

Summary of Proposed Curriculum Revisions

Ouachita Baptist University
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The faculty **approved** these curriculum revisions at a faculty meeting on May 3, 2022.

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The **short form** notation indicates informational level curriculum revisions submitted on the Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee's short form, which addresses course title changes, course time offering changes, and non-substantive changes to course content and/or descriptions. These short form revisions will NOT be brought to the faculty for discussion or a vote, unless questions are raised before the faculty meeting.

Humanities

Communications	<p>Proposed Change Add a new course, COMM 3XX3 Media Analytics.</p> <p>Rationale As the communication world continues to shift its focus online, data analysis has become increasingly important to organizations looking to gain a competitive edge in this crowded environment. Analytics work is a growing area of employment for many communication graduates, with many jobs in the field requiring a basic knowledge of analytics platforms even if their day-to-day work is not direct analysis. To keep up with the changing landscape of the field and to ensure that our students stay competitive in the job market, it is important to give students an understanding of the world of analytics, the platforms commonly used, and the skill sets needed to not only make sense of what they are seeing but to also create strategy from it. To do this, it is necessary to have a class solely dedicated to the study of media analytics.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>COMM 3XX3 Media Analytics A survey of the current state of analytics use in the media world. Students will engage with popular data analytics platforms, learn how to analyze both quantitative and qualitative data, and create strategic plans from their findings. Students will earn industry certifications from analytics platforms commonly used by media firms. Fall.</p>
Communications	<p>Proposed Change Add a new course, COMM 3XX3 Sports Media.</p> <p>Rationale With the growing number of students interested in majoring in Communications with a sports media</p>

	<p>emphasis, the faculty and students believe a second course dedicated to sports media will be valuable in preparing students for employment in the sports media industry. The current course, Sports Journalism, focuses on writing for the media. The proposed course, Sports Media, will focus on visual media, strategic communications and digital media in the sports industry.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>COMM 3XX3 Sports Media The study of trends, issues and practices of the sports media industry including visual media, strategic communications, and digital media. Fall of even-numbered years.</p>
<p>Communications</p> <p>Short Form</p>	<p>Proposed Changes Add a prerequisite to and change the time offering of COMM 3163 Sports Journalism.</p> <p>Rationale Sports Journalism does not currently have a pre-requisite writing course, and after assessing the preparedness of students in writing, interviewing, and Associated Press Style, the faculty believe the pre-requisite of Fundamentals of Media Writing will provide the fundamentals of writing skills necessary for the course. Offering the course in the fall of odd-numbered years balances better with other offerings.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>COMM 3163 Sports Journalism The study and practice of print and broadcast journalism as it relates to the sports industry. Prerequisite: COMM 2343. Fall of odd-numbered years.</p>

Natural Sciences

<p>Biology</p>	<p>Proposed Change Modify degree requirements for the BA Environmental Studies by allowing students to take BIOL 3XX3 Biostatistics or MATH 2063 Elementary Statistics.</p> <p>Rationale BIOL 3xx3 Biostatistics was approved last semester as a new course in Biology. Students in Environmental Studies are currently required to take MATH 2063 Elementary Statistics for their degree. Biostatistics is taught in the fall semester and Elementary Statistics in the spring. This change will provide more flexibility for students and will give them the opportunity to take Biostatistics which focuses on data analyses commonly used in the environmental sciences.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>Requirements for a major in Environmental Studies: BIOL 1014, 1024, 3023, 3034, and 3663; 3014 or 4054, 3021, one course from 4601 or 4501-2; CHEM 1004 & 1014 or 1024 & 1034; BIOL 3xx3 or MATH 2063, SOCI 1003, 3043; PSCI 2013, 4033 or 4043; ENGL 3013; FINN 2003, 4043; ECON 2023; MGMT 3043; BUAD 3003; PHIL 1003 or 1023; LST 3013. Recommended electives: COMM 1003; any CHEM, MATH, or PHYS course; LST 2013.</p>
<p>Nutrition and Dietetics</p>	<p>Proposed Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split DIET 3083 Community and Life Cycle Nutrition into two courses: DIET 3083 Life Cycle Nutrition and DIET 3103 Community Nutrition. • Change the time offering of DIET 2043 Sports Nutrition from Fall to Fall, Spring. • Modify degree requirements by changing DIET 2043 Sports Nutrition from a required course for the major to an elective course. <p>Rationale These changes were recommended by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) during a site visit on April 3-5, 2022.</p> <p>Catalog Entries</p> <p>DIET 3083 Life Cycle Nutrition Prevention and treatment of nutrition problems common to individuals, families, and communities. Prerequisite: DIET 3053 recommended. Fall.</p> <p>DIET 3103 Community Nutrition The teaching, science, philosophies, and politics of nutrition and the programs and agencies designed to improve the nutritional status of various populations. Spring.</p> <p>DIET 2043 Sports Nutrition Nutrient needs and food related issues in exercise for wellness and training for competitive athletes. Fall, Spring.</p>

