

ROWAN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

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MINOR CHANGE

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PROPOSAL TITLE: COMPUTER FIELD EXPERIENCE (GRADING OPTIONS)

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATE 3-9 CREDIT HOURS

SPONSOR(S): JACK CIMPRICH

DEPARTMENT & TELEPHONE# COMPUTER SCIENCE

CHECK ONE:

- CHANGES IN APPROVED MINORS, SPECIALIZATIONS, CONCENTRATIONS
CATALOGUE DESCRIPTIONS AND/OR PREREQUISITE CHANGES
SMALL CHANGES IN COURSE CONTENT OF EXISTING COURSES WHICH DO NOT SUBSTANTIALLY VARY THE CURRICULUM
CHANGES IN HEGIS NUMBER

Approval steps: STEP #1 (DEPARTMENT), STEP #2 (SCHOOL), STEP #3 (ACADEMIC DEAN). Includes dates, signatures, and checkboxes for approval.

Approval steps: STEP #4 (CURRICULUM COMMITTEE), STEP #5 (EXECUTIVE VP/PROVOST). Includes SCC#, dates, and signatures.

Handwritten signature and date: B. Kelly 5/30/96

**Rowan College of New Jersey
Department of Computer Science**

**Minor Curricular Change
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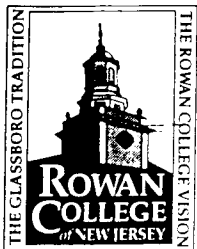
1. Details
 - a. Change grading options for Computer Field Experience (0799.300) to allow a pass/no credit grade to be given in the course. (Previously, students could only take this course for a regular grade: A, B, C, D, or F.)
 - b. Sponsor: Jack Cimprich

2. Rationale

See attached memo.

3. Consultants

Consultations are internal to the computer science department.



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Jack Cimprich
Computer Science Department

TO: Curriculum Committees (Department/College)
FROM: Jack Cimprich (sponsor) *Jack Cimprich*
COURSE: Computer Field Experience
CHANGE: (Grading Options)
DATE: 10/19/95

At a recent meeting of the Computer Science Department, the issue of what type of grades would be permitted in the Computer Field Experience course (#0799-300) was discussed and voted on. Traditionally, computer science courses could only be taken for a regular grade. The outcome of the department's vote was that both regular grades (A, B, C, D and F) as well as Pass/ No Credit (P/NC) were to be permitted for this course. Some of the reasons supporting this decision are:

1. The nature of this course is not a traditional classroom format.
2. Since this course may be taken for 3 to 9 credits for up to a maximum of 18 credits, there are situations where a Pass/No Credit grading would be preferable so as not to unreasonably skew a student's academic grade point average.
3. This course has been taught since its inception in 1975 with both grading systems (regular grades and Pass/NC). It's only in the last two years that the registrar's computer system has rejected the Pass/NC type of grading for this course because of the department's general policy against Pass/NC grading for its courses.
4. This course has also become the means of accomodating employment situations previously handled through the now defunct Co-op office where the Pass/NC option was permitted.
5. By agreement of the department, dean and registrar, the Pass/NC option will be allowed through the rest of FY '96. But formal approval will be required by the curriculum committee for extension to future semesters.

For all of the above reasons, I request that the Pass/NC option be permitted for this course.