

Notice of Change for the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (B.I.S.) Degree

Date: March 15, 2016

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution

University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college

College: Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Continuing Education

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.

Initiation date: Fall 2016

First degree date: Spring 2018

4. Intended location of the program

URI Feinstein Providence Campus

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

See attached catalog language changes and curriculum worksheets. All changes are in response to the changing general education requirements.

If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog language changes that relate to your request.

See attached.

6. Signature of the President

David M. Dooley

CAC Submission
BIS Catalog Language Changes
(Per changes to general education requirements)
Submitted By: Tammy Vargas Warner, B.I.S Director
Annemarie Vaccaro, Interim Associate Dean, FCCE

Existing Language	Proposed New Language (Yellow highlights denote items moved to/from different catalog sections; Changes are in red)
GENERAL B.I.S Overview Language	
The B.I.S. program consists of the following required sections: 1) Pro-Seminar (BIS 100), 2) Traditions and Transformations (URI 101B), 3) General Education, 4) Major Curriculum, 5) Electives, and 6) Senior Project (BIS 399).	The B.I.S. program consists of the following required sections: 1) Pro-Seminar, 2) Traditions and Transformations, 3) General Education, 4) Major Curriculum, 5) Electives, and 6) Degree Requirements.
A total of 118 credits is required for the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree.	A total of 118 credits is required for the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree.
<p>General Education Requirements (39 credits). Students in the B.I.S. program must meet the University's General Education Requirements, including the URI 101 requirement. B.I.S. students use Senior Seminars BIS 390, 391, 392 to fulfill general education requirements in social sciences, natural sciences and letters. Students should consult frequently with their B.I.S. advisor to be sure all general education requirements are met.</p> <p><i>Senior Seminars (18 credits).</i> The Senior Seminars are a distinctive feature of the B.I.S. program. These three six-credit seminars are interdisciplinary in nature and enable students to integrate and synthesize their educational experiences. These seminars are normally begun when students have completed their other general education courses and most of the courses required for their major.</p> <p>BIS 390 Social Science Seminar (6 crédits) BIS 391 Natural Science Seminar (6 credits) BIS 392 Humanities Seminar (6 credits)</p>	<p>General Education Requirements (40 credits). Students in the B.I.S. program must meet the University's General Education Requirements. Students should consult frequently with their B.I.S. advisor to be sure all general education requirements are met.</p> <p>Degree Requirements (25 credits). BIS 100 Pro Seminar (3 credits) URI 101 Traditions and Transformations (1 credit) BIS 390 Social Science Seminar (6 credits) BIS 391 Natural Science Seminar (6 credits) BIS 392 Humanities Seminar (6 credits) BIS 399 Senior Project (3 credits)</p> <p>The BIS seminars are a distinctive feature of the B.I.S. program. These three six-credit seminars are interdisciplinary in nature and enable students to integrate and synthesize their educational experiences. These seminars are normally begun when students have completed most of the courses required for their major.</p>

Electives (24-27 credits). Electives permit students to complete the B.I.S. degree in a number of creative ways, through course work, internships, or previous but relevant educational experience.	Electives (5-8 credits). Electives permit students to complete the B.I.S. degree in a number of creative ways, through course work, internships, or previous but relevant educational experience.
B.I.S. Applied Communications Major	
<p><i>Communications Core</i> (24 credits). These courses, all at or above the 200 level, must be chosen from communication studies, journalism, and writing (or ENG 205 or 305), with 12 credits from one department and 6 credits from each of the other two. Prerequisite communications courses are COM 100 and WRT 104.</p> <p><i>Methodology Course</i> (3 credits). Students may select COM 381, 382, 383, HDF 202, PSY 200, or STA 308.</p> <p><i>Major Seminar (BIS 398)</i> (3 credits). Students take this course near the end of their degree program, as it gives them an opportunity to review and evaluate the skills and knowledge they have acquired through their major.</p> <p><i>Area of Emphasis</i> (15 credits). With the help of an advisor, students select 15 credits that will comprise an area of emphasis, which may be used either to further develop skills in communications or for study in related areas. This area of emphasis must be approved by an advisor and the program director by the beginning of the student's junior year.</p>	<p><i>Communications Core</i> (24 credits). These courses, all at or above the 200 level, must be chosen from communication studies, journalism, and writing (or ENG 205 or 305), with 12 credits from one department and 6 credits from each of the other two.</p> <p><i>Methodology Course</i> (3 credits). Students may select COM 381, 382, 383, HDF 202, PSY 200, or STA 308.</p> <p><i>Major Seminar (BIS 398)</i> (3 credits). Students take this course near the end of their degree program, as it gives them an opportunity to review and evaluate the skills and knowledge they have acquired through their major.</p> <p><i>Area of Emphasis</i> (15 credits). With the help of an advisor, students select 15 credits that will comprise an area of emphasis, which may be used either to further develop skills in communications or for study in related areas. This area of emphasis must be approved by an advisor and the program director by the beginning of the student's junior year.</p>

