Graduate Committee Meeting
Consent Agenda
AY 2022-2023
Meeting Time 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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March 3rd, 2023

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Motion to Approve:
Second:
Motion
Notes:

Instructions for the Graduate Committee:

1. Review all course and program proposals.

2. If you would like to see any proposal moved the standard meeting agenda for discussion, please respond to the post on Teams by noon, March 2nd. Any item with at least a single committee member request to move to the full agenda for discussion will be moved.

3. To approve all or remaining items on the consent agenda, a call for a motion to approve the consent agenda will be sent by the Graduate Committee Chair or the Ex-Officio will be sent at approximately 1 p.m. on March 2nd. An initial motion followed by a second will be sufficient to approve all (or remaining items if requests were received to move an item to the full agenda) on the consent agenda.

a) College of Fine Arts
   i.   Department of Creative Writing
      1)   Change Course

Name	Type	Comment	Effective Year
ENGL 6335 Special Topics in Form and Theory of Creative Writing	Change Course	There is an update to the max hours allowed from 6 to 9.	AY 22 - 23
ENGL 6336 Form and Theory of Short Fiction	Change Course	The course description has been updated to match the standard language for courses that are repeatable. The max hours have been updated from 6 to 9.	AY 22 - 23
ENGL 6337 Form and Theory of Nonfiction	Change Course	There is an update on the long and short course title from Form and Theory of Non Fiction to Form and Theory of Nonfiction. The course description has been updated to match the standard language for courses that are	AY 22 - 23

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		repeatable. The max hours have been updated from 6 to 9.	
ENGL 6338 Form and Theory of Poetry	Change Course	The course description has been updated to match the standard language for courses that are repeatable. The max hours have been updated from 6 to 9.	AY 22 - 23
ENGL 6339 Form and Theory of The Novel	Change Course	The course description has been updated to match the standard language for courses that are repeatable. The max hours have been updated from 6 to 9.	AY 22 - 23
ENGL 6342 Form and Theory - Graphic Literature	Change Course	The course description has been updated to match the standard language for courses that are repeatable. There is an update to the repeat code from NR to RP. The max hours has been set at 9.	AY 22 - 23
ENGL 6343 Literary Translation Workshop	Change Course	The course description has been updated to match the standard language for courses that are repeatable. There is an update to the repeat code from NR to RP. The max hours has been set at 12.	AY 22 - 23
ENGL 6344 Special Topics in Writing Literary Genres	Change Course	The course description has been updated to match the standard language for courses that are repeatable. The repeat code is being updated from RP to MC. The max hours have been updated from 6 to 9.	AY 22 - 23

b) **College of Liberal Arts**
  i. **Department of Writing and Language Studies**
    1) **Change Course**

Name	Type	Comment	Effective Year
TRSP 6345 Translation Topics	Change Course	The repeat code has been updated from RP to MC. The max hours has been updated from 6 to 9.	AY 22 - 23

c) **College of Business and Entrepreneurship**
  i. **Department of Information Systems**
    1) **Delete Program**

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[Business Analytics Certificate](#)	Delete Program	This program currently only has one student enrolled. All other programs in this department are offered in AOP only. This certificate is the only face-to-face program in the department. Due to all of these reasons the department would like to discontinue the modality. This certificate is offered as AOP as well.	AY 23 - 24

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1) **Chairs Call to Order**
2) **Roll Call**

Members:	College:
Wanrong Hou	Business and Entrepreneurship
Dumitru Caruntu	Engineering and Computer Science
Michelle Abrego	Education and P-16 Integration
George Amorin	Fine Arts
Lisa Salinas	Health Professions
Rebecca Hernandez	School of Nursing
Kimberly Selber	Liberal Arts, Vice Chair
Wei Lin	College of Science
Candace Robledo	School of Medicine
Denise Longoria	School of Social Work
Charles Rousch	University Library, Chair
Can (John) Saygin	Graduate College, Ex Officio
Laura Saenz	Curriculum & Institutional Assessment Office, Ex Officio

3) **Old Business: Review of Minutes from February 3rd, 2023, meeting (Please respond via Teams regarding any revisions needed to the minutes. If no revisions are requested, then the minutes will be accepted through consent.)**

4) **New Business: Review of Submissions**

   a) **College of Engineering and Computer Science – Presenter: Jungseok Ho**
      i. **Department of Civil Engineering**
         1) **Approval for permanent cross-leveling**

