



**EFFECTIVE CATALOG YEAR** 2011-2012

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: \_\_\_\_\_

**Course:** Add: \_\_\_\_\_ Delete: \_\_\_\_\_ Change: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

(Check all that apply) SCH \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_ Prerequisite \_\_\_\_\_

**New Course to be used in:** Major \_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_ Elective \_\_\_

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, lecture/lab (hours if applicable) and **student learning outcomes**. If in current online catalog, provide change, attach page with changes in red, and provide a brief justification.

**Program:** Add: \_\_\_\_\_ Change: \_\_\_\_\_ Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach page with changes in red.

**Minor:** Add: \_\_\_\_\_ Delete: \_\_\_\_\_ Change: \_\_\_\_\_ Attach new/changed minor. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach page with changes in red.

**College Introductory Pages:** Add information: \_\_\_\_\_ Change information: X \_\_\_\_\_ Attach new/changed information. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach page with changes in red.

**Change the statement on Page 135 of the current catalog to no longer accept a grade lower than a “C” for any coursework on a student’s degree plan. (as described on the next page)**

**Other:** Add information: \_\_\_\_\_ Change information: \_\_\_\_\_ Attach new/changed information. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach page with changes in red.

Approvals:	Signature	Date
Chair Department Curriculum Committee	_____	_____
Chair Department	_____	_____
Chair College Curriculum Committee	_____	_____
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UCC Proposal to require a "C" or better for all courses in the degree plan  
Required of all students in the 2011-2012 catalog and later

The 2010-2011 University Catalog (page 135) has the following statement. **Proposed changes are in red.**

To be eligible for the Blocks, students must be admitted to the Educator Preparation Program by satisfying the following requirements:

- complete an Application for Admission to the College of Education in the Certification Office.
- an overall GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale;
- passing scores on all portions of the THEA, with minimum scores of 240 on Reading, 250 on Math, and 240 on Writing. The Alternative THEA, COMPASS, or the ACT may be used to satisfy the THEA requirement.
- a passing score on the SPEAK test of English oral proficiency;
- complete all freshman and sophomore level coursework **with a grade of "C" or better for all courses in the student's degree plan.**

To be eligible to enroll in EDCI 4993 Student Teaching, the student must fulfill the following:

- meet all the criteria for admission to educator preparation;
- have a cumulative overall GPA of 2.7 and a cumulative GPA of 2.7 in the teaching field;
- complete all **degree plan Professional Development** courses with a grade of "C" or better;
- submit an application for Student Teaching in the office of the Director.

Justification: The Title II reports and others show that TAMIU COE students have one of the lowest pass rates in Texas on the certification exams, especially in the content areas. The majority of our students are taking an EC-6 Generalist exam, and very few of them pass all domains (I. English Language Arts/Reading, II. Math, III. Social Studies, IV. Science, V. Physical Education, Health, Fine Arts). The accountability schedule for teacher preparation programs has already been shortened from 27 months to 12 month, so our students will have less time for remediation after graduation. It is important that students be academically strong from the day of graduation so they will have a better chance of passing their certification exams. Requiring a "C" or better will help students to aim higher in their studies and to be better prepared to teach content to their future students.