

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Curriculum Proposal Form #2
Change in Degree, Major, or Submajor

Effective Term: 2097 (Fall 2009)

Type of Action: Change in Degree

Degree: MS

Program Title: Masters of Science Degree in Communication

GPA Requirement for the Major/Submajor: 3.0

Sponsor(s): Susan Wildermuth

Department(s): Department of Communication

College(s): Arts and Communication

Consultation took place: NA Yes (list departments and attach consultation sheet)

Departments:

Proposal Information:

(Procedures can be found at <http://acadaff.uww.edu/Handbook/Procedures-Form2.htm>)

Total number of credit units in program:

Before change 30

After change 30

1. Exact description of request:

The graduate school policy states that: "A student may not carry more than 3 units of individual studies in a single term. Not more than four units in individual studies, not more than six units of special studies, and not more than a combined total of nine units of

individual studies, workshops, and special studies may be applied toward the completion of a degree. Departments retain the prerogative of allowing fewer than nine of these types of units to apply toward their respective graduate degrees.” We would like to make our department policy of how many of these types of units we allow clear to the students.

From (as listed in catalog and on AR).

We currently do not have a published policy on this issue.

To (to be listed in catalog and on AR)

A student may not carry more than three units of individual studies in a single term. For students choosing the thesis or ACP capstone options, not more than four units of independent studies, not more than three units of practicum credits, and not more than a combined total of nine units of individual studies, workshops, practicum, and capstone credits (i.e. thesis/ACP credits) may count toward the completion of the degree. For students choosing the written examination capstone option, not more than four units of independent studies, not more than three units of practicum credits, and not more than a combined total of six units of individual studies, workshops, and practicum credits may count toward the completion of the degree.

2. Relationship to mission and strategic plan of institution, and/or college and department goals and objectives:

Attempting to make program more streamlined and simplify curriculum across capstone options. This is in accordance with the program’s goals of making the program more academically rigorous and ensuring that all capstone options are equal in weight.

3. Rationale:

Seeking to make official an implicit department policy that has been in practice for a while.

4. Cost Implications:

None