## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE URBAN STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAM DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2016-2018

Dean Randy L. Diehl, in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following changes to the Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on November 11, 2015, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by January 20, 2016.


Posted on the Faculty Council website (http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/) on January 13, 2016.

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Type of Change $\quad \triangle$ Academic Change<br>Degree Program Change（THECB form required）

Proposed classification $\quad \square$ Exclusive $\quad \square$ General $\quad \square$ Major
1．IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES，THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT LINDA DICKENS，DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT，TO DETERMINE IF SACS－COC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED．
－Is this a new degree program？
－Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus？
－Will courses in this program be delivered electronically？

Yes $\square$ No $\boxtimes$
Yes $\square$ No $\boxtimes$
Yes $\square$ No $\boxtimes$

## 2．EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR

 EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE：Under the proposed change，the grade needed to apply to URB would change from a B－to a $\mathrm{C}+$ in both calculus（Mathematics 408C or 408K）and statistics（Mathematics 316 or Statistics and Data Sciences 305）． URB has had exceptional students in the past who have struggled to meet the math prerequisites．The idea is to make the major more accessible to those students while at the same time not doing anything to significantly impact the size of the major．

The minor requirement was eliminated under the assumption that all Liberal Arts students in the 2016－18 catalog will need to complete a Transcript－recognized minor（TRM）or certificate program．

## 3．THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES（Please check all that apply）

Courses in other collegesCourse in the core curriculum

Courses in proposer＇s college that are frequently taken by students in other collegesChange in course sequencing for an existing programFlagsCourses that have to be added to the inventory
$\boxtimes$ Change in admission requirements（external or internal）

Requirements not explicit in the catalog language（e．g．，lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office）

## 4．SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE

a．Does this proposal impact other colleges／schools？
YesNo区 If yes，then how？
b．Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college？
Yes $\square$ No
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If yes，how many more（or fewer）students do you expect？
c．Do you anticipate a net increase（or decrease）in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college？$\quad$ Yes $\square$ No区
If yes，please indicate the number of students and／or class seats involved．
d．Do you anticipate a net increase（or decrease）in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges？

Yes $\qquad$ No
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If yes，please indicate the number of students and／or class seats involved．

If $4 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}, \mathrm{c}$, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions. If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a nonnegligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.

How many students do you expect to be impacted?
Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:
Person communicated with:
Date of communication:
Response:
e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, explain:
If yes, undergraduate studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:

Person communicated with:
Date of communication:
Response:
f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? If yes, explain:

## 5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

| Department approval date: | April 1, 2015 | Urban Studies Faculty Committee |
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| College approval date: | May 5, 2015 | College of Liberal Arts Policy \& Curriculum Committee |
| Dean approval date: | May 25, 2015 | College of Liberal Arts Faculty |

## PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

## URBAN STUDIES

The Urban Studies degree program is administered by the Department of Geography and the Environment. Students must be admitted to the degree program. They may apply for admission after completing the following requirements: Mathematics 408 C or 408 K with a grade of at least [B-] $\mathrm{C}+$; Mathematics 316 or Statistics and Data Sciences 305 with a grade of at least [B-] C+. Other comparable courses may be used if approved.

## Major

Twenty-four semester hours of coursework, consisting of

1. Urban Studies 301, 315, and 360
2. Urban Studies 370 or an approved equivalent course
3. Twelve additional hours of upper-division coursework in urban studies

## [Minor for Urban Studies Majors

Twelve semester hours, including at least six hours of upper-division coursework, in any one other field of study in the University. Six of the required twelve semester hours must be taken in residence.]

Students must also fulfill the requirements of a minor. The minor consists of a specific number of semester hours of coursework completed outside the student's major field. The requirements of the minor are established by the offering department. Only one minor may be declared per major. Before planning to use a course to fulfill the minor requirement, the student should consult the department that offers the course.

At least nine of the hours required for the minor must include coursework not used to satisfy the requirements of the student's major. Courses used to fulfill the requirements for a minor must be taken on the letter-grade basis, and half of the required semester hours must be taken in residence.

Note: All minor requirements in The Undergraduate Catalog 2014-2016 listed under "Catalogs >
Undergraduate > College of Liberal Arts > Degrees and Programs" will be deleted for The
Undergraduate Catalog 2016-2018. There are too many to list here for strikethrough deletion.

