

WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
CHANGING THE GRADUATE CURRICULUM

**A. Notifications.**

The following types of curricular proposals are considered to be notifications. These proposals require notification of, but not action by Graduate Council. Submit on form entitled **Notifications**.

- The proposal is considered to be a Notification if the curricular change is for an individual course and the change proposed is one of the
- Change in course title,
- Change in course description,
- Change in prerequisites,
- Change in grading option,
- Reduction in course number,
- Change in course number within level, e.g. 610 to 650, or
- Increase in hours or credits in an independent study course.

A proposal for such a curricular change requires approval of only the department and college dean. The notification will be presented in writing at the next Graduate Council meeting as part of the agenda under Notifications. The notification is sent to A2C2 if the course is also offered to undergraduate students.

A department, with its dean's approval, may change up to two required courses within an existing major, minor, option, concentration, etc., per year without seeking approval of the Graduate Council, provided that (1) the total credits do not increase or decrease for the major, minor, option, concentration, etc., and (2) the change does not affect other departments. Such a change is also considered to be a notification and is submitted on the form **Notifications**. However, if such a change affects other departments, then the proposal will be considered a new or revised course or program proposal.

The department will the Graduate Council with the original form and one copy at least one week prior to the meeting at which the department wishes the proposal to be considered.

**B. Proposals for New Courses.**

Use form **Proposal for New Courses**. Supply all information according to the directions found on the form. Include a **Financial and Staffing Data Sheet** and an **Approval Form**. The department will supply A2C2 and/or Graduate Council with the original forms and the appropriate number of copies of the forms at least one week prior to the meeting at which the department wishes the proposal to be considered.

**C. Proposals for Revised Courses.**

If the proposed curricular change requires A2C2 and/or graduate Council approval, i.e., not considered a notification, use form **Proposal for Revised Courses**. Follow directions given on the form and include an **Approval Form**. The department will supply A2C2 and/or Graduate Council with the original forms and the appropriate number of copies of the forms at least one week prior to the meeting at which the department wishes the proposal to be considered.

**D. Proposals for Revised Programs.**

Use form **Proposal for Revised Programs**. Supply all information requested on the form and include a **Financial and Staffing Data Sheet** and an **Approval Form**. The department will supply A2C2 and/or Graduate Council with the original forms and the appropriate number of copies of the forms at least seven (7) contract days before the A2C2 meeting or Graduate Council meeting at which the department wishes the proposal to be considered.

**E. Proposals for New Programs.**

Proposals for new programs will be submitted as required by MnSCU regulations.

**F. Proposals for Discontinuation (Banking) of a Program or Course.**

See WSU Regulation 3-19. Supply all information requested on the form. The department will supply the graduate council with the original form and one copy.

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CHECKLIST FOR CURRICULAR CHANGE PROPOSALS  
GRADUATE EDUCATION

**Course or Program** \_\_\_\_\_

This checklist enables Graduate Council representatives to endorse that their departments have accurately followed the Process for Accomplishing Curricular Change.

Note: This form need not be completed for notifications nor should it be included in proposal copies.

1. The appropriate forms and the "Approval Form" have been completed in full for this proposal. All necessary or relevant descriptions, rationales, and notifications have been provided.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Completed
2. The "Financial and Staffing Data Sheet" has been completed and is enclosed in this proposal, if applicable.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Completed \_\_\_\_\_ NA
3. Arrangements have been made so that a department representative knowledgeable of this proposal will be attending both the Course and Program Proposal Subcommittee meeting and the full Graduate Council meeting at which this proposal is considered.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Name and office phone number of proposal's representative: \_\_\_\_\_
4. The course name and number is listed for each prerequisite involved in this proposal.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Completed \_\_\_\_\_ NA
5. In this proposal for a new or revised program, the following information for each required or elective course is provided:
  - a) The course name and number.
  - b) A brief course description.
  - c) A brief statement explaining why the program should include the course.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Completed \_\_\_\_\_ NA
6. This course or program revision proposal:
  - a) Clearly identifies each proposed change.
  - b) Displays the current requirements next to the proposed new requirements, for clear, easy comparison.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Completed \_\_\_\_\_ NA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department's Graduate Council Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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NOTIFICATIONS

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If the proposed curricular change involves existing courses and is considered a Notification, complete and submit this form. Refer to Regulation 3-4, *Policy for Changing the Curriculum*, for complete information on submitting proposals for curricular changes.

