

Graduate Council Meeting Agenda

September 5, 2019

1. Courses

- a. ANTH 605: Conservation of Archaeological Resources I
- b. ANTH 606: Conservation of Archaeological Resources II
- c. BICH 656: RNA World
- d. CSCE 625: Artificial Intelligence
- e. CSCE 705: Introduction to Computing Systems
- f. CSCE 710: Fundamentals of Software Analysis
- g. CSCE 713: Software Security
- h. ECEN 718: Neuro-electronics System
- i. ECEN 719: Advanced Digital System Design
- j. ECEN 776: Unconditionally Secure Electronics
- k. ECMT 678: Advanced Topics in Econometrics
- l. EPSY 689: Special Topics in...
- m. FILM 643: Sex, Gender and Cinema
- n. IDIS 650: Science of Distribution
- o. IDIS 651: Distribution Customer Experience
- p. IDIS 652: Digital Distribution
- q. INTA 698: Advanced Analytic Tradecraft
- r. ITDE 610: Introduction to Engineering Innovation in Medicine
- s. ITDE 614: Journal Club for Engineering Innovation in Medicine
- t. ITDE 684: Professional Internship
- u. MEEN 696: Bio-inspired Design
- v. OCNG 626: Ocean Pollution
- w. PETE 681: Seminar
- x. SPSY 691: Research
- y. SYEN 684: Professional Internship
- z. TCMT 639: Team Leadership Coaching

2. Programs

- a. CERT-BUSI: Business - Certificate
- b. CERT-CG68: Business Intelligence and Analytics - Certificate
- c. CERT-CG7: Business Management - Certificate
- d. CERT-PMHN: Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner - Certificate
- e. CERT-PROS: Prosthodontics - Certificate
- f. MD-MDMD: Doctor of Medicine
- g. MED-EDCI: Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
- h. MPH-OCOSH: Master of Public Health in Occupational Safety and Health
- i. MS-CPSC: Master of Science in Computer Science
- j. MS-EEBL: Master of Science in Ecology Evolutionary Biology
- k. MS-ENSM: Master of Science in Engineering Management
- l. MS-STAT: Master of Science in Statistics
- m. PHD-ECON: Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
- n. PHD-HRSA: Doctor of Philosophy in Health Services Research

- o. BS/MPH-PHLT/PHEP-PPH: Public Health - 5-year Bachelor of Science/Master of Public Health in Epidemiology

3. Special Consideration Items

- a. Department of Biology GRE Waiver
- b. Master of Geoscience Standardized Test Wavier
- c. Medical Sciences program GRE Waiver

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Course Report (New,Changes, Withdrawals)

GC Chair (26)					
Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received	Will sections of this course be taught as non-traditional? (i.e., parts of term, distance education) (non traditional)
ANTH 605	ANTH 605: Conservation of Archaeological Resources I	Edited	dlhamilton	8/14/2019	No
ANTH 606	ANTH 606: Conservation of Archaeological Resources II	Edited	dlhamilton	7/29/2019	No
BICH 656	BICH 656: RNA World	Edited	r.almanzar1	8/27/2019	No
CSCE 625	CSCE 625: Artificial Intelligence	Edited	karrie.bourquin	8/27/2019	
CSCE 705	CSCE 705: Introduction to Computing Systems	Edited	smilingsheila	8/27/2019	Yes
CSCE 710	CSCE 710: Fundamentals of Software Analysis	Edited	smilingsheila	8/27/2019	No
CSCE 713	CSCE 713: Software Security	Edited	smilingsheila	8/27/2019	Yes
ECEN 718	ECEN 718: Neuro-electronics System	Added	cbrodriguez	7/29/2019	No
ECEN 719	ECEN 719: Advanced Digital System Design	Added	cbrodriguez	8/27/2019	No
ECEN 776	ECEN 776: Unconditionally Secure Electronics	Added	cbrodriguez	8/27/2019	No
ECMT 678	ECMT 678: Advanced Topics in Econometrics	Edited	kfelpel	7/29/2019	
EPSY 689	EPSY 689: Special Topics in...	Edited	skallina	8/27/2019	No
FILM 643	FILM 643: Sex, Gender and Cinema	Added	annettej	7/29/2019	No
IDIS 650	IDIS 650: Science of Distribution	Added	kourtney	7/29/2019	Yes
IDIS 651	IDIS 651: Distribution Customer Experience	Added	kourtney	7/29/2019	Yes
IDIS 652	IDIS 652: Digital Distribution	Added	kourtney	7/29/2019	Yes
INTA 698	INTA 698: Advanced Analytic Tradecraft	Added	plhosea	7/29/2019	No
ITDE 610	ITDE 610: Introduction to Engineering Innovation in Medicine	Added	rthomassie	8/27/2019	No
ITDE 614	ITDE 614: Journal Club for Engineering Innovation in Medicine	Added	rthomassie	8/27/2019	No
ITDE 684	ITDE 684: Professional Internship	Added	rthomassie	7/29/2019	No
MEEN 696	MEEN 696: Bio-inspired Design	Added	rebeccasimon	8/27/2019	No
OCNG 626	OCNG 626: Ocean Pollution	Added	dthornton	8/27/2019	No
PETE 681	PETE 681: Seminar	Edited	e-schuler	8/27/2019	No
SPSY 691	SPSY 691: Research	Edited	skallina	8/27/2019	No
SYEN 684	SYEN 684: Professional Internship	Added	rthomassie	7/29/2019	No
TCMT 639	TCMT 639: Team Leadership Coaching	Added	leslie.ehlers	8/27/2019	Yes

