

Graduate Committee Meeting

Agenda

AY 2022-2023

Meeting Time 10:00 am – 12:00 pm



Graduate Committee Meeting March 3rd, 2023

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

Members:	College:	Present/Absent
Wanrong Hou	Business and Entrepreneurship	Present
Dumitru Caruntu	Engineering and Computer Science	Present – joined at 10:53
Michelle Abrego	Education and P-16 Integration	Present
George Amorin	Fine Arts	Present – later arrived at 10:30
Lisa Salinas	Health Professions	Present
Rebecca Hernandez	School of Nursing	Present – left at 10:45
Kimberly Selber	Liberal Arts, Vice Chair	Present
Wei Lin	College of Science	Present
Candace Robledo	School of Medicine	Present
Denise Longoria	School of Social Work	Absent
Charles Rousch	University Library, Chair	Present
Can (John) Saygin	Graduate College, Ex Officio	Absent
Laura Saenz	Curriculum & Institutional Assessment Office, Ex Officio	Present

- 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

Motion to approve change: Wanrong Hou
Second: Kimberly Selber
Motion Passes

Notes

b) Graduate College & Office of Curriculum and Institutional Assessment – **Presenters:**

Sandra Hansmann and Laura Saenz

i. Policy

1) Change to MAIS and MSIS requirements

Name	Current Policy	Changes to Policy	Effective Year
Interdisciplinary Program Requirements	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Special requirements for interdisciplinary degree include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 hours of graduate work must be taken in the primary area of concentration in 	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	AY 23 - 24

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	<p>addition to any thesis hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis Option One: 18 hours in Discipline One (concentration area), 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. <p>Special requirements for interdisciplinary degrees include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>The MAIS is available with the following primary concentration areas: Anthropology, Art History, English, History, and Mexican American Studies</p>	
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		<p>and have defined the courses required for a concentration in their area.</p> <p>The Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (MSIS) is 30 hours and has the following basic degree structure options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	
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		<p>The MSIS is available with a concentration in Science and Technology.</p> <p>For the MAIS and MSIS degrees, a discipline is defined as one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	
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Motion to approve change: Wanrong Hou

Second: Lisa Salinas

Motion Passes

Notes:

5) Announcements or Other Informational Items

- a) **Modification to Degree Audits** - Presentation on the implementation of Modification to the Degree Audit process versus curriculum/catalog changes.
 - i) **Why are there so many discrepancies? During the transition to UTRGV, the institution didn't have enough time to merge curriculum at the level we look at it now. Many degree plans were done on paper it was much easier to be flexible with degree plans. And during that time, we did not have any restrictions on what was covered by financial aid. Will this process happen during a specific time or is it on going? It is ongoing through data attained by substitution patterns or through the department/program. Rebecca Hernandez left the meeting at 10:45.**
- b) **Course substitutions** – discussion on impact to academic/program integrity.
- c) **Discontinuing programs** – discussion on impact on the application cycle.
 - i) **What is the ideal lead time for discontinuing a program or modality change? It's best to get them in early in the fall. This is due to the level of background work that is needed to develop the admission process, impact to current students, impact of admission to the program/modality if a student has applied and been accepted during a term that the program may have wanted to close.**
- 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.

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e) **Next meeting** – April 7th

6) Adjournment

- a) Motion – Kimberly Selber
- b) Second – Michelle Abrego
- c) 11:01 am