<p>B.I.S. Business Institutions Major</p>	
<p>Students interested in the broad field of business will be interested in this major. This is a fully prescribed program with a specific list of required courses:</p> <p>BUS 110 Business Computing Applications or CSC 101, Computing Concepts BUS 111 Business Analysis BUS 201 Financial Accounting BUS 202 Managerial Accounting BUS 210 Managerial Statistics I or STA 308, Introductory Statistics BUS 315 Legal and Ethical Environment of Business I BUS 320 Financial Management BUS 341 Organizational Behavior BUS 355 Operations and Supply Chain Management BUS 365 Marketing Principles ECN 201 Principles of Economics: Microeconomics ECN 202 Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics WRT 227 Business Communications Business Elective (3 credits)</p> <p>In addition to the courses above, students must elect one liberal elective course offered by a department outside their major. Most courses that fulfill these major requirements are available in Providence in the evening.</p>	<p>Students interested in the broad field of business will be interested in this major. This is a fully prescribed program with a specific list of required courses:</p> <p>BUS 110 Business Computing Applications or CSC 101, Computing Concepts BUS 111 Business Analysis BUS 201 Financial Accounting BUS 202 Managerial Accounting BUS 210 Managerial Statistics I or STA 308, Introductory Statistics BUS 315 Legal and Ethical Environment of Business I BUS 320 Financial Management BUS 341 Organizational Behavior BUS 355 Operations and Supply Chain Management BUS 365 Marketing Principles ECN 201 Principles of Economics: Microeconomics ECN 202 Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics WRT 227 Business Communications Business Elective (3 credits)</p> <p>In addition to the courses above, students must elect one liberal elective course offered by a department outside their major. Most courses that fulfill these major requirements are available in Providence in the evening.</p>
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<p>Family Studies HDF 357 Family and Community Health HSA 360 Health Services Administration HSA 380 Introductory Health Services Practicum PHL 314 Ethical Problems in Society and Medicine PSC 481 Political Science Seminar: Health Care Policy and Politics SOC 224 Health, Illness, and Medical Care</p> <p><i>Areas of Emphasis within the Health Services Administration Major (18 credits):</i> Students fulfill the area of emphasis requirement by designing an area of emphasis to fit the student’s experience and career interests, or by choosing from existing minors (see Minor Fields of Study).</p>	<p>Family Studies HDF 357 Family and Community Health HSA 360 Health Services Administration HSA 380 Introductory Health Services Practicum PHL 314 Ethical Problems in Society and Medicine PSC 481 Political Science Seminar: Health Care Policy and Politics SOC 224 Health, Illness, and Medical Care</p> <p><i>Areas of Emphasis within the Health Services Administration Major (18 credits):</i> Students fulfill the area of emphasis requirement by designing an area of emphasis to fit the student’s experience and career interests, or by choosing from existing minors (see Minor Fields of Study).</p>
<p>B.I.S. Human Studies Major</p> <p>Students interested in the wide range of human studies or human services will be attracted to this major. It permits the student, working with an advisor, to design a major that will meet both personal and career goals. All human studies majors must have their program design approved in advance by an academic advisor and the program director. It must include the following four parts:</p> <p><i>Social Science Core (24 credits).</i> Students are required to select 24 credits from three of the following departments in the College of Arts and Sciences: economics, history, political science, psychology, and sociology and anthropology. These departments determine which of their courses are suitable for</p>	<p>Students interested in the wide range of human studies or human services will be attracted to this major. It permits the student, working with an advisor, to design a major that will meet both personal and career goals. All human studies majors must have their program design approved in advance by an academic advisor and the program director. It must include the following four parts:</p> <p><i>Social Science Core (24 credits).</i> Students are required to select 24 credits from three of the following departments in the College of Arts and Sciences: economics, history, political science, psychology, and sociology and anthropology.</p>

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The 24 credits must be distributed as follows: four courses from one department, two courses from a second department, and two courses from a third. Only two prerequisite or introductory-level courses are allowed in the major. Students should meet with an advisor for more information regarding these courses.

Methodology Course (3 credits). Students are strongly advised to fulfill this requirement by taking HDF 202. In exceptional cases, students may be allowed to meet the methods requirement by taking PSY 200, SOC 301, or STA 220.

Major Seminar (BIS 397, 3 credits). Students take this course near the end of their degree program. It will give them an opportunity to review and evaluate the skills and knowledge they have acquired through their major.

Area of Emphasis (15 credits). The area of emphasis provides the student with an opportunity to select a group of courses that focus on a particular problem or population of interest. Once a particular focus is identified, students select 15 credits at or above the 300 level from a wide variety of departments. The advisor and the B.I.S. director must approve the Area of Emphasis.

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BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES – BUSINESS INSTITUTIONS MAJOR

Student: _____

Advisor: _____

Student ID: _____

Requirement Term: _____

Date Prepared: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

This degree plan is to provide you with the suggested courses and timeframe to complete your degree requirements. This plan is subject to change, depending on your needs and your discussions with your advisor.