**Please check type of change(s):**

Reduction in course number  
Change in course title  
Change in prerequisites

Change in grading option  
Change in course description  
Change in course number within level (e.g. 510 to 550)

Change in hours or credits in an IDS course  
Change in existing major, option, concentration,

A. **Current** Course Information

Course No. \_\_\_\_\_ Course Title \_\_\_\_\_ Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Applies to \_\_\_\_\_ Major  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Required  
\_\_\_\_\_ Elective

Prerequisites \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade only      \_\_\_\_\_ P/NC only      \_\_\_\_\_ Grade and P/NC Option

Frequency of offering \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed** Course Information. (Please indicate only proposed changes below.)

Course No. \_\_\_\_\_ Course Title \_\_\_\_\_ Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Prerequisites \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade only      \_\_\_\_\_ P/NC only      \_\_\_\_\_ Grade and P/NC Option

Effective date (normally the next semester) \_\_\_\_\_

- B. If the proposal requests a change in the course description, please attach a description of the change requested and list both the current and proposed course description. If the proposal requests a change in an existing major, option, concentration, etc., please attach a description of the change(s) requested and list both the current and proposed program listings.

*Approved by the Department* \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail address

*Approval of College Dean* \_\_\_\_\_  
Dean of College \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Presented at Graduate Council* \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Chair of Graduate Council \_\_\_\_\_

*Submitted to Registrar on* \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Registrar: Please notify department chair via e-mail that Notification has been recorded.

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PROPOSALS FOR NEW GRADUATE COURSES

DIRECTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT

This form, *Proposal for New Courses*, is to be used to submit course proposals for any new undergraduate or graduate course. Read the directions below for information on providing course descriptions and impact of approval on other departments. The department must include a *Financial and Staffing Data Sheet* and an *Approval Form* with this proposal. Copies of each of these forms are attached. Refer to Regulation 3-4, *Policy for Changing the Curriculum*, for complete information on submitting proposals for curricular changes.

Provide the following information when submitting a new course proposal.

A. Provide a description of the course. This description must include the following information.

1. Description of the course as it will appear in the WSU graduate catalog.
2. Syllabus or course outline of the major topics, themes, subtopics, etc., to be covered in the course.
3. Statement of the basic instructional plan and methods used (for example: lectures, discussion, etc.)
4. Course requirements (papers, lab work, projects, etc.) and means of evaluation.
5. List of course materials. This list may include textbooks, articles, monographs, software, etc.
6. Bibliography, including author, title, date, for a reasonable number of scholarly materials such as articles and books.

The above course description does not preclude future revisions of course content, texts used, methods of instruction and forms of evaluation.

B. Provide a rationale for the new course. The rationale should include the following item.

1. Statement of the major focus and objectives of the course.
2. Statement specifying how this course will contribute to the departmental curriculum.
3. Courses which may be dropped, if any, if this course is implemented.

C. Provide a statement of the impact of this course on other departments, programs, majors, and minors.

1. Clearly state the impact of this course on courses taught in other departments. Does this course duplicate the content of any other course? Is there an effect on prerequisites?
2. Would approval of this course change the total number of credits required by any major or minor of any department? If so, the department must indicate which departments are affected and explain carefully the effects of the course.
3. If this course has an impact on any other department or any program, it is the responsibility of the department submitting the course proposal to send written notification to the department(s) or program(s) affected. State clearly which other programs are affected by this proposal and whether the other departments have been notified and/or consulted.

Note: If any of the requested information is missing, the proposal will not be reviewed by the Graduate Council, and will instead be returned to the department.

