CATALOG YEAR 2015-2016

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: COAS

Course: Add: ___ Delete: ___
Change: Number ___ Title ___ SCH ___ Description ___ Prerequisite ___

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, Measurable Student Learning Outcomes, SCH
Other: Add information: X Change information: ___ Attach new/changed information. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

JUSTIFICATION: Currently, the degree requirement for the BA in COMM degree does not require (or force) students to take more than 45 advance hours, allowing a student to meet the degree requirements with only 39 advanced hours. The catalog states the following: that students must complete a minimum of forty-five (45) semester hours of advanced work (course work numbered 3000-4000) to be eligible to receive a bachelor’s degree. With this change, the degree plan will guide and force students to take the minimum required advanced hours.

Major: 33 SCH including: COMM 3300, 3310, 4340, 4350, 4360 and 18 SCH selected from remaining COMM courses with at least 3 SCH from COMM 2331, 3102/3202, 3132/3232, 3327, or 4330 (if the topic has a media focus). COMM 4325 may be replaced with MGT 3320. Certain courses (COMM 3324 and 4330) may be taken more than once (when topics vary) for credit within the degree program.

Minor: A minimum of 18 SCH from one discipline at least twelve of which must be at the 3000-4000 level. See Appendix C. Instead of a minor, students may complete 18 SCH of electives, 12 SCH of which must be at the 3000-4000 level, from any discipline, except the major field, outside the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

General Electives: 48 SCH, at least 6 12 SCH of which must be at the 3000-4000 level.

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Approvals:

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I approve.

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From: <Trevino>, "Mary T." <maryt@tamiu.edu>
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Subject: RE: Communication Major

This email with an approval from Dr. Mitchell/Bernat will be sufficient.

From: Lozano, Jose C.
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 9:27 AM
To: Trevino, Mary T. Cc: Bernat, Frances P; Foran, Nicole P; Gonzalez, Ariadne A
Subject: Re: Communication Major
Importance: High

Dear Mary:
I agree the best choice would be to drop 1 hour from the General Electives. Does an email by me is enough or should we submit the paperwork anew?
Carlos

From: <Trevino>, "Mary T." <maryt@tamiu.edu>
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2015 8:51 AM
To: Jose-Carlos Lozano <jose.lozano@tamiu.edu> Cc: "Bernat, Frances P" <frances.bernat@tamiu.edu>, "Foran, Nicole P" <nicole.foran@tamiu.edu>
Subject: Communication Major

Dr. Lozano – in applying the change to the COMM major based on the attached form, the total hours for the degree are 121. Please review the information below and take appropriate action.