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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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NOTE: The curricular form for each item listed may be accessed at www.marshall.edu/senate/ucc. Click the UCC Agendas/Minutes link; click the link for the April 15, 2016 meeting date; click the link in the Description column to open a particular item.

Recommends approval of the listed UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR CHANGES in the following colleges and/or schools/program: COLLEGE OF ARTS & MEDIA, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, and COLLEGE OF SCIENCE.

• COLLEGE OF ARTS & MEDIA:

*Name of Major: BFA Theatre
*Rationale: The theatre faculty wish to implement an audition/interview requirement for the BFA Theatre Program (performance and production). This audition/interview may take place at any time but will most likely occur during the student’s sophomore year during our existing Sophomore Review procedure. We are proposing a change in the catalog description of the BFA program which will inform students of the new requirements as well as direct them to the three locations where more audition/interview specifics can be found: the Theatre Program office, the Theatre Program website, and their academic advisor. 
*Curriculum: No curriculum changes required, only a change in the catalog description for the BFA program entrance requirements, pages 119-130 of the current catalog. The language used for this catalog change was copied from the description of the BFA Music program’s current audition requirements (see page 114). Every effort was made to keep language consistent for both programs in our School.

• COLLEGE OF BUSINESS:

*Name of Major: BA 10-BBA Accounting
*Rationale: The Division has introduced a course to develop professionalism skills specifically targeted to accounting majors. The course will introduce students to the accounting profession, develop communication, networking, and interviewing skills necessary to obtain internships or full employment upon graduation, and provide an overview of ethical and professional responsibilities of accountants.
*Curriculum: Remove LCOB 200 1 credit
Add ACC 198 1 credit

*Name of Major: BBA, Health Care Management (BM-60)
*Rationale: Change from MGT Elective of 3 credit hours to a Free Elective keeps the required number of credit hours at 120. Requirement is too restrictive with limited added benefit to student learning.
*Curriculum: See attachments on curriculum request form.
• **COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS:**

  *Name of Major: Public Health
  *Rationale: Previously the Bachelors of Public Health (BPH) program included some required courses and some elective courses. Keeping in mind the growth of the program and department, and also the accreditation requirement, changes are being proposed to accommodate these requirements where primarily many of the courses previously listed as electives are now being listed as a major requirement.
  *Curriculum: Refer to attached word document on curriculum request form highlighting existing BPH curriculum. Attached is also another word document highlighting proposed changes for BPH program.

  *Name of Major: BA Sport Management
  *Rationale: The rationale for the change of the curriculum requirement is so that 1) it is more in line with curriculum requirement of the accreditation body (COSMA) and 2) it is clearer in the sport management core requirements as well as seven different concentrations’ requirements.
  *Curriculum: See attachments on curriculum request form.

• **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS:**

  *Name of Major: LG10-BA Geography
  *Rationale:

1. Split the capstone course GEO499 1-3 credit hours into GEO498 2 hours and 499 2 hours. Currently the Geography Capstone course (GEO499) is required with a total of three credits. The course has been taught over two semesters for several years now. Students registered for two credits in the fall and one more in the spring. The tasks in this capstone course have expanded over the last several years with a stronger emphasis on professional presentation of the work added in the second semester and four credits total would be more appropriate for the entire capstone experience, considering the extra work load.

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   GEO499 will be changed in title to "Senior Capstone II", and "Part I" will be added to the catalog description. This course will have GEO498 as an additional prerequisite.

2. GEO440 Spatial Statistics and GIS will be listed first as the statistics requirement for majors since it is a discipline-specific statistics course. Students will still be allowed to substitute another statistics course such as MTH225 etc. on a case-by-case basis.
3. Reflecting changes in the capstone and statistics requirements, BA students be required to complete 37 total GEO hours and BS students 44 GEO hours.

4. Some catalog description changes reflect change of hours for courses submitted to the curriculum committee along with the program change.

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*Curriculum: See attachments on curriculum request form.

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*Curriculum: See attachments on curriculum request form.
**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE:**

*Name of Major: Digital Forensics & Information Assurance (SI40)*
*Rationale: The curriculum is being revised in order to meet FEPAC accreditation standards and in response to the reorganization of the COS. As part of the reorg, IST course offerings are undergoing dramatic changes, including the deletion or merging of many of the current required courses in our program.*
*Curriculum: Fourteen (14) hours were added to the DFIA core requirements. Six (6) additional hours of CJ courses were added (CJ 314 Crime Scene and its PR, CJ 200 Intro to Criminal Justice). Eight (8) hours of Biology, Chemistry, or Physics were also added (course and corresponding lab) as a requirement. This is a specific FEPAC requirement.*

*Name of Major: Environmental Science (SE 10)*
*Rationale: Program curriculum is being updated and streamlined to allow for additional course options for students with diverse interests. Two critical thinking courses (CT) are required (100 and 200 level) and currently those are specified in the ES curriculum. Going forward they will not be specified but may include other CT courses of the appropriate level.*
*Curriculum: Remove requirement for IST 120 Connections I and IST 220 Connections II from ES curriculum and replace with “100 Level CT Designated Course” and “200 Level CT Designated Course”, respectively.*

*Name of Major: B.S. Geology (SG20)*
*Rationale: To increase enrollment in upper division classes, the Geology department is increasing the number of required hours of Geology classes, and making some of the Geology electives part of the Science requirements for the major. Geochemistry (GLY 420, 3 CU) and Lab techniques in Geology and Environmental Science (GLY 320L, 2 CU) cover topics similar to CHM 212 (3 CU) and 218 (2 CU), but with direct application to geological problems, and are therefore more relevant to Geology majors. Geophysics (GLY 426, 3 CU) covers similar topics to PHYS 203 (3 CU) but is more applicable to the discipline. Invertebrate Paleontology (GLY 418, 4 CU) is more relevant to the major than Principles of Biology I (4 CU). The proposed changes will not have an effect on the overall hours necessary for graduation (120 hours). The degree plan still allows students to have 8-9 hours of free electives beyond University College, and departmental requirements.*
*Curriculum: Change the total number of required hours for S.S. Geology from 36 to 41. Replace CHM 212 and 218 with GLY 420 and GLY 320L as Science requirements. Replace PHYS 203 and PHYS 204 (4 credit hours total) with GLY 426 (3 credit hours) as Science requirements. Replace BSC 120 (4 CU) with GLY 418 (4 CU) as possible Science requirement.*

*Name of Major: Natural Resources & Rec. Management SN10-BS*
*Rationale: Due to the reorganization of IST Department as well as College of Science, we feel that these changes in the major will be required to better reflect the focus of the curriculum.*
*Curriculum: See attachments on curriculum request form. (No additional time/resources would be needed).*

*Name of Major: B. S. Physics (SP10)*
*Rationale: There are two proposed changes to the BS degree in Physics:
1. Increase in the number of required courses and reduces the number of electives in the major.
2. Clarifies the math requirements, in the same time expanding the options available*
*Curriculum: No additional courses are required for the change to take place. The core curriculum for this degree is provided in Appendix A. This major does not duplicate any other program offered at Marshall University.

FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:
APPROVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE: Larry Stickley DATE: 5/9/2016

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