

TITLE Prerequisite change for Communication Studies Research Methods 1506.330

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DEPARTMENT Communication Study
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New non gen-ed Major

Short-Term non gen-ed

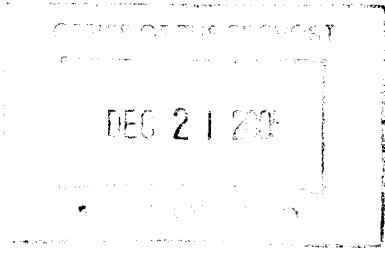
Minor curricular changes (fewer than three) to:

XXX Existing non gen-ed course

Non gen-ed degree requirements

Major

Minor, specialization, concentration, track, certificate program



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Details

- a. Change Requested: Prerequisite change for Communication Studies Research Methods (1506330)–
 - a. From : Communication Theory (0601300)
 - b. To: Communication Theory (0601300) and Intro to Communication Studies (0601220)
- b. Sponsor(s): Lorin Basden Arnold, Communication Studies

Rationale

The Department of Communication Studies curriculum begins with a course called Intro to Communication Studies. Currently, that course is not a prerequisite for Research Methods. This results in students taking the Methods class who do not have sufficient background knowledge about the Communication Studies field. Adding this prerequisite will solve this difficulty and improve the flow of students through the program.

This change will result in the prerequisites for Communication Studies Research Methods being changed from Communication Theory (0601300) to both Communication Theory (0601300) and Intro to Communication Studies (0601220). Having both of these classes before taking the research methods course will increase student success in the class and enable more discussion of methodology rather than review of the field and the theories being studied.

Results of Consultations

This prerequisite has the full support of the members of the Department of Communication Studies. Because these courses are almost exclusively taken by Communication Studies students, no additional consultations were deemed necessary.