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Subject: Catalog Changes to COED Graduate Section of Catalog

Mary,

Attached is the revised text of the catalog changes that we discussed based on the consensus reached this morning in the meeting that involved the department chairs, Dr. Gonzalez, and me. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank you very much for your help.

Juan Lira

1. *Major-Minor Requirements:* Eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) hours in a major subject and twelve (12) to fifteen (15) hours in a minor or specialized area. Electives are taken to complete the thirty-six (36) hours for the degree.
2. *Prerequisites (Stemwork):* Eighteen (18) hours of education course work, including twelve (12) advanced hours. For each minor: twelve (12) hours of undergraduate work, including six (6) advanced hours. The College of Education, however, retains the right to examine the applicant's prerequisites and to accept certain equivalent hours or to require additional work.
3. *Thesis:* The graduate student is expected to complete a thesis related to the major field of study. Graduate students in the College of Education may choose from a thesis or non-thesis track where available. Non-thesis track students will be required to write a major paper as prescribed by the department. Both thesis and non-thesis track students will be required to enroll in a Research Design course. Thesis track students will be expected to complete **and successfully defend** a thesis related to the major field of study and enroll in a thesis writing course offered by the ~~department in which they are receiving their degree~~ **College of Education.**
4. *Comprehensive Examination:* A comprehensive examination shall be passed by the candidate covering the major field. ~~and the Thesis.~~ The passing score will be valid for one year. Students majoring in Bilingual Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Early Childhood Education or Reading and admitted Fall 2007 or after will be required to pass both a written and oral comprehensive exam **in the major and minor fields of study** to satisfy degree requirements. **All other master's degrees in the College of Education will require an oral comprehensive examination that may or may not be based on a written comprehensive examination.**
5. *A Second Master's Degree:* Students shall not be permitted to apply the same course credit to more than one master's degree. To be admitted, students must satisfy all admission requirements including satisfying the GRE.
6. *Undergraduate Courses for Graduate Credit:* With the permission of the faculty advisor, up to six (6) credit hours of 4000-level courses, as indicated in the course descriptions, may be taken for graduate credit hours in the entire degree plan. These courses must include extra work over and above regular undergraduate syllabus requirements. Such work shall be prearranged with the course instructor.