DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE VISUAL MEDIA MINOR IN THE MOODY COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION CHAPTER IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2018-2020

Dean Jay M. Bernhardt, in the Moody College of Communication, has filed with the Secretary of the Faculty Council the following proposal to change the Visual Media minor in the Moody College of Communication chapter in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020. On July 17, 2017, the School of Journalism Committee approved the proposal; it was approved by the Moody College Administrative Committee on September 5, 2017, and by Dean Bernhardt on September 11, 2017. The Secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive interest to one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the proposal on February 16, 2018, and forwarded it 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 the Provost on behalf of the President.

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 March 16, 2018.

Alan W. Friedman, Secretary of the General Faculty and Faculty Council
The University of Texas at Austin
Arthur J. Thaman and Wilhelmina Doré Thaman Professor of English and Comparative Literature

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1. TYPE OF PROPOSAL:  
☐ New Transcript-Recognized Minor  
☒ Change an Existing Transcript-Recognized Minor  
☐ Delete a Transcript-Recognized Minor

2. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES: (Please check all that apply)  
☐ Courses in other colleges  
☐ Courses in proposer’s college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges  
☐ Flags  
☐ Course in the core curriculum  
☐ Change in course sequencing for an existing program  
☐ Courses that have to be added to the inventory  
☐ Change in admission requirements (external or internal)  
☐ Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office)

3. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE:  
   a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools?  
   Yes ☐ No ☒  
   If yes, then how?  
   b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college?  
   Yes ☐ No ☒  
   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 courses in your college?  
   Yes ☐ No ☒  
   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 ☐ No ☒  
   If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

If 3 a, b, 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 non-negligible 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:

4. OFFICIAL NAME: Minor in Visual Media

5. PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Minor implemented in fall 2016; these changes take effect fall 2018.

6. FIELD OF STUDY, CIP CODE (administrative unit awarding the certificate): Photojournalism, 09.0404

7. STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE:  
   This update is  
   • To update course options to keep current with inventory.  
   • To add a requirement that at least twelve hours must be taken in residence.  
   • To allow students from all majors (besides journalism) to be admitted.  
   • Adding allowance for pass/fail courses, if the course is only offered on that basis.
8. **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT (IF ANY):** No changes to admissions requirements since established in 2016.

9. **NUMBER OF STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THE TRANSCRIPT-RECOGNIZED MINOR EACH SEMESTER:** Sixteen

10. **ANTICIPATED ENROLLMENT CAPACITY?** 128

11. **NUMBER OF HOURS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION:** Fifteen

12. **COMPOSITION OF THE MINOR FACULTY COMMITTEE (INCLUDING THE COMMITTEE CHAIR):**

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<tr>
<th>Name of Faculty Member</th>
<th>College/Department</th>
<th>Title at UT Austin</th>
<th>Highest Degree and Awarding Institution</th>
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<tr>
<td>Kathleen McElroy</td>
<td>School of Journalism</td>
<td>Associate Director</td>
<td>Ph.D, University of Texas at Austin</td>
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<td>Dennis Darling</td>
<td>School of Journalism</td>
<td>Professor</td>
<td>Masters from School of the Art Institute of Chicago</td>
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<td>Robert Jensen</td>
<td>School of Journalism</td>
<td>Professor</td>
<td>Ph.D, University of Minnesota</td>
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<td>Donna De Cesare</td>
<td>School of Journalism</td>
<td>Professor</td>
<td>Master’s in Philosophy from Essex University, UK</td>
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<td>Kris Wilson</td>
<td>School of Journalism</td>
<td>Senior Lecturer</td>
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<td>R.B. Brenner</td>
<td>School of Journalism</td>
<td>Director</td>
<td>Bachelor of Arts, Oberlin College</td>
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13. **Academic Course Requirements:** Use this table to identify the courses that qualify for this certificate program.

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<th>Course Abbreviation and Number</th>
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<td>Photographic Communication</td>
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<td>J 352F</td>
<td>Ethics in Journalism #J310F (or J320D) or COM316 (or J 316) with at least a B-grade.</td>
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<td>J 311F</td>
<td>Reporting: Images #J301F (or J310) and J302F (or J315) with at least a C grade in each.</td>
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<tr>
<td>J 331D*</td>
<td>Intermediate Photographic Communication #COM 316 (or J 316) with at least a C grade.</td>
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<td>J 333G</td>
<td>Advanced Visual Journalism: Photo #COM 316 (or J 316) with at least a C grade.</td>
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<td>J 333J</td>
<td>Photography for Reporting Texas #J 310F or COM 316 with at least a B-grade.</td>
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<td>J 334G</td>
<td>Advanced Visual Journalism: Video #COM 316 (or J 316) with at least a C grade, and J 310F (or 320D) and 311F (or 321C) with at least a B-grade in each.</td>
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<td>J 336D</td>
<td>Graphic Design for Print and Online #J310F (or J320D) or COM316 (or J 316) with at least a B-grade.</td>
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### Visual Media Minor

The Visual Media Minor [will] affords undergraduate students across the University the opportunity to increase their visual literacy and skills, particularly in the areas of photography, photojournalism, video storytelling, and graphic design. In addition, students [will] study the foundations of journalism ethics and learn techniques to approach ethical decisions within the field of visual media.

In order to apply for a Visual Media Minor, a student must have at least 2.5 GPA and have completed Communication 316. If demand exceeds space available, students will be selected based on a review of academic record, particularly performance in Communication 316, as well as a review of their visual portfolio. The School of Journalism reserves the right to limit the number of students accepted as Visual Media Minors. [All courses must be taken in residence, and for a letter grade (not pass/fail).] Participating students must have a 2.5 GPA overall at the end of each academic year in order to continue in the minor. This minor is not available to students majoring in Journalism [with a major in the Moody College].

The minor program requires [15] fifteen hours of coursework, [including] at least [nine] twelve of which must be completed in residence, [and] with at least six taken at the upper-division [hours] level. All courses must be taken for a letter grade, unless a course is only offered on a pass/fail basis. Students must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Communication 316[. Introduction to Photographic Communication.] and Journalism 352F[. Ethics in Journalism.]

2. Nine additional hours to be selected from these courses:


[3. All courses must be taken for a letter grade.]