

ROWAN COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

(P)

MINOR CHANGE

PROPOSAL TITLE: Rowan 101

UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATE CREDIT HOURS

SPONSOR(S): Dean Pearl Bartelt, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dr. Jay Chaskes, Coordinator of the First-Year Seminar Program

DEPARTMENT & TELEPHONE# 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) with signature lines and checkboxes for approval.

STEP #4 (CURRICULUM COMMITTEE) RECEIVED: 4-27-97, APPROVED, CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHR. SIGNATURE

STEP #5 EXE. VP/PROVOST APPROVED, SIGNATURE/DATE

REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE/DATE: [Signature] 4 June 97

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a. **Change Requested:** *When exceptions warrant such action, the Rowan 101 seminar could be offered in first-year level courses other than those designated as General Education. In particular, the Rowan 101 seminar could be offered, on a case by case basis, in courses required for first-year students in selected major programs. Such exceptions will only be made with the approval of the Curriculum Committee and the concurrence of the appropriate school deans.* Currently, the approval to offer courses as Rowan 101 seminars extends only to approved General Education courses.

b. **Sponsors:**

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### RATIONALE

a. **Statement of Need:** For students in some majors, it is difficult to easily accommodate a Rowan 101 seminar in their schedule. This situation results from the fact that a small number of majors require and/or recommend several courses during the first year, leaving students with limited scheduling flexibility. We wish to insure the maximum opportunity for these students to enroll in a Rowan 101 seminar during their first two semesters at the university.

b. **Curricular Effect:** Offering Rowan 101 seminars in courses required for first-year students in selected major programs will insure that these students will have ample opportunity to enroll in a seminar. In addition, it will be easier for the General Education Curriculum to carry the Rowan 101 Program and simultaneously make it less difficult to "front end load" the program during first semester. This policy change will potentially effect a small number of major programs.

The administrative structure of the program would remain the same. The program operates under the aegis of the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences while the program coordinator is responsible for its direct administration, faculty training and program evaluation. When the Rowan 101 Seminar is proposed to be offered in a required course for majors in a particular program, the Rowan 101 Seminar Coordinator will present the rationale and procedures for each exception to the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences and to the Curriculum Committee for their respective concurrence. In addition, if any such course is housed in a school other than the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the signed concurrence of that school dean will be required as well.

To: Ronald Czocho, Chair  
University Curriculum Committee

From: Jay Chaskes, Coordinator  
Freshman Seminar/Rowan 101

Date: 21 April 1997

Re: Freshman Engineering Clinic I as Rowan 101

Pursuant to the pending approval of the proposed minor curriculum change for the Freshman Seminar Program, I am requesting that **Freshman Engineering Clinic I** be designated as a Rowan 101 seminar for first-year engineering students. The first year of the engineering majors is prescribed with only one General Education elective available each semester. Given the limited schedule flexibility these students face, this is exactly the situation that the proposed minor change is meant to remedy. Both Dean Bartelt and Dean Tracy concur with this recommendation and their letters of concurrence will follow.