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Department Name Murrow College of Communication

1. CHECK PROPOSED CHANGES.

- ☐ Change department/program name from _____ to _____
☐ New degree or program in _____
☐ Change name of degree from _____ to _____
☐ Drop degree or program in _____
☐ Extend existing degree or program to _____ campus
☐ New Major in _____
☐ Change name of Major from _____ to _____
☒ Revise Major requirements in Graduate Program in Communication
☐ Drop Major in _____
☐ Revise certification requirements for the Major in _____
☐ New Option in _____
☐ Revise requirements for the Option in _____
☐ Drop Option in _____
☐ New Minor in _____
☐ Revise Minor requirements in _____
☐ Drop Minor in _____
☐ New Undergraduate Certificate in _____
☐ Revise Undergraduate Certificate requirements in _____
☐ Drop Undergraduate Certificate in _____
☐ Other _____

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2. **GIVE REASONS FOR EACH REQUEST MARKED ABOVE.** (*Attach additional paper if necessary; see reverse side.*) See attachment

4. SIGN AND DATE APPROVALS.

Chair Signature/date

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Senate/Date

Murrow College of Communication
Graduate Program Revisions
Feb 17, 2012

Rationale

PhD Program Changes

Currently, students in the doctoral program complete a 15-credit core made up of 5 courses. To offer more flexibility to students and their advisors, members of the faculty in the Murrow College have voted unanimously to reduce the core to 6 credits and distribute the remaining 9 credits to research methods, major area of concentration, and supporting area (see table on p. 2).

In addition, we would like to recognize student attendance and participation at our weekly colloquium and speaker series. For participating in the colloquium, currently students receive one credit during their first semester when they are required to register for COM 500 (satisfactory/fail). To reward students for ongoing participation, we would like to make COM 500 repeatable up to four times for each degree sought (see table on p. 2).

MA Program Changes

In keeping with these changes to the doctoral program, we have made some minor adjustments to the MA thesis and non-thesis options.

- COM 591 (Qualitative Research Methods) has been replaced by a research elective. Instead of COM 591, in the revised curriculum a student may take a method course from within or outside the college to fulfill this research elective requirement. The choice should be approved by the advisor.
- Like the PhD students, the MA students will repeat the COM 500 colloquium for four semesters.
- To maintain the same credit hour requirement for thesis and non-thesis students, the thesis credit requirement has been increased from 6 to 9 credits.
- To maintain the same credit hour requirement for thesis and non-thesis students, major area of concentration has been reduced from 27 to 24 credits for non-thesis students. Also, we require only 3 credits of colloquium for non-thesis students to give them more time to prepare for their exam during the fourth semester.

All the proposed changes were approved unanimously by the Murrow College Graduate faculty.

PhD Revision

Current	Proposed
Core (5 x 3 = 15) • COM 570 (Comm Theory) • COM 509 (Quant Rsrch) • COM 591 (Qual Rsrch) • COM 521 (IntCult) • COM 506 (Persuasion) <i>or</i> COM 507 (Ethics)	Core (2 x 3 = 6) • COM 570 • COM 509
Research Methods (6 credits)	Research Methods (9 credits)
Major Area of Concentration (15 credits)	Major Area of Concentration (18 credits)
Supporting Area (9 credits)	Supporting Area (12 credits)
<u>Sub-Total = 45 (graded credits)</u>	<u>Sub-Total = 45 (graded credits)</u>
COM 500 (Colloquium) (1 credit)	COM 500 Colloquium (4 x 1 credit = 4) Repeated for 4 semesters
Dissertation credit (27 credits)	Dissertation credit (23 credits)
<u>Total = 73 credits</u>	<u>Total = 72 credits</u>
3 credits of independent study (S/F) may be substituted for three credits of graded coursework	3 credits of independent study (S/F) may be substituted for three credits of graded coursework
At least 15 out of 24 credits from Major + Supporting Area must be from Murrow	At least 21 out of the 30 credits from Major + Supporting Area must be from Murrow

Proposed changes to the curriculum approved unanimously by the Graduate Faculty in the Murrow College.

MA Thesis Option Revision

Current	Proposed
Core (3 x 3 = 9 credits) • COM 501 (Theory Building in Comm) • COM 509 (Quant Rsrch) • COM 591 (Qual Rsrch)	Core (3 x 3 = 9 credits) ▪ COM 570 ▪ COM 509 ▪ Method course from inside or outside (Approved by advisor)
Conceptual Courses (18 credits) • Chosen in consultation with the advisor and committee • 12-15 from inside the College of Communication • 3-6 from outside the College of Communication	Major Area of Concentration (18 credits) • Chosen in consultation with the advisor and committee • 12-15 from inside the Collège of Communication • 3-6 from outside the College of Communication
<u>Sub-Total = 27 (graded credit)</u>	<u>Sub-Total = 27 (graded credit)</u>
COM 700 - Thesis (4-6 credits)	COM 700 - Thesis (9 credits)
COM 500 - Colloquium (1 credit)	COM 500 - Colloquium (4 x 1 credit = 4)
<u>Total = 32-34 credits</u>	<u>Total = 40 credits</u>
3 credits of independent study (S/F) may be substituted for three credits of graded coursework	3 credits of independent study (S/F) may be substituted for three credits of graded coursework

MA Non-Thesis Option Revision

Current	Proposed
Core (3 x 3 = 9 credits) • COM 501 (Theory Building in Comm) • COM 509 (Quant Rsrch) • COM 591 (Qual Rsrch)	Core (3 x 3 = 9 credits) ▪ COM 570 ▪ COM 509 ▪ Method course from inside or outside (Approved by advisor)
Conceptual Courses (27 credits) • Chosen in consultation with the advisor and committee • 15-21 from inside the College of Communication • 6-12 from outside the College of Communication	Major Area of Concentration (24 credits) • Chosen in consultation with the advisor and committee • 15-18 from inside the College of Communication • 6-9 from outside the College of Communication
<u>Sub-Total = 36+ (graded credit)</u>	<u>Sub-Total = 33+ (graded credit)</u>
COM 702 - Exam (4 credits)	COM 702 - Exam (4 credits)
COM 500 - Colloquium (1 credit)	COM 500 - Colloquium (3 x 1 credit = 3)
<u>Total = 41 credits</u>	<u>Total = 40 credits</u>
3 credits of independent study (S/F) may be substituted for three credits of graded coursework	3 credits of independent study (S/F) may be substituted for three credits of graded coursework