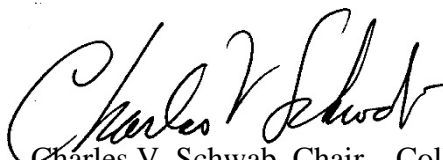


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January 12, 2017

TO: Graduate Curriculum and Catalog Committee



FROM: Charles V. Schwab, Chair – College Curriculum Committee

RE: Changes to C DEV 520 course

Cc: Dr. Francis Owusu, Chair, Community and Regional Planning
Dr. David Acker, Associate Dean – Academic and Global Programs

This memo conveys the wishes of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences curriculum committee that supports the requested change to C DEV 520 Orientation in Community Development from 1 credit in the 2017-2018 catalog to 2 credits. It would be wonderful to have this change completed before students begin registering for the 2017 fall semester.

Attached to this document are the various documents about this request. The first document is the request that was made to the Community and Regional Planning Curriculum Committee by Dr. Tim Borich. The second document is the response from the chair of the Community and Regional Planning Curriculum Committee that supports the change. The third document is the email from Dr. Francis Owusu, chair of the Department of Community & Regional Planning, requesting a credit change for C DEV 520. These represent the proper workflow for requesting this changes before forwarding to the GCCC.

It is important to make a point of clarification about the proper workflow for authorization of course and curriculum program changes for Community Development. Currently the authorization for this program is routed through the college of Agriculture and Life Sciences curriculum committee. I cannot describe the history of how this came to pass but I am following the structure that is currently in place.

If you have any questions please contact me at 4-4131 or cvschwab@iastate.edu.

Date: September 20, 2015

To: Community and Regional Planning Curriculum Committee

From: Tim Borich
CRP CDEV Coordinator
Associate Professor

RE: Increasing CDEV 520 Orientation Class from One Credit to Two Credits

In January, 2014 representatives of the five universities involved in the GPIDEA Masters of Community Development Program voted to increase the orientation course from one credit to two credits. The basic rationale at that time to vote for the change was the course was covering more material than would be expected within a one credit course and that a two-credit course would help first year students to better qualify at a number of the participating institutions for financial aid.

The course is entitled at Iowa State University as CDEV 520: Orientation in Community Development, but is numbered differently at the other four institutions. Detailed information is limited as to the need for the change, but it has been filed or completed at the other four campuses.

UNL: "The faculty decided to introduce students to theoretical frameworks that apply to CD earlier in the program. There will be an increase in course work and students are now expected to do more in the course."

KSU: "The basic rationale at that time to vote for the change was the course was covering more material and a two credit course would help first year students to better qualify at a number of the participating institutions for financial aid."

NDSU: "I submitted an application form along with Mary's new syllabus. Mary has additional books/articles that the students are to read for the 2-credit version of the course. I simply mentioned in my application that there would be additional readings and projects."

SDSU: "The CD faculty decided at the January faculty retreat to raise the credits in this course to 2. We want to introduce students to theoretical frameworks that apply to CD earlier in their program. We also want those working full time and applying for aid to reach the 5-credit threshold with a reasonable course load. Under the current circumstances to get aid, they have to sign up for three courses

(3+3+1) which is too much for those going part-time. We anticipate this change will make the program fit into student's schedules better and increase our retention rates slightly."

Mary Emery has taught the course at SDSU for a number of years. I have submitted both this year's syllabus and last year's syllabus to the committee. However, it is my understanding that this application is a result of an evolution of the course, and changes noted within the past two years may not truly reflect the variation from the original one-credit version to the current two-credit version.

Please let me know if you require any further information on this request.

From: Jane Rongerude <jrong@iastate.edu>
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 8:22 AM
To: Francis Owusu <fowusu@iastate.edu>
Subject: CDev credit change

Dear Francis,

The curriculum committee met on January 11, 2017 and again voted to support the credit change of CDev 520 from one credit to two credits. Please let me know if you need any further documentation regarding this issue.

Best,
Jane

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From: <Owusu>, "Francis Y [C R P]" <fowusu@iastate.edu>

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 4:52 PM

To: "Graves, William R [G COL]" <graves@iastate.edu>

Cc: "Borich, Timothy O [VPEO]" <borich@iastate.edu>

Subject: FW: Curriculum Questions

Dear Bill,

Could you please send email to Shawna Saad (ssaad@iastate.edu) to authorize the change in credits for C. Dev 520 from 1 credit to 2 credits? This change has been approved by the C Dev Coordinating Committee.

Thank you and let me know if you have any questions.

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