



School of Education
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Programs Committee Minutes
December 15, 2017

Attended: Gruben (acting Chair), Hassett, Harris, Hillman, Miller, Smedema, Stern, Stauffer, Uttal

Non-voting attendees: Fan (guest), Gerloff, Halverson (guest), Hamm, Harris

A. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes: [November 17, 2017](#)
2. Approval of the Agenda: December 15, 2017
3. Course Change: [COUN PSY 808 Supervised Practicum in Counseling III: Advanced \(Title, Repeatability, Req, Course Description\)](#)
4. Course Change: [COUN PSY 806 Supervised Practicum in Counseling I \(Title, Course Description\)](#)
5. Course Change: [CURRIC 305 Integrating the Teaching of Reading with Other Language Arts \(Req\)](#)

Approved, unanimously, with minor edit to minutes.

B. Old Business

C. Regular Business

1. [Games Design certificate](#)
 - This item was tabled until the January meeting.
2. Course Change: [CURRIC 328 Artistic Lives of Children \(Title, Course Description, Req\)](#)
 - This course is only required in one of the C&I elementary education programs. The changes requested will open the course up to others outside this specific program who wish to take the course. The committee noted the inconsistencies in the syllabus related to when the course meets, and requested an updated syllabus. Halverson noted this was a formatting error, as the professor changes the format of the course each semester. The committee confirmed that any changes would be noted prior to the release of the timetable. The committee suggested removing the prerequisites for the overall course and instead closing individual sections for specific programs. In the future, this course may be included in the Teaching Artist Certificate as an elective. Approved with changes, 7-1.
3. New Course: [THEATRE 260 Producing Theatre](#)
 - This is a new course for the Theatre & Drama curriculum. This course provides

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training in many aspects of the theatre industry to help prepare graduates for various aspects of the business upon graduation. The committee suggested restructuring the Course Description so it did not end with “etc.” Approved with changes, unanimously.

4. New Course: [COUN PSY 331 Immigrant Health and Wellbeing](#)

- Approved, unanimously.

5. New Course: [RP & SE 121 Disability and Substance Abuse](#)

- This is the second version of this course, following a renumbering and adjustment to remove overlap with Social Work. The syllabus has a Learn@UW url, which should be updated to Canvas. Under Course Content, “current research” has an “m” in front of it. The committee also noted that the credit hour justification needed to be changed to the second option as noted at teach-learn.provost.wisc.edu/course-syllabi/. The committee suggested rewording “the requirement” to instead simply “as an elective” for the RP program. Also, the grading scale needs to include D and F grades. The LAS rationale needs to address the specific guidelines listed on website. The committee also suggested removing high-level jargon from the Course Description. A motion to table this agenda item was approved.

6. New Course: [THEATRE 200 Acting Skills for Life](#)

- This course has been taught as a summer topics course and as a pre-college course in the summer. The committee suggested rewording the justification of credit hours to reflect the summer timeslot. The course participation rubric was judged hard to follow, and included the troublesome idea that “satisfactory” included disrespecting your peers. The committee also noted that Comm Arts needs to be listed as a related subject. Approved with changes, unanimously.

7. New Course: [THEATRE 451 Acting for the Camera](#)

- This has been taught previously as a topics course. Students will work on commercials and acting. Approved.

Meeting adjourned 1:54 p.m.