

Summary of Curriculum Changes

Ouachita Baptist University

December 2023

At a faculty meeting on December 5, 2023, the faculty approved curriculum changes submitted by the following schools:

- [Pruet School of Christian Studies](#)
- [School of Humanities](#)
- [Patterson School of Natural Sciences](#)

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

Respectfully submitted,

The Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee

Pruet School of Christian Studies

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<p>COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES Course Title Changes</p> <p>Short Form</p>	<p>Change Change the names of the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAFS 3013 Evidence-Based Trauma Therapy Model to CAFS 3013 Trauma and Evidence-Based Treatment • CHMN 3103 Christian Counseling to CHMN 3103 Foundations of Christian Counseling • CHMN 3353 Crisis Counseling to CHMN 3353 Crisis Intervention • CHMN 3363 Family Counseling to CHMN 3363 Marriage and Family Dynamics • CHMN 4123 Addictions Counseling to CHMN 4123 Understanding Addictions <p>Rationale As an undergraduate program, we are not training students for licensed clinical counseling practice but rather giving them the foundations for the training they will receive in a clinical graduate program. These revised course names convey this objective and more accurately reflect course purposes and content.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>CAFS 3013 Trauma and Evidence-Based Treatment. This course teaches students about trauma, resilience, and the importance of implementing evidenced-based mental health treatment models. It exposes students to theory, research, and application of a variety of evidence-based therapy models that are used to treat individuals and families dealing with post-traumatic stress symptoms. Spring of odd-numbered years.</p> <p>CHMN 3103 Foundations of Christian Counseling. A study of principles and techniques of counseling with attention given to certain problem areas confronting Christian counselors. Spring.</p> <p>CHMN 3353 Crisis Intervention. This course introduces students to the varied ways that tumultuous life events (such as the death of a loved one, violent crime, natural disasters, abuse, and significant relationship losses) most often impact children, adolescents, and adults, and teaches them ways to direct those affected by crisis toward recovery. Fall of even-numbered years.</p>
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	<p>CHMN 3363 Marriage and Family Dynamics. This course examines the background and the principles of effective family therapy. Common family problems and how family therapy can be utilized to resolve these problems will be analyzed. Fall of even-numbered years.</p> <p>CHMN 4123 Understanding Addictions. This course will examine the complex nature of addictions, analyze case studies, and explore effective strategies to aid individuals in becoming free of their addictions. Fall of odd-numbered years.</p>
<p>PHILOSOPHY PHIL 1023 Logic</p> <p>Short Form</p>	<p>Change Change the time offering of PHIL 1023 Logic from Fall, Spring to Spring.</p> <p>Rationale Enrollment numbers align with this reduced offering. Providing the course only in the spring semester allows staff to cover another section of OBU Connections in the fall semester when the need is greatest. Consultation with the Political Science and Biology Departments confirm that the change will not adversely affect the Legal Studies minor or majors in Biology that require the course.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>PHIL 1023 Logic. An introduction to critical thinking and traditional logic including argument analysis, fallacies, and basic symbolic logic. Spring.</p>

School of Humanities

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<p>LANGUAGE & LITERATURE Minor in English/Writing</p>	<p>Change Modify the requirements for the Minor in English/Writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove COMM 3103 Opinion Writing from the menu options. • Remove COMM 4043 Advanced Reporting for the Mass Media from the menu options. • Add ENGL 3383 Editing to the menu options. • Change ENGL 3003 Creative Non-Fiction from a requirement to a menu option. • Change the requirement “two of four COMM courses may be taken” to “one of two COMM courses may be taken.” <p>Rationale These changes remove from the menu on-demand COMM courses that are not taught regularly while adding to the menu a newer course, ENGL 3383 Editing, which is taught in regular rotation. By adding Editing as an option for students seeking a minor in writing, the department expects to increase enrollment when it is offered in the spring of even-numbered years.</p> <p>The department also proposes moving ENGL 3003 Creative Non-Fiction to the menu rather than requiring it so that it does not appear that we favor one genre over another. The Creative Non-Fiction class was once called “Advanced Composition,” which may be why it is listed as a required course. Now that Creative Non-Fiction has been envisioned as a genre-specific class, we think it better fits as an option rather than a requirement.</p> <p>Finally, the department proposes that one of the two COMM classes may count toward the English/Writing minor. The current menu allows that half of the COMM classes may count toward the minor; with our proposed revisions, we are cutting two COMM classes but will allow half of the remaining courses to count toward the minor.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>Requirements for a minor in English/Writing: One three-hour junior-senior level ENGL literature course and fifteen hours from the following menu: ENGL 2023, 2043, 3003, 3013, 3073, 3343, 3383, 4023, COMM 3013 or COMM 3643 (only one of the two COMM courses may be taken).</p>
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Patterson School of Natural Sciences

