

 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW COURSE PROPOSAL Graduate Programs		UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ SCNS Submittal _____ Confirmed _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____	
	Department Graduate College College Graduate College (To obtain a course number, contact erudolph@fau.edu)			
Prefix IDS Number 5917	(L = Lab Course; C = Combined Lecture/Lab; add if appropriate) Lab Code	Type of Course Research <input type="checkbox"/>	Course Title Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP) Graduate Research	
Credits (See Definition of a Credit Hour) 0	Grading (Select One Option) Regular <input type="radio"/> Sat/UnSat <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Course Description (Syllabus must be attached; see Template and Guidelines) Students from different majors work in large teams, on cutting-edge, vertically-integrated projects with faculty and external mentors.		
Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) Spring 2026				
Prerequisites <i>Prerequisites, Corequisites and Registration Controls are enforced for all sections of course.</i>		Academic Service Learning (ASL) course <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Service Learning statement must be indicated in syllabus and approval attached to this form.		
		Corequisites	Registration Controls (For example, Major, College, Level) Permission of instructor GR - Graduate Level	
Minimum qualifications needed to teach course: Member of the FAU graduate faculty and has a terminal degree in the subject area (or a closely related field).		List textbook information in syllabus or here N/A		
Faculty Contact/Email/Phone Donna Chamely-Wiik, Ph.D., dchamely@fau.edu		List/Attach comments from departments affected by new course See letter of support		

Approved by Department Chair _____ College Curriculum Chair _____ College Dean _____ UGPC Chair _____ UGC Chair _____ Graduate College Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____	Date 08/15/2025 08/15/2025 08/15/2025 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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Email this form and syllabus to UGPC@fau.edu 10 days before the UGPC meeting.

Subject: Fw: Grad college IDS courses to be used for VIP program?
Date: Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 11:08:12 Eastern Daylight Time
From: Donna Chamely-Wiik
To: Robert Stackman, Dan Meeroff
CC: Debra Szabo, Lisa Valjin, GraduateDean, Maria Jennings
Attachments: image001.png, image002.png, image003.jpg, image004.png, IDS 5917.pdf, IDS 4917.pdf

Dear Bob and Dan

See below. Russ is OK with the suggestion to offer the zero-credit courses under Grad College for Grad VIP/DIR and one under Undergrad studies for UGs. Debra and Maria are cced.

I created a new course form for each - since its research, no syllabus is required. See attached.

Can you review these forms and let me know if I missed anything? I signed as Chair for UG, Bob I didn't know if I would have to sign for Grad college so left it blank.

[@Robert Stackman](#) and [@Dan Meeroff](#) I would need your help to send these through your "College" channels for approval prior to us submitting to UUPC and UGC respectively for the first meeting in the fall ?

Let me know if I missed anything
Grateful for this braintrust.

Donna

From: Debra Szabo <dszabo@fau.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 9:14 AM
To: Donna Chamely-Wiik <dchamely@fau.edu>
Subject: RE: Grad college IDS courses to be used for VIP program?

Hi Donna:

I spoke with Russ, and he was fine with the zero-credit VIP course under the Grad College. It will need to be reevaluated should it become credit-bearing.

Best,

Debra

From: Debra Szabo <dszabo@fau.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 9:19 AM
To: Donna Chamely-Wiik <dchamely@fau.edu>
Subject: FW: Grad college IDS courses to be used for VIP program?

Hi Donna:

Do you have any time for a quick call about this? I think it will be an easier conversation than email.

Thanks,
Deb

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From: Russ Ivy <IVY@fau.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 6:48 AM
To: Robert Stackman <rstackma@fau.edu>; Debra Szabo <dszabo@fau.edu>
Cc: Stephen Steppe <ssteppe@fau.edu>; Eileen Bustamante <EBUSTAM1@fau.edu>
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Debra,

Do you think there would be issues from a SACSCOC/HLC perspective?

Russ

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Subject: FW: Grad college IDS courses to be used for VIP program?

Hi Russ-

Perhaps we can discuss this idea from Donna at a meeting soon. I'm off to Baton Rouge for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools, but I will be back in Boca this Wednesday. Donna's request is associated with the FIPSE grant she received, and it seems that there are two options for hosting the IDS courses –

- Use existing courses in each college (this assumes they are already available)
- Establish IDS courses associated with the Graduate College.

This may be an interesting way to move in the direction of establishing the Graduate College as the administrative home for interdisciplinary graduate programs. I recall floating this idea briefly during the planning of the Neuroscience Ph.D. program (involves multiple colleges and there was much tension around “ownership”). However, I suggest this possibility for the Graduate College without being certain that our accreditation permits such an arrangement.

Looking forward to hearing your thoughts.

Best regards,

Bob

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Subject: Re: Grad college IDS courses to be used for VIP program?

May be something we have to wait on Dr. Stackman for?



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Subject: Re: Grad college IDS courses to be used for VIP program?

Hi Stephen:

Unfortunately, I have nothing to offer in terms of guidance or input on this particular inquiry. In all my time here, I have never heard of the Graduate College housing or hosting courses under its umbrella.

Best,



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I am looping Eileen into this conversation as she may have more information than I do. Any guidance or input would be appreciated.

Thank you,



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Hi Bob.

I see you are out of the office, so Ccing Stephen as well for a response if he knows. Stephen, if you are not the right person, welcome to forward to someone in Bob's absence. s you know we are slowly launching the new VIP program, and our next task is to establish DIR type VIP graduate and undergraduate courses for students who are on VIP teams to register for (for tracking purposes initially and eventually for credit within degree programs at the UG level).

My question is can the Grad college host IDS courses under its umbrella? I looked in courseleaf and there isnt a Grad studies option like we have for Undergrad studies so I wasnt sure.

Our idea is to create a series of new courses (initially zero credit to start) at the UG level under undergraduate studies, and then Grad IDS courses potentially housed under the Grad college, where the VIP students can co-register (UG would be paired with DIR and Grad would be paired with either thesis credits or other research credits at the grad level).

I am already on the Council of Deans meeting for July to discuss with the Deans but wanted to establish a solid plan before meeting with them to share the idea.

Let me know.

Donna

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