# Curriculum Proposal

**CSS-ED_20-21 #13**

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Form 1

Curriculum Modification Summary

College: Arts, Education and Humanities
Department: Professional Education
Proposer: Jessamay Pesek
Co-Sponsors: John Ellis and Porter Coggins

Proposer’s position: Associate Professor and PEDL Coordinator
Describe the modification(s) you propose, and how it (/they) will work to students' advantage. (This description and explanation will be included in Curriculum Report packets forwarded to the Faculty Senate.):

After discussions with department members of geography, history, and professional education, we propose to move a course that has been housed in the Geography Department: GEOG 3460/5460 Teaching of Middle and Secondary School Social Studies to the Professional Education Department. This is a required course for all social studies education 5-12 licensure candidates and required for students seeking a B.S. in social studies education. We propose this change because: 1) reduction in faculty in geography with shortage of qualified faculty to teach the course, 2) the current HLC and PERCA approved instructor is a faculty member who plans to teach this course moving forward is part of the professional education department, and 3) having the course in professional education will serve as an opportunity for the course instructor, social studies program leader, and assessment director to make changes to the course as needed based on assessment data and edTPA student performance. In addition, this course includes a key assessment to measure program performance that is reported to the MN licensing board.

Note: The Professional Education Department is submitting another curriculum change this semester, which will require the middle level social studies endorsement students to take this course in the future.

Modifications proposed (specify number of each):
___1__ Course Modification(s) (form 2)
_____ New Course(s) (form 3)
_____ Course Drop(s) (form 4)
_____ Program Modification(s) (form 5)
_____ New Program(s) (form 6)
_____ Program Drop(s) (form 7)

The modifications affect (check):
___Liberal Education
___X__ Undergraduate Curriculum
___X__ Graduate Curriculum
___X_Teacher Licensure Program(s)
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Form 2
Updated 9.19.15

Course Modification Form

Current Course Number(s):
   Undergraduate: GEOG 3460
   Graduate: GEOG 5460
Proposed Course Number(s), if different:
   Undergraduate: ED 3580
   Graduate: ED 5580

Current Course Title: Teaching of Middle and Secondary School Social Studies
Proposed Course Title, if different:

Current Course Description: Objectives, activities, methods, and materials in teaching social studies in grades 5-12. Additional laboratory time is required. Prerequisite: ED 3110.
Proposed Course Description, if different:

Current Credits: 4 credits
Proposed Credits, if different:

Current Prerequisite(s):
   Undergraduate: ED 3110
   Graduate: ED 5110
Proposed Prerequisite(s), if different:
   Undergraduate:
   Graduate:

1) Reason(s) for change(s): GEOG 3/5460 is a required course for all social studies education 5-12 licensure candidates and required for all students seeking a B.S. social studies educational degree. It has been housed in geography, but due to a reduction in faculty in geography, the course is no longer covered by geography faculty. We propose this course be moved to the professional education department as this is a course required for social studies education teaching majors, the current faculty member (Jessamay Pesek) teaching the course works within the professional education, and having the course housed in professional education presents a better opportunity for the current content coordinator/program lead (John Ellis) and education department to collaborate on who teaches the courses and to make any necessary changes related to MN state licensure requirements.

We were not able to keep the same course number since it was in previous use. The course number ED 3580/5580 was available.
2) May this modified course replace the current course for students remaining in the old curriculum? Yes ___X___ No ______ If not, please drop the current course and submit a new course form for the modification.

3) Do these modifications change any of the following? For all Yes answers, please provide updated information on the next page.
   - Student Learning Outcomes Yes _____ No ___X___
   - Major Content Areas Yes ___X___ No ____
   - Projected Maximum Class Size (Cap) Yes _____ No ___X___

   Note: Major Content areas were missing from the curriculum file and will be added:
   - Teaching Methods for 5-12 grades Social Studies classroom
   - Appropriate content methods and assessment practices

4) Current Course fee(s) per student: $ 0
   for:
   Proposed Course fee(s) per student, if different: $ ___
   for:

5) Service Areas:
   This course is a requirement or an elective in the programs/areas listed below. To locate where this course appears please search the online catalog, as follows:
   a) go to http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/catalog/ and choose the most recent catalog(s),
   b) click on “Areas of Study, and Course Descriptions,”
   c) click on “PDF of Entire Catalog” in upper right,
   d) press Ctrl F, and enter the prefix and number of the course(s) from this form.

   Non-licensure programs:
   - Teacher Licensure programs: X
   - Social Studies Education, B.S. major (Teacher Licensure)

   Liberal Education:

   The above “service area” programs/departments were notified of this modification on ________ (date) by ____________________ (mail, email, or phone).

