

University Curriculum Committee RECOMMENDATION

SR 25-26-16 CC Recommends approval of the listed **UNDERGRADUATE COURSE ADDITION, DELETION, CHANGE** in the following college and/or schools/programs:

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Course Additions

College of Liberal Arts

HST 456: Intro to Genealogy

CIM Key: 16130

Course Description

“This course offers a hands-on introduction to genealogical research methods, tools, and ethics. Students will interpret family histories using census records, oral histories, military files etc.”

Credit Hours

3

Rationale

Many students are curious about their family histories. This course channels that interest by guiding students through the genealogical research of 45th USCT soldiers. Students learn to use archival records, databases, and other tools while developing critical skills to evaluate sources, recognize biases, and interpret historical evidence—skills they can later apply to researching their own families.

College of Science

CHM 112: Foundations of Chemistry Lab

CIM Key: 16139

Course Description:

A laboratory course that demonstrates the application of concepts introduced in CHM 111 (Foundations of Chemistry).

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Credit Hours

1

Rationale

CHM 111 (Foundations of Chemistry) is a three-credit lecture course intended for students who require a foundational course to either satisfy a General Education Natural Sciences requirement or to prepare for enrollment in CHM 211 (Principles of Chemistry I). By adding the one-credit lab course, CHM 112, students can receive Core 2 Natural Science credit for the complete pair. The introduction of CHM 112, particularly as a home-based, hands-on lab, provides two major benefits: it attracts students in online programs who are unable to attend in-person labs, and it offers a necessary Core 2 lab option for students who have taken CHM 111 but later switched their major away from chemistry.

Course Changes

College of Liberal Arts

CMM 308: Persuasive Communication

CIM Key: 3158

Changes

Description

Study of theories of persuasion with a focus on analyzing how and why messages shape beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors.

Rationale

This course description is being updated since we have proposed a new minor in Social Influence, and this course will be required for it.

This does not represent a substantive change to the course content. We have clarified and modified some learning objectives to make a clear distinction between the theoretical focus of this course and the applied focus of CMM 409 Theory Persuasion Change, which will also be required for the new Social Influence minor.

These proposed revisions also help us scaffold connections among the courses required for the new minor.

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CMM 409: Theory Persuasion Change

CIM Key: 3177

Changes

Title

Social Influence Studies

Description

Study of communication and social influence. Students apply concepts related to persuasion, compliance, resistance, identification, and power to real-world contexts while designing messages that effectively and ethically influence others.

Rationale

Name change

To reflect terminology that is now commonly used and preferred in the field of persuasive communication.

Description change

To reflect terminology that is now commonly used and preferred in the field of persuasive communication and to differentiate the content from CMM 308 Persuasive Communication, which is a companion course to this one and is also required in the new Social Influence minor.

GEO 450: Extreme Weather

CIM Key: 15368

Changes

Title

Extreme Weather & Mesoscale

Description

Study of mesoscale and extreme weather systems, including thunderstorms, squall lines, tornadoes, and winter storms. Emphasizes radar, satellite, and model interpretation for mesoscale weather analysis and forecasting.

Rationale

The course name and description are being edited to reflect the US Office of Professional Management Meteorology Series GS -1340. This standard is utilized by federal employers such as the National Weather Service. The edits will ensure our program is in compliance with the standard.

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RECOMMENDATION**

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The undergraduate course GEO 450 will be cross listed with the graduate course GEO 550.

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