

**FACULTY AGENDA ITEM NO. 13-12**

Date: August 26, 2013

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Description:

Changing the minor in Communication by removing several course requirements and adding three upper division communication courses. The minor will require CN101 and CN150 and then three upper division courses, chosen in consultation with a Communication faculty member.

Rationale:

The minor has been 18 hours requiring CN 101 and CN150, then three hours from skills courses and three hours from theory course and three elective hours. This was confusing for both advisers and students. Some theory classes were not offered frequently, making it difficult for students to find appropriate courses. In addition, in the future the department plans to eliminate the difference between skills and theory courses, so it would not be possible for students to fulfill the minor as written. The change simplifies the requirements.

Financial Implications: none

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2013

Request for Action: Approval by AAC/FAC/FS/Gen Fac, etc

Approved by: AAC on date: 9/30/13

FAC on date:

Faculty Senate on date:

Attachments

Yes

No

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
PROGRAM CHANGES/DELETIONS**

	Signature	Recommendation	Review Date
Dept. Chair	<u>Kathy Menzie</u>	<u>approval</u>	<u>2-20-13</u>
Division	<u>Luah Uhl</u>	<u>approval</u>	<u>3-4-13</u>
Dept. of Educ. (If course relates to teacher certification program.)	_____	_____	_____
Dean	<u>Gordon D. McGraw</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>3/18/13</u>
Curriculum Committee	<u>Luah Uhl</u>	<u>approved</u>	<u>3-27-13</u>
Accepted By CFC	<u>Luah Uhl</u>	<u>approved</u>	<u>4-10-13</u>
CAS Faculty	<u>BDMIA</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>8/28/2013</u>
Approved By:	Faculty Senate _____	University Faculty _____	WU Board of Regents _____

**General Information:** Change  Deletion

1. Reason for this program change or deletion?

**Simplify the program. Currently the program requires a number of selections from skills and theory courses. The change will make the program easier to advise and monitor.**

2. Complete revised description (including program title, requirements, courses within program, credits, and prerequisites)

**See attached**

**Deletions**

3. Is the program being deleted from the catalog being replaced with another program? Yes  No   
If so, please explain.

4. Is the content of this program being distributed to another program?

**Changes**

5. Describe the nature of the proposed change.

**Change the minor in the Communication Dept.**

6. Do you currently have the equipment and facilities to teach the classes within the proposed change?

**yes**

## **Changes to Minor in Communication**

### **Current catalog**

#### **THE MINOR (18 hours)**

Majors in other departments often find the Communication minor a valuable addition. Minor requirements include the following:

CN 101 Principles & Practices of Human Communication (3)

CN 150 Public Speaking (3)

One of the Following: CN 306, CN 307, CN 308, or CN 309.

One course (3 hrs) from Skills Courses

One course (3 hrs) from Theory Courses

One course (3 hrs) elective - choose from department course listings

Minor forms are to be filed in the Communication Department, and signed by the chair when the requirements have been met.

### **Proposed change**

#### **THE MINOR (15 hours)**

Majors in other departments often find the Communication minor a valuable addition.

Minor requirements include the following:

CN 101 Principles & Practices of Human Communication (3)

CN 150 Public Speaking (3)

Three additional upper-division Communication courses, based on student interests, selected in consultation with a Communication faculty advisor.