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1. Committee approved Minutes #12, January 24, 2013.

2. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Biological Sciences to:
   a. Change the course credits from (5) to (4) and delete Includes laboratory experience from the course description for BIO 311, Botany.
   b. Add a new course:
      
      BIO 329  Principles of Pharmacology  (4)  
      Introduction to the general principles of pharmacology. Includes principles of drug action, drug metabolism, and a review of major classes of pharmaceuticals. Prerequisites: BIO 205 and 207, or BIO 315 and 321, or BIO 325, or BCM 453, or CHM 453.

3. Committee approved the request from the Department of Communication and Journalism to:
   a. Add a new course
      
      JRN 412  OU Student News Bureau  (4)  
      Applied learning experience running a web-based news organization, Students learn how to research, report, edit and package multimedia news for online delivery. Prerequisite: JRN 200 and JRN 300 and instructor permission.
   b. Remove the prerequisite from:
      
      COM 318  Argumentation and Debate  (4)  
      Theories of argumentation from the classical to the contemporary period combined with debating experience. Propositions of fact, value and policy are distinguished and related to the construction and selection of argument. Debate experience will focus on the national intercollegiate proposition. (Remove COM 201.)
4. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Communication and Journalism to:

a. **Add** a new course:

   COM 498 Research Apprenticeship in Communication (2 or 4)
   Students will be mentored by an instructor in design and implementation of a faculty-directed research project. Course may be repeated for a total of four credits. Only four (4) credits may be used to fulfill major requirements.

b. **Remove** the prerequisite from:

   COM 308 Competitive Speaking (2)
   Advanced practice and application of speech writing, public address and oral interpretation skills using many of the standards established by the National Forensics Association. May be repeated for up to 6 credits. *(Remove COM 201.)*

c. **Add** course prerequisites to:

   COM 485 Cultural Studies in Communication (4)
   History, theoretical frameworks and applied studies emergent in cultural studies from a communication driven perspective. Students will explore the relationships among communication practices, cultural forms and politics within and among cultures. *Prerequisite: COM 150 or COM 303, or permission of instructor.*

5. Committee deferred the request from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics to **add** a new course:

   MOR 331 Elementary Models in Operations Research (1)
   Operations research models of real life applications are constructed, solved with optimization software and critically analyzed. Substantial writing component. To be taken with MOR 330. Corequisite: MOR 330.

6. Committee approved the request from the Department of Political Science to **delete** from the course description for PS 300 American Political Culture:

   Course may not be taken for credit by students receiving credit for AMS 300.
7. Committee deferred the request from the Women and Gender Studies Program to add a new course:

WGS 326 Family and Community Processes (4) Identical with SOC 326. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or SOC 205.

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