CIVE 6311 Open Channel Flow	CIVE 4350 Open Channel Flow
CIVE 6326 Advanced Asphalt Pavement Materials	CIVE 4340 Advanced Asphalt Pavement Materials

   b) **Graduate College & Office of Curriculum and Institutional Assessment – Presenters: Sandra Hansmann and Laura Saenz**

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i. **Policy**

1) **Change to MAIS and MSIS requirements**

Name	Current Policy	Changes to Policy	Effective Year
Interdisciplinary Program Requirements	UTRGV offers two interdisciplinary degree programs at the graduate level, the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS) and the Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (MSIS). These degrees offer the student the option of obtaining a broader background at the master's level, rather than specializing in a particular area. The degrees both have the same basic structure: • **Non-Thesis Option:** 18 hours in Discipline One (concentration area), 9 hours in Discipline Two, and 9 hours in Discipline Three. • **Thesis Option:** 18 hours in Discipline One (concentration area), 6 hours in Discipline Two, 6 hours in Discipline Three, and 6 hours Thesis. Special requirements for interdisciplinary degree include: • 18 hours of graduate work must be taken in the primary area of concentration in addition to any thesis hours. • Students must submit a plan for their	UTRGV offers two interdisciplinary degree programs at the graduate level, the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS) and the Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (MSIS). These degrees offer the student the option of obtaining a broader background at the master's level, rather than specializing in a particular area. The MAIS degree is 36 hours and adheres to the following same degree option structures: • **Non-Thesis Option One:** 18 hours in Discipline One (concentration area), 9 hours in Discipline Two, and 9 hours in Discipline Three. • **Non-Thesis Option Two**: 18 hours in Discipline one (concentration area) and 18 hours of free electives from additional disciplines outside of the concentration area. • **Thesis Option One:** 18 hours in Discipline One (concentration area),	AY 23 - 24

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	interdisciplinary studies to be approved by the Graduate program director in the concentration area during the first semester. The MAIS is available with the following primary concentration areas: Anthropology, Art History, English, History, and Mexican American Studies have defined the courses required for a concentration in their area. The MSIS is available with the following primary concentration area: Science and Technology.	6 hours in Discipline Two, 6 hours in Discipline Three-, and 6 hours Thesis. • **Thesis Option Two:** 18 hours in the concentration area, 12 hours of free electives from additional disciplines outside of the concentration area, and 6 hours of Thesis. Special requirements for interdisciplinary degrees include: • 18 hours of graduate work must be taken in the primary area of concentration in addition to any thesis hours. • Students must submit a plan for their interdisciplinary studies to be approved by the Graduate program director in the concentration area during the first semester. The MAIS is available with the following primary concentration areas: Anthropology, Art History, English, History, and Mexican American Studies and have defined the courses required for a concentration in their area.	

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		The Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (MSIS) is 30 hours and has the following basic degree structure options: **Non-Thesis Option One:** 18 hours in Discipline One (concentration area), 6 hours in Discipline Two, and 6 hours in Discipline Three. **Non-Thesis Option Two:** 18 hours in Discipline One (concentration area), and 12 hours of free electives from additional disciplines outside of the concentration area. **Thesis Option One:** 18 hours in Discipline One (concentration area), 3 hours in Discipline Two and 3 hours in Discipline Three, and 6-hours of Thesis. **Thesis Option Two:** 18 hours in the Discipline One (concentration area), 6 hours of free electives from additional disciplines outside of the concentration area, and 6-hours of Thesis. The MSIS is available with a concentration in Science and Technology.	

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		For the MAIS and MSIS degrees, a discipline is defined as one of the following: • A list of courses with the same course prefix. • A list of courses from an approved program of study such as a major or certificate.	

5) **Announcements or Other Informational Items**
   a) **Modification to Degree Audit**s - Presentation on the implementation of Modification to the Degree Audit process versus curriculum/catalog changes.
   b) **Course substitutions** – discussion on impact to academic/program integrity.
   c) **Discontinuing programs** – discussion on impact on the application cycle.
   d) **Open applications with no program implementation** – if no intent to offer or if program is contingent on cohort size, then the program should be discontinued either permanently or temporarily with a request to reactivate at a later date.
   e) **Next meeting** – April 7th

6) **Adjournment**