PROPOSAL SUMMARY AND ROUTING FORM

Proposal Title: Revisions to English/Professional Writing minor

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Date or Term of Proposal Implementation: 201008 (Fall 2010)
☐ Group I - A – New degree/major or major, redirection of a current offering, or elimination of a degree, major or minor
☐ Group I - B – New minors or concentrations
☒ Group II - A – Minor curriculum clean-up and course changes
☐ Group II - B – New Course
☐ Group III - Certificates
☐ Group IV - Off-Campus Programs

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* Support with Concerns or Not Support must include a list of specific concerns. Votes must be shown for faculty groups. Administrators check appropriate action taken.

To be completed by Academic Affairs

President (Date Approved) Board of Trustees (Date Approved) President's Council (Date Approved)

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1. Proposal Summary

(Summary is generally less than one page. Briefly: state what is proposed with a summary of rationale and highlights. Additional rationale may be attached.)

This proposal recommends changes to the required courses for the English/Professional Writing minor.

• Currently the English/Professional Writing minor has this configuration:
  o Required courses:
    ▪ English 301, Introduction to Linguistics
    ▪ English 380, History of Rhetoric and Style
    ▪ English 411, Professional Technical Communication
  o Choose one:
    ▪ English 311, Advanced Technical Writing
    ▪ English 321, Advanced Composition
    ▪ English 325, Advanced Business Writing
  o Choose two:
    ▪ Journalism 228, Feature and Opinion Writing
    ▪ Journalism 230, Publication Editing
    ▪ English 222, Introduction to Creative Writing
    ▪ English 323, Proposal Writing

• The revised minor has this configuration (changes are highlighted):
  o Required courses:
    ▪ English 323, Proposal Writing
    ▪ English 380, History of Rhetoric and Style
    ▪ English 411, Professional Technical Communication OR English 499, Technical Communication Seminar
  o Choose one:
    ▪ (stays the same): ENGL 311, 321, or 325
  o Choose two:
    ▪ Journalism 228, Feature and Opinion Writing
    ▪ Journalism 230, Publication Editing
    ▪ English 222, Introduction to Creative Writing
    ▪ English 301, Introduction to Linguistics

• Rationale for Change in Required / Optional Courses:
  o Adding ENGL 323 to required courses: The minor serves the needs of students who wish to increase their professional writing skills and their success in the job market. Thus, we recommend moving Proposal Writing to the required courses, as this course provides experience and skills used in nearly all professional settings.
  o Adding ENGL 499 as an alternative to ENGL 411. Scheduling conflicts often occur with English 411 because it is offered only once a year. By allowing students to complete English 499 (also covering professional writing issues and practices), we can avoid these conflicts while providing similar / related skills.
  o Moving English 301 to list of “optional” courses. Although Linguistics background is useful for professional writers, we feel that the proposal writing background is more essential. We wish to maintain some flexibility within the minor to maintain its usefulness to students across the campus, thus wish to move the ENGL301 to the list of options.
2. Summary of All Course Action Required

a. Newly Created Courses to FSU:
   Prefix  Number  Title

b. Courses to be Deleted From FSU Catalog:
   Prefix  Number  Title

c. Existing Course(s) to be Modified:
   Prefix  Number  Title

d. Addition of existing FSU courses to program
   Prefix  Number  Title
   English  323  Proposal Writing
   English  499  Technical Communication Seminar

e. Removal of existing FSU courses from program
   Prefix  Number  Title

3. Summary of All Consultations

   Form Sent (B or C)  Date Sent  Responding Dept.  Date Received & by Whom

4. Will External Accreditation be Sought? (For new programs or certificates only)

   ________ Yes  _________ No

   If yes, name the organization involved with accreditation for this program.

5. Program Check sheets affected by this proposal.

   • English / Professional Writing Minor
Colleagues,

Sorry for the late meeting agenda, I have been a bit busy these last two weeks. Our department meeting tomorrow is dedicated to good news, assessment, and other opportunities. I have pasted the agenda below and am also attaching it as a document.

On another note, all of the curriculum proposals from last semester passed. However in some instances there was a single dissenting vote. It is my understanding that anyone with a dissenting vote has the right to attach a comment to the curriculum proposal. If you would like to attach commentary to the curriculum proposal, please provide me with that ASAP.

