Course Change Form

Date of Request: September 3, 2008
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Course Addition
Originator: R. Chase/D. Wignall
Department: COMM
Replacement Course ID:

1. Course Title: Critical Thinking
   Prefix & Num: COMM 3170
   Instructor permission required: No

2. Pre-requisite(s): *LEC: 3.00
   Co-requisite(s): *LBC w/cr: 0.00
   *LNC w/no cr: 0.00
   Credits: 3.00
   Clinical: 0.00
   Practicum: 0
   Independent Study: 0.00

3. Semester to be Implemented: Fall, 2008
   Day ☑
   Extended Day ☐
   Grade type Regular

4. Cost Code: Lab Fee: 0
   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 facilitate increasing critical thinking skills, particularly in the professional arena. Rhetorical analysis, as well as content analysis, are undertaken in order that students are better able to extract meaningful information from messages both written and spoken. These skills are further refined as students are expected to develop their own written and spoken messages that are simultaneously substantive and effective for application within their respective professional activities. The course content is particularly useful for upper division students pursuing undergraduate degrees in Communication with an emphasis in Interpersonal/Small Group Communication, Organizational Communication, or Leadership. 3 lecture hours per week.

7. Course justification (attach sheets if needed):
   The course is needed immediately for students pursuing an undergraduate degree in our new degree-completion emphasis. It obviates the need for an undergraduate prerequisite in this subject area and takes an upper-division approach to the subject matter, consistent with the level of instruction throughout this new emphasis. However, we wish to have the option of teaching the course as an elective for our daytime programs in the future as well.

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:

Dean: S. Bennett
Date: 9-3-08

Academic VP: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________