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<p>COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS B.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders</p>	<p>Change Modify the B.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add BIOL 1014 General Biology I as a degree requirement. • Add CHEM 1024 Fundamentals of Chemistry as a degree requirement. • Add MATH 1003 College Algebra as a degree requirement. • Add MATH 2063 Elementary Statistics or a CMDS Department approved statistics course as an option on the additional area requirements menu. • Add BIOL 1014 General Biology I and CHEM 1024 Fundamentals of Chemistry as pre-requisites for CMDS 3013 Voice Disorders; CMDS 3023 Anatomy and Physiology for Speech, Language, and Hearing; CMDS 4003 Introduction to Audiology; and CMDS 4033 Fundamentals of Speech and Hearing Science. • Delete SOCI 4073 Medical Sociology from the additional area requirements menu. <p>Rationale For the past five+ years, the department has guided majors to take General Biology I, Fundamentals of Chemistry, College Algebra, and a statistics course with the understanding they did not need these courses to meet graduation requirements but would need them if they choose to apply to a Communication Sciences and Disorders graduate program. By requiring these foundational courses, the department believes it will help students to be more successful in junior/senior level courses in the CMDS major, particularly Fundamentals of Speech and Hearing Science, Introduction to Audiology, Voice Disorders, and Anatomy and Physiology of Speech, Language, and Hearing.</p> <p>College Algebra is often a pre-requisite for statistics courses (we are proposing to add statistics to our additional area requirements menu); it is also the more accepted and recognized math course in graduate programs.</p> <p>Adding Elementary Statistics or a department-approved statistics course as an additional area option aligns with American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) curriculum guidelines.</p> <p>In the past six years, only three students majoring in CMDS chose to take Medical Sociology.</p>
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	<p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>Requirements for a major in Communication Sciences and Disorders: BIOL 1014; CHEM 1024; MATH 1003; CMDS 1001, 1013, 2023, 3001, 3002, 3013 or 3113, 3023, 3063, 4003, 4013, 4033, 4053, 4063, 4601; choose two of the following: PSYC 1013, PSYC 3013/SOCI 3013, BIOL 3063/PSYC 3063, NSCI 4002, MATH 2063 or a Statistics class approved by CMDS Department Chair; CORE 2053 or ENGL 3013; eighteen hours in one related field. The requirement for a minor is waived.</p> <p>CMDS 3013 Voice Disorders. Study of normal voice function and voice pathologies including evaluation techniques and specific remediation procedures for patients with voice disorders. Prerequisites: BIOL 1014, CHEM 1024, and CMDS 2023, or consent of CMDS Department Chair. Fall of odd-numbered years.</p> <p>CMDS 3023 Anatomy and Physiology of Speech, Language, and Hearing. Normal anatomy, physiology, and neurology of speech, language, and hearing. Specific breakdowns in anatomical, physiological, and neurological functioning resulting in communication disorders. Prerequisites: BIOL 1014 and CHEM 1024, or consent of CMDS Department Chair. Fall of even-number years.</p> <p>CMDS 4003 Introduction to Audiology. An introduction to the problems of the deaf and hearing impaired, the classification of hearing disorders and development of audiometry through pure tone techniques are considered. Prerequisites: BIOL 1014 and CHEM 1024, or consent of CMDS Department Chair. Spring of even-numbered years.</p> <p>CMDS 4033 Fundamentals of Speech and Hearing Science. Basic principles of acoustics related to speech and hearing are studied. Areas covered include basic sound, mathematical computation of sound intensity and pressure, and physiological aspects of acoustics. Prerequisites: BIOL 1014 and CHEM 1024, or consent of CMDS Department Chair. Fall of even-numbered years.</p>
<p>COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS CMDS 4601 Senior Capstone</p> <p>Short Form</p>	<p>Change Change the time offering of CMDS 4601 Senior Capstone from Spring to Fall.</p> <p>Rationale One component of CMDS 4601 Senior Capstone is to help CMDS students navigate through the graduate school application process. By offering the capstone course in the fall semester, we can better assist them with the application process since our students typically complete graduate school</p>