   Please check one of the items below:

   ______ No comments were received from other programs or departments within one week of the notification.

   ___X___ Comments were received within one week of the notification, and are attached.
Comments:

From: Ueland, Jeffrey S <jeffrey.ueland@minnstate.edu>
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 8:07 AM
To: Isaacson, Carl W <Carl.Isaacson@bemidjistate.edu>; Ellis, John P <John.Ellis@bemidjistate.edu>
Cc: Pesek, Jessamay T <Jessamay.Pesek@bemidjistate.edu>; Jones, Samantha M <Samantha.Jones@bemidjistate.edu>; Lawrence, Mark <Mark.Lawrence@bemidjistate.edu>
Subject: RE: Social Studies Methods Course

You might run into some trouble trying to run this as an experimental while there is the course you hope to replace on the books. Run it in geography until you get the paperwork through and then we could drop the course. That being said, I will always defer to Mark on both the fate and approach we should take on this class as he has the strongest knowledge base in this area and has taught it for us in the past.

- jeff ueland

From: Isaacson, Carl W <Carl.Isaacson@bemidjistate.edu>
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Subject: RE: Social Studies Methods Course

John,

Sorry for the slow response.

Yes, Geography is part of the Center for Sustainability Studies and I am the chair of the Center.

I support Geography’s wishes on moving this course to a new department. If Porter is willing to try to arrange an experimental course, that seems to be the most expedient way to get this course a new home. If we aren’t able to make that happen we can offer it under the Geography prefix for one more year, but if we do that we will probably need to find an adjunct as faculty workloads are tight in Geography.

Geography people: please chime in if you have a different take on this situation.

All the best,
Carl
Hi Carl,

I am unclear about the organizational setup of the Geography program. Are you the chair of the department in which Geography is lodged? Thank you for clarifying!

I ask because I am reaching out to Geography to determine how it wants to handle the future of GEOG 3460/5460 (Social Studies Methods). Jeff Ueland has indicated that he supports moving this course to another department. The instructor of this course, Jessamay Pesek, also supports this move. I agree with Jeff’s rationale. It is logical for the course to be under a different prefix because a Geographer is no longer instructing the course.

Since Jessamay is in the Education department, I support the idea of moving Methods to Education. Jessamay contacted Porter Coggins, and he is willing to add the course. In order to submit the course modification form needed to make the change, we will need Geography's approval. Do you and the Geography program support this move?

It is unlikely that the course modification will make it through the curriculum approval process in time for students to register for a Fall 2021 course section. Since the course must be offered in Fall 2021, I believe there are two options. Either it could be offered under the old Geography prefix, or I could ask Porter if he is willing to add it as an experimental course under an Education prefix. Please let me know Geography's preference. Either way, I will secure funding to teach the course from MaryTheresa before going ahead. (An adjunct must instruct the course in Fall 2021 because Jessamay will be on sabbatical.)

Thank you for answering my questions as soon as possible. Since the course schedules for the next academic year are due in November, I need to know Geography's answers very soon, so I can move forward with the necessary paperwork and contact MaryTheresa about funding.

Thank you for your help!

John Ellis
Associate Professor of History
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Subject: Re: Information about GEOG needed.

John,

After chatting with Mark, it does seem like it will be difficult for Geography to offer this class at our current staffing levels. That being said, it is a geography prefix so there are some obligations in terms of scheduling and how it is costed that goes with that designation. I would offer, and this is my own opinion which I have not discussed at length with the department, that a possible course of action is to drop this as a geography prefix and put it under a different department if we are not able to field the course any more. If that is something that does not seem like a good way to go for you or CSS then we need to talk about a process to address how this class is funded and scheduled. This is a discussion that has gone on several times over the 12 years I have been at BSU, so we can tee it up again if needed. Either way, it is probably worth coming up with a long-term solution moving forward that works for you, the social studies program and CSS.

In response to your other question, Jenny Lanz is a social studies teacher at Trek North that we had asked to teach the class this spring. This would have been her first time teaching the course. I can pass her information on to you if you are looking for a candidate this fall and are interested. She would likely be a good fit for the covering in an adjunct capacity.

Thanks and I hope all is well - Jeff Ueland
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Form 8
Updated: 09.18.15

Signatures

__ Jessamay Pesek / Associate Professor / 10.26.2020__________________________
Proposer / Title / Date

__ Porter Coggins / Professional Education / 10.26.2020__________________________
Chair or Director / Department or Program / Date

__ Carl Isaacson / Center for Sustainability Studies / 10.27.2020__________________________
Chair or Director / Department or Program / Date

Note: "All departmental recommendations [on curriculum] must be reviewed and approved by the department's faculty." --IFO/MnSCU Master Agreement 2009-2011, 20.A.3 (p. 80).

__ Jim White / Individual and Community Health / 11.02.2020__________________________
Dean / College / Date

__ Mary Theresa Seig / Arts, Education and Humanities / 11.02.2020__________________________
Dean / College / Date

Note: If proposal is sent back to the Proposer, please notify the Curriculum Coordinator. If approved, packet goes to Academic Affairs Office.