TO: President David Dooley
FROM: Hillary Leonard, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL titled, the Curriculum and Standards Committee Report #2018-19-3: Curricular Changes, is forwarded for your consideration.

2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on November 15, 2018.

3. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

4. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate’s By-Laws, this bill will become effective December 6, 2018 three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; or (3) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum.

Hillary Leonard  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate  
November 15, 2018

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ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

a. Approved 

b. Approved subject to Notice of the Council on Postsecondary Education 

c. Disapproved 

Signature of the President  
11.28.18 (date)
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE  
November 15, 2018  
Faculty Senate Curriculum and Standards Committee  

At the November 1, 2018 meeting of the Curriculum and Standards Committee and by electronic communication, the following matters were considered and are now presented to the Faculty Senate.  

SECTION II  
Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation by the  
Faculty Senate  

PROGRAM CHANGES:  

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:  

Minor in Statistics:  (See Appendix B)  
We are proposing several minor changes and clarifications to the curricular requirements for the Minor in Statistics.  

BA - Writing and Rhetoric:  (See Appendix C)  
The proposed revision to the B.A. in Writing and Rhetoric updates titles and catalog language and makes a substitution in one existing requirement. Specifically, the changed title and catalog language better describes the content of the courses that students will be taking. The substitution in major requirements better reflects the department’s emphasis on experiential education. (In consultation with URI’s Center for Career and Experiential Education, we have determined that a required experiential education course [WRT 404] will better serve majors and better represent departmental values than another rhetorical theory course [WRT 490].)
Notice of Change for: Minor in Statistics

Date: 9/10/2018

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution
   University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college
   Department: Computer Science and Statistics
   College: Arts and Sciences

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.
   Initiation date: Fall 2019
   First degree date:

4. Intended location of the program
   Kingston

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).
   We are proposing several minor changes and clarifications to the curricular requirements for the Minor in Statistics. Please see modified catalog language below for details.

6. If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog changes indicated in Track Changes.

7. Signature of the President
Current catalog language:

**Minor in Statistics.** Students who wish to declare a minor in statistics must earn 18 credits including STA 409 (3), 412 (3), MTH 451 (3), and three three-credit statistics courses chosen with prior approval of the section head of Statistics.

Modified catalog language:

**Minor in Statistics.** Students who wish to declare a minor in statistics must complete 6 courses and earn at least 18 credits including STA 307 (4) or STA 308 (4) or STA 409 (3); STA 411 (3) or STA 412 (3); MTH 451 (3), STA 441 (4), and two additional statistics courses at the 300-level or above.
Notice of Change for: B.A. in Writing and Rhetoric

Date: 19 April 2018

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution
   University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college
   Department: Writing and Rhetoric
   College: Arts and Sciences

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.
   Initiation date: Spring 2019
   First degree date:

4. Intended location of the program
   Department of Writing and Rhetoric

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).

   The B.A. in Writing and Rhetoric is designed for undergraduate students who seek to expand their repertoire of writing for various public and private audiences. Graduates will have a strong foundation in rhetorical theory balanced with a wide range of situational practices common to professional writers. Coursework is balanced between in-class learning and experiential fieldwork in real-world settings. All graduates design their own digital electronic portfolios prior to graduation, demonstrating their ability to work with a range of technologies in producing and distributing their polished writing.

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The Major. This major is designed for undergraduate students who seek to expand their repertoire of writing for various public and private audiences. Graduates will have a strong foundation in rhetorical theory balanced with a wide range of situational practices common to professional writers. Coursework is balanced between in-class learning and experiential fieldwork in real-world settings. All graduates design their own digital electronic portfolios prior to graduation, demonstrating their ability to work with a range of technologies in producing and distributing their polished writing.

Writing and rhetoric majors must complete 30 credits (maximum 51) including the core courses of WRT 201, 235, 360, 490-404, and 495. Acceptable substitutions for WRT 490-404 are WRT 435, 484, or 512 (with curriculum modification form). At least 15 credits for the major must be completed from writing courses numbered 300 or above. Writing and rhetoric majors are strongly encouraged to complete a practicum experience, such as an internship (WRT 484) or a field experience course (WRT 383 or 385). A maximum of three credits for each of these experiential courses can count towards the major, unless the project substantially changes. Undergraduates wishing to take a 500- or 600-level course must secure the instructor’s permission.

A total of 120 credits is required for graduation. At least 42 of these credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above.

7. Signature of the President

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David M. Dooley
11 April 2018
Ad Hoc Curriculum Committee
Department of Writing & Rhetoric

PROPOSED WRT B.A. Outcomes

WRT B.A. students will
- Craft precise, multimodal, audience-appropriate texts
- Analyze rhetorics of identity, culture, and power
- Explain multiple rhetorical practices and traditions
- Manage collaborative writing activities to achieve shared goals
- Demonstrate the responsible uses of library and field research
- Apply rhetoric to advocate for communities, clients, and partners

PROPOSED Curriculum Map for Core WRT Courses

(I = INTRODUCE, R = REINFORCE, E = EMPHASIZE)

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ABOUT THE WRITING AND RHETORIC DEGREE:

The BA program in Writing & Rhetoric supports practice of writing in a wide range of settings. Our small classes are designed with active participation in multiple writing situations, from working with real-world clients to composing descriptive informational cards for museum exhibits. You will learn to collect information, conduct research, compose, analyze, and revise texts of many kinds. You will learn how to design brochures and web pages and present visual information effectively.

Major Requirements:

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Optional Major Electives (do not exceed 51 WRT credits)

Free elective credits (to meet the 120 credits required for graduation):

42 credits at the 300-level or higher
(major and general education courses may fulfill this requirement)

Step 1:

Writing and Rhetoric Majors are strongly encouraged to complete a practicum experience such as an internship or field experience course. A maximum of 3 credits of internship and 3 credits of field experience may be counted toward the major. Undergraduates wishing to complete 500-level courses must secure permission from the instructor.

Please note: Both major and cumulative GPA must be 2.00 or higher in order to graduate.
GENERAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES: General education is 40 credits. Each of the twelve outcomes (A1-D1) must be met by at least 3 credits. A single course may meet more than one outcome, but cannot be double counted towards the 40 credit total. At least one course must be a Grand Challenge (G). No more than twelve credits can have the same course code (note- HPR courses may have more than 12 credits). General education courses may also be used to meet requirements of the major or minor when appropriate.

STEP 2:

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SEE OPPOSITE SIDE FOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

NOTE: This worksheet sheet is a snapshot of your entire curriculum. You must work with your advisor each term to discuss requirements to keep you on course for timely progress to complete this major. Official requirements for graduation are listed in the University Catalog.

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Writing & Rhetoric-BA

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120 Credits Total
30-51 Credits in Major

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