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Course: Add: Delete:
(check all that apply) Change: Number Title SCH Description Prerequisite

Response Required: New course will be part of major minor as a required
or elective course

Response Required: New course will introduce , reinforce , or apply concepts

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, **Measurable** Student Learning Outcomes, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, and lecture/lab hours if applicable. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red and provide a brief justification.

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

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The Graduate Council approved a change in our policy concerning Comprehensive Exams. First, they decided to take the following section from the catalog, which currently applies to COAS, and apply it to the whole university. They also decided to allow the students to only retake the comprehensive exam once, as opposed to twice.

Here is the current wording:

CATALOG - Item number 7(COAS)

Written Comprehensive Examination: A comprehensive examination shall be passed by the candidate covering the major and minor fields, and each will be VALID FOR ONE YEAR. Exams will be given each long semester. If the exam is **failed three times**, the entire program will need to be repeated.

The new wording, which should appear in the general section, is as follows:

Written Comprehensive Examination: A comprehensive examination shall be passed by the candidate covering the major and minor fields, and each will be VALID FOR ONE YEAR. Exams will be given each long semester. **A student who fails to pass one or more questions of the exam will be allowed one chance to repeat and pass the exam.**

Changed "chance" to "opportunity" as per e-mail from J. Brown.

The Grad Handbook states the following:

Each faculty member who has submitted a question will judge whether the student has responded sufficiently well to that question to deserve a passing grade, and this judgment will be reported first to the chair of the Advisory Committee and finally to the Department Chair. It is also the prerogative of each faculty member involved to request that the student undergo further written or oral examination on a particular question. The student's Advisory Committee makes a final recommendation to the Department Chair concerning the student's performance on the exam (i.e., pass or fail). All grades for comprehensives will be sent to the office of the Department Chair no later than the second Friday of November (Fall Semester) or April (Spring Semester).

If memory serves, the intent of the highlighted line was instances wherein a student completed a question, and was factually correct, however, the question may have left the grader "wanting." For example, a student may have only answered 90% of the question.

As far as your second question, students would need to re-take the exam during the next official testing date. Said testing dates only occur once a semester, and only occur during the long terms.