

GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DEAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM - 114 FOUNDERS HALL

12.6.22

1:25 - 1:50 PM

1.0 GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Meeting attendees: R. Kaufmann, J. Medina, A. Spiegel, S. Staninger, E. Jenkins

2.0 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from both the October and November meetings were approved.

3.0 DISCUSS CURRICULAR PROPOSALS (see memorandum below that shows curricular agenda)

3.1 EOSC PROGRAM PROPOSAL: This proposal will move courses that are not being taught with labs from the “science courses with laboratory” category into the electives category. This shift reflects how these courses are taught and will help to avoid future substitutions.

3.2 MAIR PROGRAM AND COURSE PROPOSALS:

- There is a proposed adjustment to the methods requirement from a 1.5 unit minimum to a 3 unit minimum. This change will not increase the total number of units required for the MA degree.
- POLS 530, 550, and 570 have all been renamed to more accurately reflect the course content. The course renaming also aims to make the courses sound more exciting. Two courses that are no longer being taught are proposed for deactivation.

- For the joint JD and MAIR program, the maximum number of units students are allowed to take from any school in the university has increased from 6 to 12 units. This change intends to both financially and academically benefit the students.

All proposed curricular actions were approved by a vote of 4-0-0.

4.0 QUESTIONS AND NOTES

- Note: Students in the MAIR program are required to take a travel course
- Question: How many students in the MAIR program speak languages besides English?
- Note: Previously, there was a language requirement for the MAIR program. It is unclear as to when this requirement was dissolved.

These minutes must be approved by January 31st

Meeting adjourns 1:46 PM

MEMORANDUM

TO: Graduate Studies Committee

FROM: Michael Gonzalez, Graduate Studies Committee Chair

DATE: November 28, 2022

RE: Materials for Graduate Studies Committee Meeting 12/06/22

Agenda

- 1) Program Proposal
 - a. Environmental and Ocean Sciences (pp. 2-9)
 - b. International Relations (pp. 10-13)

- 2) Course Proposals
 - a. POLS 530 – Research Design & Analysis (pp. 14-16)
 - b. POLS 550 – Politics & Policies Around the World: Foundations of Comparative Politics (pp. 17-19)
 - c. POLS 554 – Revolutionary Change (pp. 20-22) DEACTIVATE
 - d. POLS 567 – Politics in Japan (pp. 23-25) DEACTIVATE
 - e. POLS 570 – Global Conflict & Cooperation: Foundations of International Relations (pp. 26-28)