

Northwest Missouri State University
Board of Regents
Date of Meeting: September 18, 2009

Cabinet Member: Doug Dunham

Agenda Item: Curriculum Proposals

Background:

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Department of English

The Special Topics courses listed below have been used sparingly for graduate classes within the English Department. These six courses have been misleading to prospective students and, therefore, we recommend their deletion.

Proposal #209-10-01—Deletion of Courses

- 10-609 *Special Projects in Linguistics*, 1-4 credit hours
- 10-629 *Special Readings in Literary Criticism*, 1-4 credit hours
- 10-639 *Special Readings in American Literature*, 1-4 credit hours
- 10-649 *Special Readings in English Literature*, 1-4 credit hours
- 10-696 *Special Readings in the Teaching of English*, 1-4 credit hours

Proposal #209-10-02—Change in Course Title and Credit Hours, 10-619, from *Special Projects in Writing (1-4 hours)* to *Special Projects (1-6 hours)*. The change in title to *Special Projects* emphasizes that this is not a class, but an independent project for which the student must make his/her own arrangements. By decreasing the number of independent project courses offered and increasing the available credit hours, the department can ensure that these hours are used only to supplement the program, not to replace it. They can also give our most ambitious students extra time and guidance to create a portfolio that will meet their needs.

Department of Geology/Geography

Proposal #209-32-01—Change of Major—Geography, B.A. and B.S. degrees

Proposal adds 32-362 *Cartography*, 3 credit hours, to the core requirements of the Geography major. In addition to understanding the mechanics of map making, the cartography course exposes students to what makes a map effective and how to analyze maps in media presented to them.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Department of Educational Leadership

Proposals #209-61-01 and 209-61-02. The creation of these courses will allow us to show, on the student's transcript, the area in which an internship was completed (elementary, secondary). This is necessary for certification purposes at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

- 61-741 *Internship in Secondary Administration*, 3 credit hours.
- 61-739 *Internship in Elementary Administration*, 3 credit hours.

Proposal #209-61-03 This new course will allow Northwest Outreach to offer professional development credit for courses offered through pre-approved professional development partners, which would include Professional Learning Communities.

- 61-549 *Trends in Continuous School Improvement*, 1-3 credit hours.

Issue:

I recommend these curriculum proposals be part of the Board of Regents' consent agenda.

President's Recommendation: