

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE

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Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee Five Hundred and Seventeenth Report

At the September 22, 2014 meeting of the Curricular Affairs Committee and by electronic communication, the following matters were considered and are now presented to the Faculty Senate.

SECTION I Informational Matters

COURSE CHANGES

BUS 424, change prerequisites

BUS 424, Fixed Income Security Analysis (3 crs.)

Pricing and institutional arrangements of fixed income securities such as corporate bonds, mortgage loans, and mortgage-backed securities; portfolio management of fixed income securities. (Lec. 3) Pre: BUS 320 or 320H, and 322. Not for graduate credit.

WRT 331, change prerequisites

WRT 331, Writing Public Relations (3 crs.)

Introduces the audiences, situations, and processes typical of public relations writing. Includes practice with genres including news releases, media kits, speeches, and letters. Emphasizes professional behavior and polished writing. (Lec. 3) Pre: any 200-level WRT course; PR and WRT majors only.

TEMPORARY COURSES

BPS 446X Biotechnology, Biologics and Biosimilars (3 crs.)

This course is to be offered to the senior students in the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Science program. The course will introduce knowledge, principles and tools of biotechnology and biologics. (Lec. 3) Pre: 3rd year standing in the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Science program or permission from the instructor. Not for graduate credit.

BPS 447X Contemporary Drug Design (2 crs.)

The course presents updated technologies and integrated approaches in modern drug design. Case studies are discussed focusing on such areas as cancer, cardiovascular diseases, neurological disorders and infectious diseases. (Lec. 2)
Pre: 3rd year standing in the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Science program or permission from the instructor. Not for graduate credit.

SECTION II
Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation by the
Faculty Senate

NEW COURSES

UCS 270 Academic and Career Decisions (1 cr.)

Development of skills and knowledge necessary to make educational and career decisions; Utilize self-assessment inventories to identify aptitudes, values, and interests as they relate to majors and careers. (Seminar) Not for students with more than 75 credits.

COURSE CHANGES

HDF 357, change description and prerequisites

HDF 357, Family and Community Health (3 crs.)

Individual, family and community health concerns throughout the lifespan. Focus on health disparities amongst groups. (Lec. 3) Pre: junior standing in HDF or permission of instructor.

CURRICULUM CHANGES

University College for Academic Success:

A. Create a new course code, UCS, for University College and Academic Success

We are proposing creating the "UCS" code (short for University College for Academic Success). University College for Academic Success currently administers several courses under various course codes (ITR300-304, URI101, CSV301-303, EDC279, HDF298). The EDC and HDF courses are used for various courses in HSS that do not relate to the courses we offer in UCAS. Our intention, and the request of the Human Development and Family Studies department, is to develop our own course code to reduce confusion for their students as well as those served through UCAS. Our immediate intention is to transform all of our course offerings, those we have been using with HDF/EDC codes, and those with ITR, CSV, and URI, to the new UCS code. We also realize we will continue to create courses for students as needed, and will use the UCS code to do so. Jack Humphrey has confirmed that UCS is available for use.