

Course Title and Catalogue Description
Change Request

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Department - Elementary Education

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Old title and catalogue description:

0802.510

Children's Literature (Advanced)

Emphasis is placed on evaluating literature for children and youth which meet the criteria recommended in the course. Attention is also given to ways of assessing the development of esthetic appreciation. Major sources of children's literature are discussed.

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New title and catalogue description:

→ Current Issues and Trends in Children's Literature

This course surveys current issues and trends in children's literature. Problems encountered in modern children's book publication and selection are discussed. Opportunities are provided to examine and develop media related to children's literature, as well as to write and illustrate your own sample children's book.

No prerequisites are required for this course, although successful completion of an undergraduate course in children's literature is desirable.

Rationale -

1. The current course description is dated and vague.
2. The course constitutes an integral component of the newly designed graduate specialization in language arts. It is our intention to offer this course, upon approval of the specialization in language arts, as part of that program and to continue offering it as an elective in our masters degree program.
3. Course focus will shift to an issues approach. Several newly published textbooks will facilitate the shift, including the one currently employed as a text for Advanced Children's Literature: Masha K. Rudman's Children's Literature: An Issues Approach, Lexington, Massachusetts: D.C. Heath and Co., 1976.

Consultation - The Graduate Committee in the Department of Elementary Education and the members of Department of Elementary Education have approved these changes during the following meetings: March 10, 1978 - Graduate Committee approval and March 17, 1978 - Department approval.