Course Change Form

Date of Request: October 28, 2008
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Course Addition

1. Course Title: Independent Study
   Prefix & Num: COMM 4890

2. Pre-requisite(s): Junior/Senior Standing  Co-requisite(s): None  Instructor permission required: Yes
   Class Hours/Week: *LEC: 0.00  *LBC w/cr: 0.00  *LNC w/no cr: 0.00  Credits: 3.00
   Clinical: 0.00  Practicum: 0.00  Independent Study: 3.00

3. Semester to be Implemented: Spring, 2009  Day ☒  Extended Day  Grade type: Regular
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4. Cost Code:
   Lab Fee: $0.00  Additional Fees: $0.00  Potential WLF: 0.00

5. Is this course designed for a specific group? No  Who?

6. Catalog Description: ☐ Now in Print, or ☒ Proposed Below:
   This course is designed to meet the individual needs of advanced students of junior and/or senior standing in the Communication Department who wish to pursue a specific focus of study related to their degree/emphasis focus and/or research interest. Instructor permission is required! Students work under close supervision by appropriate faculty in the design and successful completion of the course. The course is dependent upon a formal contractual arrangement with the faculty member that is submitted at the beginning of the semester in which that coursework is undertaken. Students are expected to meet with the faculty mentor each week and to provide the faculty member with progress reports and assignment development for feedback and grading purposes on an ongoing basis. The minimum requirement will be three (3) hours per week during the normal 15-week semester and these hours will be distributed between face-to-face meetings with the faculty member and online/VISTA interactions. Three (3) credit hours per semester.

7. Course justification (attach sheets if needed): The course allows students a much needed flexibility in meeting their upper division elective hourly requirements for graduation. This course allows a student the opportunity to pursue a specialized area of academic interest not otherwise addressed by current departmental curriculum. This course is an elective and is open to any advanced student (Junior/Senior) in the Communication Department. No classroom or lecture facilities are required as the course is supported through the use of online resources such as VISTA and scheduled progress reports with the faculty mentor.

8. Are library resources adequate to support this change? Yes  If not, how are those resources to be acquired?

9. Are technical and other resources available? Yes  If not, how are those resources to be acquired?

10. Relationship to the curriculum: Would the course fill a G.E. requirement? No  If yes, which G.E. area?  If it does not fill a G.E. requirement, would the course offer elective credit? Yes

11. Transferability of the course: List comparable courses at other colleges and universities:

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Approval Signatures:

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Academic VP: __________________________  Date: ___________