

The Graduate Council
Minutes

April 16, 1998
3:00 p.m., Administration Building, Room 204

The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council is Thursday, June 18, at 3:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, Board Room. Agenda items are due by June 4, and the agenda will be distributed by June 11.

Note: Course changes and additions will not take effect until they are listed in the graduate catalog. Items marked with an asterisk (*) must have approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board before listing in the graduate catalog.

Members present: Baird (for Shrader), Cutshall, Eubank, Guarnaccia, Hartman, Hyten, Kamman, Keller, Lavender, Morrison, Schneider, Tate, Taylor (for Davis), Turner, White (for Hays)

Visitors present: Duvall, Long, Meek

I. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: The minutes from the March 26, 1998 council meeting were unanimously approved.

II. Announcements

III. Requests for New Courses

Requests III-A and IV-A were unanimously approved with changes by the Graduate Council on a motion by Eubank and a second by Schneider. The request will be forwarded to the Board of Regents and then to the Coordinating Board for approval. The requests must be approved by the Coordinating Board before they can be implemented.

*A. Anthropology

1 Add: ANTH 5010 – Anthropological Thought and Praxis I (3 hours)

Considers the history of anthropological concepts, the major historical debates in anthropological theory, and historical tensions between applied and theoretical knowledge. Special emphasis is given to critical examination of concept and theory formation, and the application of anthropological ideas to the problems of everyday life.

2 Add: ANTH 5015 – Anthropological Thought and Praxis II (3 hours)

Considers contemporary anthropological concepts and theories, and the major debates that have been produced by them. Special emphasis is given to the most recent tensions and debates on the relationships between theoretical and applied knowledge. Specific attention is paid to the relationships between social theory and social policy formation.
Prerequisite(s): ANTH 5010.

3 Add: ANTH 5020 – Seminar on Research Methods and Design (3 hours)

Provides quantitative and statistical skills to complement those used in qualitative and ethnographic research: research design, sampling and scaling techniques, tests for reliability and validity, and tests of association and significance. Special emphasis will be given to the use of SPSS. Same as SOCI 5200. Prerequisite(s): SOCI 4870 or equivalent, or consent of instructor.

4 Add: ANTH 5040 – Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods (3 hours)

Focuses on ethnographic and qualitative methods and the development of the skills necessary for the practice of anthropology. Special emphasis will be given to qualitative techniques of data collection and analysis, grant writing, the use of computers to analyze qualitative data, and ethical problems in conducting qualitative research. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 5010 and 5015 or consent of instructor.

5 Add: ANTH 5060 – Problems and Cases in the Application of Anthropological Knowledge (3 hours)

Examines case studies and specific problems in the application of anthropological knowledge to the variety of subjects and in a variety of settings: health, business and organizational culture, development, education, social welfare, environment, agriculture, gender, crime, drug use, sexuality, borders, ethnic and race relations, and social policy. Knowledge gained in the study of theory and methods will be used in the discussion of problems and case studies in applied anthropology. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 5010, 5015, 5020 and 5040.

6 Add: ANTH 5800 – Applying Anthropology: Practicum I (3 hours)

Provides experiential learning in applied anthropology through placement in business, government, community, and social service organizations and agencies. This 100-hour (minimum) placement is planned in cooperation with the student so that they can meet their specialized career goals. The practicum will include a weekly (one hour) integrated seminar. Practicum I has three phases: 1) analysis of the practicum setting; 2) analysis of the cultural diversity dimensions of the agency; and 3) identification of an ethnographic research project. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 5010, 5015, 5020 and 5040.

7 Add: ANTH 5810 – Applying Anthropology: Practicum II (3 hours)

Provides experiential learning in applied anthropology through placement in business, government, community, and social service organizations and agencies. This 120-hour (minimum) placement is planned in cooperation with the student so that they can meet their specialized career goals. The practicum will include a weekly (one hour) integrated seminar. In Practicum II, the student designs and implements an ethnographic study. The aim of the project is to study a practice issue that agencies collaboratively help identify. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 5010, 5015, 5020, 5040 and 5800.

IV. Request for New Program

*A. The School of Community Service proposes to offer a Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology. (Second reading)

The proposed degree will require a minimum of 36 semester credit hours which will include 15 semester credit hours of core courses; 6 semester credit hours of practicum; and 15 semester credit hours of elective courses (a minimum of 6 hours must be outside

Anthropology). Seven new anthropology courses are proposed. Several of these will serve as core courses for the new degree. The addition of these courses will not require new faculty, library resources, equipment, or space. Existing courses in anthropology are primarily topical in nature and are designed to support other graduate programs, especially the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, the Master of Arts in Sociology and Public Health.

For additional information on the proposed degree program, please contact the Institute of Anthropology.

V. Request for Change in Program/Major/Degree/Option Requirements

None.

VI. Consent Calendar

The consent calendar was unanimously approved on a motion by Eubank and a second by Lavendar.

A. Request for Change in Existing Courses

1 Accounting

- a Change: ACCT 6010 – Seminar on Market-Based Research and Positive Accounting Theory (change course title, description and prerequisites)

ACCT 6010 – Seminar on Advanced Topics in Accounting Research. 3 hours. Covers one or more special fields. Topics covered in this course depend on the needs of students enrolled each semester. Prerequisite(s): consent of department.

2 Psychology

- a Change: PSYC 6720 – Psychophysiological Processes (change prerequisites)

PSYC 6720 – Psychophysiological Processes. 4 hours. A review of current psychophysiological methods, principles, and research. Emphasis is on electrodermal, cardiovascular, electromyographic and electrocortical measurement in research on arousal, attention, stress, adaptation, emotion, personality and health. Prerequisite(s): PSYC 5790 or consent of department.

- b Change: PSYC 6770 – Biofeedback Methods and Behavioral Medicine (change prerequisites)

PSYC 6770 – Biofeedback Methods and Behavioral Medicine. 4 hours. An introduction to and overview of biofeedback and self-regulation, including experimental foundations, research methodology, clinical methods, clinical applications and current issues. Laboratory work includes supervised practice in the design and implementation of biofeedback training programs for individuals from both normal and deviant

populations. Prerequisite(s): PSYC 6720 or consent of department.

- c Change: PSYC 6780 – Seminar in Cardiovascular Behavioral Medicine (change course title and prerequisites)

PSYC 6780 – Cardiovascular Behavioral Medicine. 3 hours. An in-depth examination of current issues and research in cardiovascular behavioral medicine, emphasizing cardiovascular measurement, research methods, individual differences and biobehavioral perspectives on the pathophysiology, assessment and treatment of cardiovascular diseases. Prerequisite(s): PSYC 6720 or consent of department.

B. Request for Course Deletion

None

VII. Old Business

- A Report from the Admission and Policy Committee: Recommendation to approve “UNT Policies for Graduate Enrollment Management of Maximum Allowable Hours for Doctoral Students”. (Second reading)

Dr. Tate gave a brief review of the recommended policy and clarified points that anyone had questions about. The recommendation was unanimously approved with editorial changes on a motion by Hartman and a second by Turner. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Regents for approval.

VIII. New Business

- A Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Implementation Committee: Status report.

Julian Long stated that the committee has met twice. The committee has reviewed the availability of resources on campus for electronic filing and they have come up with a process for dealing with electronic copies of dissertations and theses. The committee should have a proposal for the Council to review by the Fall 98 semester.