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Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete all information. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and/or program proposal.

1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Course Prefix Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Course Deletion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision | <input type="checkbox"/> Course Number and/or Title Change | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catalog Description Change |

Current course prefix, number and full title: JRNL 493 Internship

Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing:

2. Liberal Studies Course Designations, as appropriate

This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course (please mark the appropriate categories below)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Global and Multicultural Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Across the Curriculum (W Course) |
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Liberal Studies Elective (please mark the designation(s) that applies – must meet at least one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Global Citizenship | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Literacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative Reasoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific Literacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Technological Literacy |

3. Other Designations, as appropriate

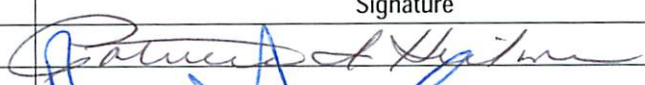
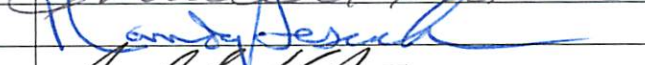
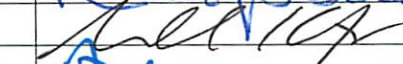
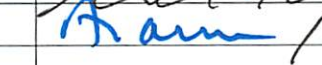
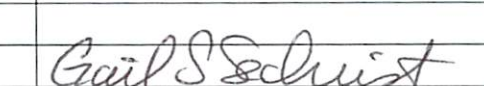
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Honors College Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (e.g. Women's Studies, Pan African) |
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4. Program Proposals

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Catalog Description Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Revision | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Title Change | <input type="checkbox"/> New Track |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Degree Program | <input type="checkbox"/> New Minor Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Liberal Studies Requirement Changes | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Current program name:

Proposed program name, if changing:

5. Approvals	Signature	Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)		10-14-12
Department Chairperson(s)		10-25-12
College Curriculum Committee Chair		10/29/12
College Dean		10/29/12
Director of Liberal Studies (as needed)		
Director of Honors College (as needed)		
Provost (as needed)		
Additional signature (with title) as appropriate		
UWUCC Co-Chairs		11/27/12

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II. Description of Curriculum Change

1. Course Description

JRNL 493 Internship

var-6-12cr

Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in JRNL 102, 105, 220, 328, 347, 400; 2.3 overall QPA and 2.5 QPA in the major; department approval

On-the-job training opportunities in journalism and related areas.

Maximum of 6cr may be applied to 34cr minimum of major.

2. Summary of Changes

Prerequisite change from “Grade of C or better in JRNL102, 105, 220, 328; departmental approval” to “Grade of C or better in JRNL 102, 105, 220, 328, 347, 400; 2.3 overall QPA and 2.5 QPA in the major; department approval”

JRNL 493 Internship

var-6-12cr

Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in JRNL 102, 105, 220, 328; department approval

On-the-job training opportunities in journalism and related areas.

Maximum of 6cr may be applied to 30cr minimum of major.

3. Rationale for change

The internship prerequisites had always included successful completion (Grade of C or higher) in each of the major’s required courses. With the addition of two more required courses in the major (for a total of four additional credits), the prerequisites have increased to include those two additions. JRNL400 actually prepares students for applying for both jobs and internships and JRNL347 Journalism Law and Ethics is crucial for students operating in the professional world.

Since the internship in journalism is an elective, not a requirement, the faculty expect students to achieve at a higher level in the classroom as evidence of their ability to perform well in the professional world. The number of internship sites that seek out our interns is indicative of the success of this higher bar. Therefore, the department has codified in the prerequisites the overall and major QPAs required for the internship experience in journalism.