Requirements for the B.S. degree with a major in Nutrition and Dietetics meeting the prerequisites to enter a Dietetic Internship accredited by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: DIET 1001, 2003, 3053, 3083, 3093, 3103, 3203, 3402, 4013, 4031, 4033, 4041, 4043, 4051, 4053, 4063, 4092 (CW3); BIOL 1014, 2024, 2604; CHEM 1024, 1034, 3203; MATH 1003, 2063; BUAD 1033; ENGL 3013 (CW2); PSYC 1013 or SOCI 1003. A minor is not required.

Social Sciences

<p>Public History</p>	<p>Proposed Change Modify the Public History major to replace the number of social science electives with elective options in business, communications, and English.</p> <p>Rationale At the time the Public History program was established, elective course requirements were exclusively selected from within the School of Social Sciences. However, Public History is an interdisciplinary field. OBU students graduating with degrees in public history would be better prepared for careers in the field by a different set of electives. Careers in the field of public history require a wide variety of technical and administrative skills that go beyond what is emphasized in the current undergraduate social sciences curriculum. These skills include: writing for the general public, grant writing, basic design skills, proficiency with a variety of computer applications, strong communication skills, and an understanding of organizational behavior and management principles. The selling point of Ouachita’s undergraduate Public History program is that students can qualify for jobs in the field without further graduate education. However, for our students to be competitive and well-prepared, the curriculum needs these revisions.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>Requirements for a major in Public History: PUHI 2103, PUHI 3103, PUHI 3203, six hours among PUHI 4703-4793, six hours of Public History Practicum, and SSCI 4601. The final Public History Practicum requires the completion of a Sutton School-approved portfolio depicting at least five, varied, successfully-disseminated public-history projects. Further, the major requires CORE 2243, HIST 2003 or 2013 (meets CORE Civic Engagement requirement), HIST 2023, and four additional department-approved, 3-hour, Jr/Sr HIST courses of which at least one must be non-US. Additionally, the Sutton School requires that public history graduates complete nine hours chosen from among GEOG 1003, PSCI 3063, SOCI 2053, BUAD 1033, COMM 2023, MGMT 3043, COMM 2043, COMM 3543, and ENGL 3013. Though the Public History major requires no minor, we encourage students to consider a second major in History or a minor among the schools of social sciences, business, fine arts, or humanities.</p>
<p>Public History</p>	<p>Proposed Change Add a one-hour, senior-level Public History practicum portfolio review course as a requirement for the major.</p> <p>Rationale Currently, the catalog states, “The final Public History Practicum requires the completion of a Sutton School approved portfolio depicting at least five, varied, successfully-disseminated public-history projects.” This wording is problematic because students are unable to produce this quantity of artifacts in a single practicum. A preferred approach is to have the students introduced to the concept of the portfolio when they declare as PUHI majors, so they have time to accumulate a robust portfolio of artifacts, which may be helpful to them in interviews with future employers or graduate programs. This change would codify and standardize the process for assembling a Public History Portfolio and for the portfolio review process.</p>

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<p>Psychology</p>	<p>Proposed Change Add a Psychology and Nursing 5-year Dual Degree.</p> <p>Rationale Many nursing students are interested in psychology, and there is a major need for psychiatric nurses. This dual degree prepares students specifically for this career. Additionally, it allows for potential enrollment growth at Ouachita.</p> <p>Faculty and the deans in the Sutton School of Social Sciences and the Patterson School of Natural Sciences support this proposal.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>BS/BSN Dual Degrees: Psychology majors can earn dual degrees (Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Bachelor of Science in Nursing) by double majoring in Nursing. It is a 154-157-hour program that typically requires five years. To earn both degrees, students must complete the BSN degree, which includes the University CORE, prerequisites for the Nursing Program, Nursing classes, and successful completion of required exams, as listed under the BSN major in the Nursing Department (School of Natural Sciences), and the completion of the following Psychology major requirements:</p> <p>A minimum of 36 hours of PSYC courses including PSYC 1013, 2033, 2054, 2063, 3053, 4003 plus three from among PSYC 3013, 3064, 3093, and 4033 (all four strongly recommended). A 2.000 GPA in these courses is required for graduation.</p>

