

# LONG SIGNATURE SHEET



Proposal Number: Comm 11-30-10a

Proposal Title Change in Core Requirements for MA Program

Originating Department Communication Studies

TYPE OF PROPOSAL: UNDERGRADUATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATE  UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Separate proposals sent to UCC and Grad. Council)

DATE RECEIVED	DATE CONSIDERED	DATE FORWARDED	ACTION	SIGNATURES
2/22/11	2/22/11	2/22/11	Approved ✓	DEPARTMENT CHAIR 
3/18/11	4/15/11	4/15/11	Approved	COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR 
5/6/11	5/6/11	5/6/11	Approved	COLLEGE FACULTY CHAIR 
5/6/11	5/11/11	5/11/11	Approved	COLLEGE DEAN 
			Approved	UNDERGRADUATE COURSE & CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR (for undergraduate courses)
5-11-11	9-6-11	9-6-11	Approved	GRADUATE COUNCIL CHAIR (for graduate courses) 
			Approved	FACULTY GOVERNANCE SECRETARY (noting Faculty Council approval on Consent Calendar)
				FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (if decision is appealed)

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**LONG FORM  
COURSE AND CURRICULUM PROPOSAL**

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

New Graduate

Course and Curriculum Proposal from Department of Communication Studies

**TITLE: CHANGE IN CORE REQUIREMENTS FOR MA PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Communication Studies proposes to remove COMM 6103 (Communication Ethics) from the list of required courses for the MA curriculum.

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO CATALOG COPY**

*(Deletions noted by strikethrough; additions noted by underline)*

**Degree Requirements**

The Master of Arts degree program requires the completion of thirty (30) credit hours of graduate work. All students, regardless of orientation and area of study, must complete ~~five (5)~~ four (4) core courses. All Students writing a thesis or a directed project earn their final six (6) credit hours with research based activities.

**Core Courses**

COMM 6011 Topics in Communication Research Methods  
 COMM 6100 Communication Research Methods  
 COMM 6101 Contemporary Viewpoints in Communication Theory  
 COMM 6102 Professional Seminar in Communication Studies  
~~COMM 6103 Communication Ethics~~

**JUSTIFICATION**

This change puts us closer in line with core requirements for other MA programs in Communication Studies at other North Carolina state universities, all of whom have fewer required core courses than we. It gives our graduate students greater flexibility to craft a plan of study that more closely meets their needs. In addition, it is a better use of faculty resources. Instead of addressing the content area of ethics in one specific course, faculty will address communication ethics as part of the Professional Seminar course (COMM 6102) and as part of individual courses, giving the advantage of teaching students how to better apply ethics throughout their study and career.

There are no prerequisites for this course.

**IMPACT**

This course will affect all graduate students, beginning with the class entering Fall 2011. It will affect graduate elective courses, as students will enroll in an elective course within the department instead of this required course. Enrollment in COMM 6103 has averaged 11 students over the past three years. This course is offered in spring of each year, and students who would have taken this course will instead take one of two elective courses. Historically, our elective courses in spring semester have averaged 4 students. These courses have the capacity for the additional number of students that will result from this change.

No other catalog copy changes will be affected by this change.

**RESOURCES REQUIRED TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL**

None

**FOR CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS:**

1. Does the proposed change affect other departments?  
       \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      X   No
2. If Yes, please list the other departments affected by the proposed change:
3. Have you consulted with each department listed in question 2 regarding the proposed change?  
       N/A
4. Result(s) of Consultation(s):  
       N/A