SPECIAL REPORT
OF THE
ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL
concerning a
REVISION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
ONLINE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
IN JOURNALISM

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The Journalism Department is proposing to revise the requirements for the Certificate in Journalism. The certificate currently requires students to take Journalism 201 or Journalism 460; Journalism 300; and three electives. The proposed new requirements are Journalism 201 or Journalism 292N; Journalism 300; Journalism 445 or Journalism 460; and two electives. The proposed revision is intended to give certificate students a more solid and rigorous program in Journalism. The Program Subcommittee recommends approval of the proposal.

At its meeting on October 7, 2015, the Academic Matters Council voted unanimously to recommend Faculty Senate approval of the Revision of the Requirements of the Online Certificate Program in Journalism. It was submitted as proposal #1825 in the Course and Curriculum Management System.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Revision of the Requirements of the Online Certificate Program in Journalism, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-008.
Proposal to Revise an Existing Certificate

Please describe the revisions you are proposing.

We request a change in the requirement categories for this program. These changes do not require a credit increase; rather they change the requirement categories and add options.

Provide a brief overview of the process for developing this proposal.

Razvan Sibii and Brian McDermott, heads of the Online Certificate Program in the Journalism Department, first proposed these changes. They were approved by the Curriculum Committee in February, and by the full faculty in March.

Describe the purpose and particular goals for this proposal.

These changes are being proposed to add more rigor to this certificate, and to bring the requirements for this program more into line with the Journalism Department's "on-the-ground" requirements.

Resources

If this proposal requires no additional resources, say so and briefly explain why. If the proposed changes will require additional resources, explain how they will be paid for. Indicate how many new enrollments are expected as a result of these revisions and how the courses will accommodate them.

Curriculum

Describe both the current and proposed curricula for this certificate, indicating any changes, including the addition of any new courses to satisfy core or elective requirements. If the revisions include courses that have not yet received permanent status, please note their status as experimentals or in the Faculty Senate workflow. If the proposed revision does not affect the curriculum, please note so here. If you would like to, attach any curricular worksheets or other materials describing the current or proposed curriculum. You may attach them below.

The Curriculum Committee requests approval for the following changes to the Online Certificate Program, effective September 1, 2015.

These changes to not require a credit increase; rather they change this requirement categories and add options.

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS:
Journalism 201: Introduction to Journalism, OR Journalism 460: Journalism Ethics
Journalism 300: Newswriting and Reporting
Three electives

PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS
Journalism 201: Introduction to Journalism OR Journalism 292N: News Literacy
Journalism 300: Newswriting and Reporting
Journalism 445: Journalism and Law, OR Journalism 460: Journalism Ethics
Two electives