Suggested Course Sequence for the BS in Psychology and BSN Degrees	
<p>Year 1: Semester 1 CORE 1002 OBU Connections CORE 1043 Composition 1 PSYC 1013 General Psychology CORE 1113 Survey of the Bible BIOL 1014 General Biology I Total Hours: 15</p>	<p>Year 1: Semester 2 CORE 2233 World Literature CHEM 1004 Fundamentals of Chemistry CORE 1123 Interpreting the Bible PSYC 2033 Human Development MATH 1003 College Algebra Total Hours: 16</p>
<p>Year 2: Semester 1 BIOL 2014 Anatomy & Physiology I BIOL 2604 Applied Microbiology Civic Engagement Menu (PSCI 2013, HIST 2003, or HIST 2013) PSYC 2054 Statistics PSYC 2063 Research Methods I Total Hours: 18</p>	<p>Year 2: Semester 2 BIOL 2024 Anatomy & Physiology II ENGL 3013 Technical & Professional Writing CORE 2243 History of World Societies PSYC 3053 Research Methods II CORE 1023 Contemporary World Total Hours: 16 hours</p>
<p>Year 3: Semester 1 FINA 31_3 Artistic Engagement Menu PYSC 3013 Social Psychology PSYC 4003 History of Psychology PSYC 4033 Cognition Any 3-hour PSYC Class Total Hours: 15</p>	<p>Year 3: Semester 2 MSSN 4313 Intercultural Communication NURS 3103 Health Care Pathophysiology PSYC 3064 Neuroscience PSYC 3093 Abnormal Psychology Any 3-hour PSYC Class Total Hours: 16</p>
<p>Year 4: Semester 1 NURS 3006 Concepts in Nursing Foundations NURS 3001 Pharmacology I NURS 3004 Health Assessment NURS 3113 Concepts in Mental Health NURS 3012 Issues and Ethics in Nursing Total Hours: 16</p>	<p>Year 4: Semester 2 NURS 3106 Concepts in Adult Nursing I NURS 3105 Community Health NURS 3101 Pharmacology II NURS 3133 Evidence-Based Nursing Research Total Hours: 15</p>
<p>Year 5: Semester 1 NURS 4006 Concepts in Adult Nursing II NURS 4005 Concepts in Family Health NURS 4001 Pharmacology III NURS 4002 Transcultural Nursing FINA 4001 Arts Engagement Series Total Hours: 15</p>	<p>Year 5: Semester 2 NURS 4206 Concepts in Adult Nursing III NURS 4202 Synthesis NURS 4201 Pharmacology IV NURS 4216 Leadership & Management in BSN Practice NURS 4211 Capstone Total Hours: 16</p>
<p>Psychology Short Form</p>	<p>Proposed Changes Change the time offering of PSYC 4013 Counseling Psychology from Spring to Fall. Rationale This course is taught by an adjunct faculty member. It has consistently been taught in the fall for many years now with no plans on it being offered in the spring.</p>

	<p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>PSYC 4013 Counseling Psychology An introduction to clinical psychology as represented by selected contemporary approaches. Prerequisites: PSYC 1013; PSYC 3093, 3013 recommended. Fall.</p>
Sociology	<p>Proposed Change Add SOCI 3053 Research Methods as a required course for the Sociology minor.</p> <p>Rationale Conducting research is an essential activity in the field of sociology. Therefore, just as our majors are required to take a research methods course, so should our minors.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>Requirements for a minor in Sociology: SOCI 1003, 4053, and 3053 plus a minimum of 9 additional department approved (SOCI) hours, and a sociology GPA of 2.00.</p>
Sociology	<p>Proposed Change Delete the course SOCI 4103 Sociology of Religion.</p> <p>Rationale This course was a specialty of a former faculty member and does not fit with current faculty expertise. Nor will it fit with the new Criminal Justice program. Any future requests can be fulfilled by a special topics class or independent study. This class is an elective and is not required for the major, nor the minor.</p> <p>Catalog Entry Remove SOCI 4103 from the catalog.</p>