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<u>CERT-BUSI</u>	<u>CERT-BUSI: Business - Certificate</u>	New	sknight	8/27/2019
<u>CERT-CG68</u>	<u>CERT-CG68: Business Intelligence and Analytics - Certificate</u>	Change	vstilley	8/27/2019
<u>CERT-CG7</u>	<u>CERT-CG7: Business Management - Certificate</u>	Withdrawal	sknight	8/27/2019
<u>CERT-PMHN</u>	<u>CERT-PMHN: Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner - Certificate</u>	New	melindajensen	8/27/2019
<u>CERT-PROS</u>	<u>CERT-PROS: Prosthodontics - Certificate</u>	Change	kluttman	8/27/2019
<u>MD-MDMD</u>	<u>MD-MDMD: Doctor of Medicine</u>	Change	erinerbrich	8/27/2019
<u>MED-EDCI</u>	<u>MED-EDCI: Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction</u>	Change	ambyrrios	8/27/2019
<u>MPH-OCSH</u>	<u>MPH-OCSH: Master of Public Health in Occupational Safety and Health</u>	Change	lcizmas	8/27/2019
<u>MS-CPSC</u>	<u>MS-CPSC: Master of Science in Computer Science</u>	Change	karrie.bourquin	8/27/2019
<u>MS-EEBL</u>	<u>MS-EEBL: Master of Science in Ecology Evolutionary Biology</u>	New	jpmartina	8/27/2019
<u>MS-ENSM</u>	<u>MS-ENSM: Master of Science in Engineering Management</u>	Change	geunes	8/27/2019
<u>MS-STAT</u>	<u>MS-STAT: Master of Science in Statistics</u>	Change	longneck	8/27/2019
<u>PHD-ECON</u>	<u>PHD-ECON: Doctor of Philosophy in Economics</u>	Change	kfelpel	8/27/2019
<u>PHD-HRSA</u>	<u>PHD-HRSA: Doctor of Philosophy in Health Services Research</u>	Change	macosta	8/27/2019
<u>BS/MPH-PHLT/PHEP-PPH</u>	<u>BS/MPH-PHLT/PHEP-PPH: Public Health - 5-year Bachelor of Science/Master of Public Health in Epidemiology</u>	New	dparks	8/23/2019

July 16, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Catherine Roueche-Herdman
Office of Admissions

THROUGH: Dr. Karen Butler-Purry
Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies

THROUGH: Dr. Mark Zoran
Executive Associate Dean
College of Science

THROUGH: Dr. Thomas McKnight
Department Head
Department of Biology

FROM: Dr. Bruce Riley
Professor
Chair of Graduate Admissions Committee for Biology
Department of Biology

SUBJECT: Waiver of GRE-requirement for applications to the Biology graduate program

The Biology Department would like to drop the requirement for GRE scores for all applications to our graduate program. Recent studies have shown that GRE scores are not predictive of future success in graduate school. As a result, many graduate programs across the country are dropping the requirement for GRE scores for graduate applications. Our request to drop the requirement for GRE scores will allow the Biology Department to match current trends and compete more effectively with peer institutions for prospective graduate students.

The programs that would no longer require the GRE would be the PhD program in Biology, the PhD program in Microbiology, and the Master's in Microbiology, both thesis and non-thesis.

21 August 2019

TO: Director of Graduate Admissions

THROUGH: Graduate Council

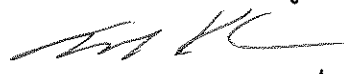
THROUGH: Dr. Karen Butler-Purry
Associate Provost, OGAPS

THROUGH: Dr. Mark Everett 
Associate Department Head for Graduate Affairs, GEPL

Dr. Inci Güneralp 
Graduate Director, GEOG

Dr. Chrissy Wiederwohl 
Assistant Department Head for Engagement and Graduate Affairs, OCNG

Dr. Istvan Szunyogh 
Graduate Director, ATMO

FROM: Dr. Andrew Klein 
Faculty program chair, MGsc-GEOG-online

Dr. Christian Brannstrom 
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Geosciences

SUBJECT: Programmatic elimination of standardized test for the MGsc (Master of Geoscience)

We request a waiver from mandatory standardized test results for admission into the Master of Geoscience (MGsc), a degree shared among academic departments in the College of Geosciences. This 36-hour non-thesis degree program has been fully online since August 2017. Successful applicants typically have significant professional workforce experience, which we solicit applicants to describe in the ApplyTexas application portal and AIS. In the course of reviewing applications, we have determined that standardized test results do not offer any additional insights into the suitability applicants for the MGsc.

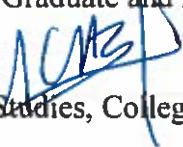
August 19, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Graduate Admissions

THROUGH: Graduate Council

THROUGH: Dr. Karen Butler-Perry
Associate Provost, Office of Graduate and Professional Studies

FROM: Dr. Carol Vargas-Bautista 
Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies, College of Medicine

SUBJECT: Elimination of the GRE requirement for MSCI applicants

The College of Medicine (COM) would like to request the removal of the GRE requirement in the admissions process for the graduate program in Medical Sciences. After thoughtful consideration among the COM graduate faculty and its majority of vote, it was decided that the GRE requirement is hindering our efforts to increase diversity and inclusion. The exam is an additional cost barrier for applicants from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Most importantly, numerous studies have shown that the GRE is one of the least predictive of success in doctoral degree programs. This requirement also may be an important factor in our low application rate and hurt future efforts, given that most of our peer programs across the nation and some in campus have already dropped the GRE. Consequently, the College of Medicine would like to formally eliminate the GRE requirement from the application to the graduate program in Medical Sciences. We appreciate your consideration and support in this initiative.