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PROPOSAL FOR NEW GRADUATE COURSES

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Course No. \_\_\_\_\_ Course Name \_\_\_\_\_ Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Applies to: \_\_\_\_\_ Major  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Required  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Elective

Prerequisites \_\_\_\_\_

Grading method \_\_\_\_\_ Grade only      \_\_\_\_\_ P/NC only      \_\_\_\_\_ Grade and P/NC Option

Frequency of offering \_\_\_\_\_

Provide the following information (attach materials to this proposal):

**A. Course Description**

1. Catalog description.
2. Course outline of the major topics and subtopics.
3. Basic instructional plan and methods.
4. Course requirements (papers, lab work, projects, etc.) and means of evaluation.
5. Course materials (textbook(s), articles, etc.).
6. List of references.

**B. Rationale**

1. Statement of the major focus and objectives of the course.
2. Specify how this new course contributes to the departmental curriculum.
3. Indicate any course(s) which may be dropped if this course is approved.

**C. Impact of this Course on other Departments, Programs, Majors, or Minors**

1. Does this course increase or decrease the total credits required by a major of any other department? If so, which department(s)?
2. List the departments, if any, which have been consulted about this proposal.

Attach a *Financial and Staffing Data Sheet*.

Attach an *Approval Form*.

Department Contact Person for this Proposal:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail address



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PROPOSAL FOR REVISED AND NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Note: A department, with its dean's approval, may change up to **two courses per year** within an existing major, concentration, option, etc., per year without seeking review of the Graduate Council, provided that the total credits do not increase or decrease for the major, concentration, option, etc. The Graduate Council does, however, wish to be informed of these changes. Use form **Notifications**.

If a department wishes to make more extensive revisions to an existing major, concentration, option, etc., complete and submit this form with the appropriate number of copies. Refer to Regulation 3-4, **Policy for Changing the Curriculum**, for complete information on submitting proposals for curricular changes.

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Revised: \_\_\_\_\_ Major    \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration    \_\_\_\_\_ Option    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

New: \_\_\_\_\_ Major    \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration    \_\_\_\_\_ Option    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Total credit hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Implementation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach to this proposal a narrative with the following information:**

- A. Statement of major focus and objectives of the revised program.
- B. New Catalog Content
  - 1. Provide a list of program content as it would appear in the catalog including required courses, electives, etc., by number and name. Include the number and name for each prerequisite, and all prerequisites of proposed prerequisites. All such prerequisites should be included in the total credit hour calculations for the revised program.
  - 2. New catalog narrative, if any.
- C. Description of Revisions, to include
  - 1. A display of current program requirements next to proposed new requirements for clear, easy comparison.
  - 2. A clear identification of each proposed change.
  - 3. The following information for each required or elective course:
    - a. Course number and name,
    - b. A brief course description, and
    - c. A brief statement explaining why the program should include the course.

Attach a **Financial and Staffing Data Sheet**.

Attach an **Approval Form**.

Department Contact Person for this Proposal:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail address



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APPROVAL FORM  
GRADUATE STUDIES

Routing form for new and revised courses and programs. Course or Program \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Department Recommendation</b>		
_____	_____	_____
Department Chair	Date	e-mail address
<b>Dean's Recommendation</b> _____ Approved                      _____ Disapproved		
_____	_____	
Dean of College	Date	
<b>Graduate Council Recommendation</b> _____ Approved                      _____ Disapproved		
_____	_____	
Chair of Graduate Council	Date	
_____	_____	
Director of Graduate Studies	Date	
<b>Faculty Senate Recommendation</b> _____ Approved                      _____ Disapproved		
_____	_____	
President of Faculty Senate	Date	
<b>Academic Vice President Recommendation</b> _____ Approved                      _____ Disapproved		
_____	_____	
Academic Vice President	Date	
<b>Registrar's Office</b>		
_____	_____	
Registrar	(date entered into the computer)	
Please notify department chair via e-mail that curricular change has been recorded.		