Lastly, these next few weeks will be filled with post-tenure review and classroom observations. If you see me dashing by or notice my office door closed, please know that I am probably engaged in one of these activities. I will return to my usual social self in the near future.

Best Regards,
Nate
PROGRAM, MAJOR, OR MINOR CHECK SHEET(S)

Insert both the current curriculum check sheet (if applicable) followed by proposed curriculum check sheet" and/or "academic program requirements" list.

- LABEL CHECK SHEETS AS "FORM D CURRENT" and "FORM D PROPOSED."

- Checksheets should indicate total credits, General Education requirements per catalog guidelines (include course levels), and the minimum number of 300 and 400 level courses.

- Indicate all course prerequisites.

- Indicate any special admissions, continuation, or graduation requirements.
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Why Choose the English Literature Minor?

This minor develops students' skills in writing, critical reading, and analytical thinking - precisely the skills needed for advancement in nearly any career. The Professional Writing minor includes course work in linguistics, rhetoric, and a number of courses that develop specific professional writing (e.g., grant proposals, publications, technical communication, opinion writing). Students in this minor may select the courses that apply most closely to their future career and employment goals. This minor enhances the employability of students for careers requiring intensive technical and professional reports, interpretive and critical thinking skills, formal proposals for funding, advanced writing abilities and methods of research, analysis, and interpretation.

While all careers are enhanced by communication skills, specific academic programs at Ferris especially lend themselves to the English/Professional Writing minor including:

- Printing Management
- Automotive and Heavy Equipment Management
- Business Management
- Marketing
- Public Administration

Admission Requirements

This English/Professional Writing minor is open to any student admitted to Ferris State and pursuing a baccalaureate degree except those pursuing the Technical Professional Communication degree. The minor is designed to complement any Ferris major program.

Graduation Requirements

An academic minor may only be awarded upon completion of a baccalaureate degree at Ferris State. This minor requires a minimum of 18 credits with a minimum 2.0 grade average in these courses. Also, 50% of the credits for a minor must be taught by Ferris State University.

Required courses:
ENGL 301 Introduction to Linguistics 3
ENGL 380 History of Rhetoric and Style 3
ENGL 411 Professional Technical Communication 4
Choose one:
ENGL 311 Advanced Technical Writing 3
ENGL 321 Advanced Composition 3
ENGL 325 Advanced Business Writing 3
Choose two:
ENGL 222 Creative Writing 3
ENGL 323 Proposal Writing 3
JRNL 228 Feature Opinion Writing 3
JRNL 230 Publication Editing 3
MINOR IN ENGLISH PROFESSIONAL WRITING

NAME_________________________________________STUDENT NUMBER_____________________

STUDENT'S COLLEGE: _________________________B.S./B.A. PROGRAM: __________________________

Procedures:
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2) Upon completion of Section A, this form will be sent to the department office for approval. The original form will be filed in the appropriate office (either the advisor or the department) and copied for the student. Students in Bachelor of Arts degree programs must also provide a copy of this form to both the B.A. coordinator and their faculty advisor. All deviations from or substitutions for courses listed in this original plan must be approved by the Department Head on official Course Substitution Forms and must accompany this form.
3) Upon completion of this minor, the student will notify the advisor of the minor. The department and the advisor will verify that the student has completed the minor and will forward the original form to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Office for approval and from there it will be forwarded either to the Registrar’s Office (Section B) or to the B.A. coordinator as appropriate.

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Student

Advisor

Department

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Department

CAS Dean

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| ENGL 323 | History of Rhetoric and Style | (ENGL311 or ENGL321 with D- or better.) 3 |
| ENGL 380 | Professional Technical Communication | (ENGL311, 321, 323, 325 with C or better.) 4 |
| OR | Tech Communication Seminar | (ENGL311, 321, 323, 325 with C or better.) 3 |
| ENGL 499 | Choose two: | |
| | Creative Writing | (ENGL150 with C- or better.) 3 |
| | Introduction to Linguistics | (ENGL250 or 211 with D- or better.) 3 |
| | Feature Opinion Writing | (ENGL150) 3 |
| | Publication Editing | (ENGL150) 3 |
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES - ACADEMIC MINOR CLEARANCE FORM

*****FORM D PROPOSED

MINOR IN ENGLISH PROFESSIONAL WRITING

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| ENGL301 (ENGL250 or 211 with D- or better.) | 3 |

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