Degree Requirements (25 Credits)			
Course	Semester Taken	Credits	Grade
BIS 100	_____	3	_____
URI 101B	_____	1	_____
BIS390 Social Science Seminar	_____	6	_____
BIS391 Natural Science Seminar	_____	6	_____
BIS392 Humanities Seminar	_____	6	_____
BIS399 Senior Project	_____	3	_____

General Education (40 Credits)			
Course	Semester Taken	Credits	Grade

KNOWLEDGE

A1. STEM _____	_____	_____	_____
A2. Social & Behavioral Sciences _____	_____	_____	_____
A3. Humanities _____	_____	_____	_____
A4. Arts & Design _____	_____	_____	_____

COMPETENCIES

B1. Write Effectively _____	_____	_____	_____
B2. Communicate Effectively _____	_____	_____	_____
B3. Mathematical, Statistical, Or computational Strategies _____	_____	_____	_____
B4. Information Literacy _____	_____	_____	_____

RESPONSIBILITIES

C1. Civic knowledge & Responsibilities _____	_____	_____	_____
C2. Global Responsibility _____	_____	_____	_____
C3. Diversity and Inclusion _____	_____	_____	_____

INTEGRATE & APPLY

D1. Ability to synthesize _____	_____	_____	_____
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GRAND CHALLENGE

G. At least 1 course above Must be a "G" course _____	_____	n/a	n/a
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GENERAL EDUCATION POLICY

1. At least 3 credits for each of the 12 outcomes (A1 – D1)
2. Must complete at least 1 grand challenge course
3. Must complete at least 40 credits of GenEd. GenEd electives should be taken to reach 40 credits if all outcomes are met.
4. No more than three courses can be from the same course code.

Business Institutions Major Core Courses (45 Credits)

Course		Semester Taken	Credits	Grade
BUS 201	Financial Accounting	_____	_____	_____
BUS 202	Managerial Accounting	_____	_____	_____
BUS 110	Business Computing (CSC 101)	_____	_____	_____
BUS 111	Business Analysis (MTH131 or higher)	_____	_____	_____
BUS 210	Principles of Statistics 1 (STA 308)	_____	_____	_____
BUS 315	Legal & Ethical Envir of Business	_____	_____	_____
BUS 320	Financial Management	_____	_____	_____
BUS 341	Organizational Behavior	_____	_____	_____
BUS 355	Operations & Supply Chain Mgt	_____	_____	_____
BUS 365	Marketing Principles	_____	_____	_____
ECN 201	Micro-Economics	_____	_____	_____
ECN 202	Macro-Economics	_____	_____	_____
WRT 227	Business Communications	_____	_____	_____
BUS Elective	_____	_____	_____	_____
Liberal Elective	_____	_____	_____	_____

General Electives (8 Credits)

Course		Semester Taken	Credits	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

118 Credits total. 42 Credits of Upper Level Course Work (300 Level and Above) are Required to Graduate – list courses below

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Minor (if Applicable)

Area of Minor: _____

Minor Form Submitted/Received: _____

GRADUATION

Cleared for Graduation: _____

Graduated: _____

BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES – HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Student: _____ Advisor: _____
 Student ID: _____ Requirement Term: _____
 Date Prepared: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

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Health Services Administration Major Core Courses (30 Credits)

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ECN 201 Principles of Economics: Microeconomics	_____	_____	_____
ECN 360 Health Economics	_____	_____	_____
HDF 202 Research Perspectives in HDF	_____	_____	_____
HDF 357 Family and Community Health	_____	_____	_____
HSA 360 Health Services Administration	_____	_____	_____
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PHL 314 Ethical Problems in Society and Medicine	_____	_____	_____
PSC 481 Pol Sci Sem: Health Care Policy and Politics	_____	_____	_____
SOC 224 Health, Illness, and Medical Care	_____	_____	_____

Area of Emphasis (18 Credits)

Course	Semester Taken	Credits	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

General Electives (5 Credits)

Course	Semester Taken	Credits	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

120 Minimum Credits needed to meet graduation requirement

42 credits must be Upper Level Course Work (300 Level and Above) list courses below:

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Graduated: _____

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Human Studies Major Core Courses (30 Credits)

Select three (3) subject areas to form a topic of study. Subject areas include:
PSY, SOC, PSC, HIS, APG, ECN

Course	Semester Taken	Credits	Grade
Subject 1 _____	_____	_____	_____
Subject 1 _____	_____	_____	_____
Subject 2 _____	_____	_____	_____
Subject 2 _____	_____	_____	_____
Subject 3 _____	_____	_____	_____
Subject 3 _____	_____	_____	_____
Subject 3 _____	_____	_____	_____
Subject 3 _____	_____	_____	_____
HDF 202 Research Perspectives in HDF	_____	_____	_____
BIS 397 Human Studies Seminar	_____	_____	_____

Area of Emphasis (15 Credits)

Course	Semester Taken	Credits	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

General Electives (8 Credits)

Course	Semester Taken	Credits	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

118 Minimum Credits needed to meet graduation requirement

42 credits must be Upper Level Course Work (300 Level and Above) list courses below:

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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