

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM 18-3

Date: September 25, 2017

Submitted by: Interim Chair, Sangyoub Park (ext. 1608)

SUBJECT: Bachelor of Science in Anthropology (Forensic Concentration)

Description:

Within the major, the *Core Anthropology Courses* have been modified, with AN362 (Methods of Social Science Research) being removed and replaced by two new *Required Forensic Anthropology Courses*: AN358 Lab Methods in Forensic Anthropology and AN374 Field Methods in Forensic Anthropology.

Upper-division forensic anthropology courses have been added to the required major courses, while the previous non-forensic anthropology course has been moved to the *Elective Courses* category (AN303 Human Origins and Evolution, formerly Human Prehistory).

Students now have the option of completing the field school (AN375) or an internship (AN363), depending on where their future career goals lie. Students have also been given more options in the *Elective Courses* category, specifically with the upper-division archaeology courses added by the new archaeology hire, Dr. Murphy. Lastly, AN428 Case Studies in Forensic Anthropology has been moved from the *Elective* to *Required Forensic Anthropology Courses* and will serve as the capstone course, in which students will participate in active forensic casework.

The minor has been revised, in conjunction with the Biology Department, to again give students more options depending on what their career or academic aspirations are following their time at Washburn. Specifically, courses have been added as options for those students wishing to pursue medical school, with an area focus on forensic pathology, once they graduate. Additionally, courses that have been modified or eliminated from the Biology Department offerings have been removed.

See the attached file for specifics course changes in both the major and the minor programs.

Rationale:

When this program was created, it was designed as an Academic curriculum. Dr. Alexandra Klaes envisions not only an Academic program, but also a curriculum that puts upper-division students in the field practicing forensic anthropology (under her guidance). The goal is to also have a degree that prepares students (1) who wish to enter the labor market immediately upon graduation and (2) who wish to go on to graduate school, whether in forensic anthropology or medical school.

To that end, changes to the curriculum were made, based on expertise and knowledge of the field. The revised curriculum will also result in profound advantages for our students. This B.S. degree will now be one of only five Bachelor-level forensic anthropology programs offering opportunities for students to work on real forensic cases.

Financial Implications: We are entering the second academic year of this degree. When we first proposed the degree, we predicted (on the pro forma) an enrollment of three new students in the first year (AY2016-2017) and seven new students in the second year (AY2017-2018), totaling 10 new students by the beginning of the second year. We have exceeded those expectations. In the first year, we enrolled eight new students, and this year we enrolled eight new students, resulting in 16 new students by the beginning of the second year.

Proposed Effective Date: *Fall 2018*

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

Approved by: *AAC on September 25, 2017*

Faculty Senate on November 6, 2017

Attachments Yes No