council approved a letter of intent for a M.S. program in Epidemiology.
7. The Council voted to continue joint reviews with the U.A.C. and scheduled the programs in French to be reviewed next year.
8. The Council approved a proposal by the Committee on Innovative and Liberal Studies to temporarily continue the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies under a slightly altered format. The Council will further evaluate the present M.A.L.S. in light of possible revisions suggested by an outside evaluator. The Council charged the Committee and the appropriate administrative officers explore the possibility that the M.A.L.S. program might better be located within an academic unit.
9. The Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing made the following recommendations:
  - A. A C.A.S. student in Student Personnel is one of the last students in the old C.A.S. program in Student Personnel. For personal reasons, she wishes to withdraw from the 60 credit C.A.S. program and settle for the 36 credit M.S. The student was awarded 3 credits of advanced standing for a course taken at John Carroll in the Fall of 1975. Advanced Standing does not affect the statute of limitations in that it is "validated" by a set of comprehensives. Now that she is settling for the M.S. (a program with no comprehensive) the credit must be considered as a transfer which does affect the statute. The request, therefore, is that the six year statute of limitations be extended to eight years. Fall, 75 - Spring, 83. The department recommended approval. The Committee recommends approval. The Council approved the request.
  - B. An applicant wishes to be admitted to the BS/MS program in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics/Computer Science. This program requires a 3.20 GPA for admission; the applicant carries a 3.01. Jeffrey Collins of my office has informed him that he is not admissable. He has appealed this regulation stating essentially that it is inconvenient and expensive if he cannot be admitted. The department does not recommend approval stating that the applicant's grade point average does not ensure admission to the M.S. program and that the M.S. program is not redundant of a completed B.S. program. The Committee does not recommend approval. The Council also denied the student's request.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey L. Collins