

Graduate Program Change Proposal

Department/Committee Information

The main contact person for the Graduate Curriculum Committee should fill out this form.

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Program Chair

The Program Chair for this request is among the people listed above.

* Yes
 No

* This confirms that the Graduate Program Chair has given approval for the submission of this proposal

Program Information

This proposal refers to a (check all that apply): Certificate Program Teacher Licensure Program Degree Program

Does the program run on a cohort model? Yes No Will additional faculty be needed, day/adjunct? Yes No

Briefly describe program change to the existing program as it will appear in university catalog:

*The current title of the program is CAGS in Interdisciplinary Studies: Individualized Concentration. We are proposing to change it to CAGS in Educational Studies.

Population/anticipated enrollment/staffing plan (i.e., Who/how many will program serve?)

*This program advances the education and career needs of professionals who have earned an appropriate master's degree. It is anticipated that the new title will further attract teachers who are seeking to advance their knowledge, skills, and competencies in the field of education. Students in this program will continue to choose existing courses so there is no expected impact on staffing.

Rationale and expected outcomes for program change:

*The IDIS CAGS program was situated in the Humanities Department. However, the current students the program are teachers/professionals in the field of education. Therefore, the program was moved to the Education Department. In addition, school districts financially incentivize teachers to further their education so the name change would be more appealing to potential candidates.

How does this change affect the departments Learning Outcomes for the program? List any changes that need to be made.

There are no changes to the Learning Outcomes for the program.

Implementation plan (what semester will new policy/policy change begin; will change be phased in)

*Fall 2024

An old and new plan of study must be included with this proposal (Please use template for program revision).

If new courses are proposed or major changes are made to existing courses, submit a Graduate Council New Course Approval form.
 Old Plan of Study Attached here. CAGS Plan of Study.docx
 New Plan of Study Attached here
 Attach any letter(s) of support from professional agencies or others within or outside the university.

Signatures

Denise Sargent 10/03/2023
Requester Signature: Date
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Nancy Murray 10/04/2023
Academic Dean Signature: Date
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Lyndsey Benharris 10/04/2023
Department Chair Approval: Date

Becky Copper Gleng 10/26/2023
SGOCE Dean Signature: Date

Graduate Council

The Graduate Council Chair Signature indicates that the Council has discussed this proposal and has decided it should move forward.

Graduate Council Chair Signature Date

Notifications

Approval of the President Date

SGOCE Dean Initials Date

Reviewed by the Registrar: Date

Name of Concentration, Program: **CAGS in Educational Studies**

Old Plan of Study			New Plan of Study		
Required Courses Course number: Title of Course	Pre-practicum Hours	Credits	Required Courses Course number: Title of Course	Pre-practicum Hours	Credits
IDIS 8000 Critical Inquiry in Interdisciplinary Studies		3 cr.	IDIS 8000 Critical Inquiry in Interdisciplinary Studies		3 cr.
IDIS 9000 Advanced Research Methods		3 cr.	IDIS 9000 Advanced Research Methods		3 cr.
IDIS 9400 Research Project in Interdisciplinary Studies or IDIS 9500 Graduate Thesis		3 cr.	IDIS 9400 Research Project in Interdisciplinary Studies or IDIS 9500 Graduate Thesis		3 cr.
Discipline Area I		12 cr.	Discipline Area I		12 cr.
Discipline Area II		12 cr.	Discipline Area II		12 cr.

TOTAL CREDITS FOR PROGRAM			TOTAL CREDITS FOR PROGRAM		
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