Proposal to Change Degree Requirements For the Major

**NOTE:** All gray text boxes must be completed (even if you just put N/A into them), otherwise the committee must consider the form incomplete.

1. Department: **Communication**

2. Degree: **B.A. (Concentration in Communication Studies)**

3. Semester and year in which degree change(s) will go into effect: **Fall 2010**

4. Change(s) Desired (Note: if the change includes deleting courses from the inventory, a Delete Course form must also be completed for each course, the Curriculum Committee does not assume the responsibility to delete the course):
   Delete all references to COMM 330: Advanced Oral Interpretation.

5. Justification for Change(s):
   Following the retirement of certain faculty in the department, this course will no longer be offered. Continuing to list the course in our catalog is deceptive and unfair to our current and prospective students. While courses in the oral interpretation of literature are taught in many communication programs, our department will no longer support advanced coursework in this area. Our decision in this matter is a candid recognition of the limited instructional resources available to our department. This change will not cause any delays for students who are completing their major requirements in COMM.

6. Does the change include deleting or adding courses from other departments? If yes, what department/program? Please contact the department chair/program director and request a note or email that they are aware of the proposed change and include that note with the proposal.
   **No.**
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6. Signature of Department Chair (s) or Program Director(s):  
Date: 9/23/09

7. Signature of Dean(s) of School:  
Date: 9/23/09

8. Signature of Provost:  
Date:

9. Signature of Curriculum Committee Chair:  
Date: 11/25/09

10. Signature of Budget Committee Chair:  
Date:

11. Signature of Planning Committee Chair:  
Date:

12. Signature of Faculty Senate Secretary:  
Date approved by Senate:

Completed form should be sent by the Faculty Senate Secretary to the Registrar. After implementation, information concerning the passed course and program changes will be provided by the Registrar to all faculty and staff on campus.

This form was approved by FCC on 2/17/2009 and replaces all others.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Cynthia Lowenthal, Dean
   School of Humanities and Social Sciences

FROM: Dr. Brian R. McGee, Chair

DATE: September 23, 2009

SUBJECT: Course Change and Deletion Proposals

Attached are proposals to delete an undergraduate course (COMM 330: Advanced Oral Interpretation) and to change a course (COMM 214: Mass Media). Because the changes to COMM 214 are substantive, a new course proposal is required.

The deletion of COMM 330 from our major description, minor description, and course inventory is a response to a strategic decision made several years ago. While many communication programs support instruction in this area, we have decided we will not offer advanced courses in oral interpretation. We need to focus our resources in other areas.

The changes proposed here to COMM 214 will make the course description consistent with the contemporary media environment. In addition, these changes will eliminate references to the now-defunct ENGL 101 and 102 as course prerequisites. Finally, these changes would include the long-delayed inclusion of COMM 214 among courses meeting general-education requirements in the social sciences.

These proposals address short-term needs and are separate from the comprehensive curricular reforms on which our department continues to work.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about these proposals. Thanks as always for your support of our department.