	<p>applications by December 1. For those students who do not apply to graduate school, we can guide them through the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant application and/or other options for post-graduation.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>CMDS 4601 Senior Capstone. This capstone seminar will allow students to demonstrate proficiency in the field of speech pathology as well as address proficiencies in the liberal arts major domains of knowledge including effective communication, critical thinking, analytical and scientific reasoning, knowledge integration, social responsibility, and information literacy. Students will be expected to complete assigned units of study and selected Simulated Case Studies. Fall.</p>
<p>NURSING NURS 3103 Healthcare Pathophysiology</p> <p>Short Form</p>	<p>Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the department prefix for NURS 3103 Healthcare Pathophysiology to NSCI 3103 Healthcare Pathophysiology. • Move the course entry from the Nursing Department section and to the Natural Sciences section of the General Catalog. <p>Rationale Nursing accreditation policy changed the process for calculating completion rates and now requires nursing programs to include students' first nursing course in the calculation. Currently, Ouachita students interested in Nursing must take NURS 3103 Health Care Pathophysiology during the semester before they apply to the program. If kept as a Nursing course, the program would need to back up the nursing admission date a full semester, which would not provide the data needed to ensure students meet requirements to enter the program. Since this course is a pre-requisite to entering the program, including it in the Natural Science (NSCI) required pre-requisite course list would eliminate any issues with the admission process. This change does not alter credit hours or course content.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>NSCI 3103 Healthcare Pathophysiology. This course builds on previous knowledge gained from Anatomy and Physiology I (structure), chemistry, microbiology and accompanies the concurrent course of Anatomy and Physiology II (function). It will provide an opportunity to examine health deviations and their impact on human functioning across the lifespan. It is designed to enable the student to manage the health deviations of the individual therapeutically. This class is 3 credit hours of theory. Prerequisites: BIOL 1014, 2014, 2404; CHEM 1024. Corequisites: BIOL 2024, or consent of Director of Nursing. Spring.</p>

<p>NURSING NURS 4801-4802 Advanced Topics</p> <p>Short Form</p>	<p>Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add NURS 4801-4802 Advanced Topics to the on-campus BSN program course listings in the General Catalog. • Change the course prerequisites from “NURS 3003 Theories in Nursing, or Associate degree or Diploma in Nursing, or consent of Department Chair” to “Consent of the Department Chair.” <p>Rationale NURS 4801-4892 Advance Topics had been listed in the 2022-23 General Catalog but was inadvertently left out of the 2023-24 General Catalog. Consent of the Department Chair is the most consistent means for determining readiness for the course.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>NURS 4801-4802 Advanced Topics. Focuses on advanced concepts and skills associated with the role of the baccalaureate nurse. Designed to encourage creative independent study with the supervision of a faculty preceptor. One to two hours credit depending on the nature and extent of the topic. Prerequisite: Consent of the Department Chair. Because the topics will vary, the course may be repeated for credit. On Demand.</p>
<p>NUTRITION AND DIETETICS B.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics</p>	<p>Change Add DIET 2043 Sports Nutrition to the requirements for a B.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics.</p> <p>Rationale DIET 2043 Sports Nutrition addresses an important area of research and practice in the field of Nutrition and Dietetics. Many of our majors desire to work in sports nutrition.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <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, 2043, 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; DLIT 1013; ENGL 3013 (CW2); PSYC 1013 or SOCI 1003. A minor is not required.</p>

<p>NUTRITION AND DIETETICS Minor in Nutrition and Dietetics</p>	<p>Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add DIET 2043 Sports Nutrition to the course menu in the Minor in Nutrition and Dietetics.• Remove DIET 2002 Topics in Nutrition from the course menu in the Minor in Nutrition and Dietetics and from the catalog course list. <p>Rationale DIET 2043 Sports Nutrition addresses an important area of research and practice in the field of Nutrition and Dietetics. Including it as an option in the minor gives students more choices. DIET 2002 Topics in Nutrition has not been taught in over 10 years.</p> <p>Catalog Entry</p> <p>Requirements for a minor in Nutrition and Dietetics: DIET 1001, 3053 and at least 14 additional hours in the Department, selecting from these courses: DIET 2043, DIET 3083, DIET 3093, DIET 3203, DIET 3402, DIET 4013, DIET 4053, DIET 4063, and DIET 4092.</p> <p>Remove DIET 2002 Topics in Nutrition from the catalog course list.</p>
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