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Memorandum

To: A&L Undergraduate Programs Committee  
 From: Shane Eason, College UPC Representative,  
 School of Communication & Multimedia Studies  
 Re: Change of Curricular Worksheet for Film, Video, & New Media Track  
 Date: September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The School of Communication & Multimedia Studies proposes changes to the curricular worksheet for the Film, Video, & New Media track of the Communications and Multimedia Studies BA. The proposed changes are clearly marked in the attached document. The changes are being made for the following reasons:

1. The courses to be moved to “Recommended Electives” are currently listed in “Production & Contexts”. At one time, we did not have enough faculty and courses to fully support our curriculum. This is no longer the case with the number and diversity of available SCMS faculty and courses. Additionally, we ran out of room for our new courses (DIG4950C, FIL4613, FIL 4703, FIL 3836, & FIL 4866) and could fit no more information on the front of the curriculum worksheet without creating the “Recommended Electives” section.
2. Current SCMS faculty and courses and programs need support and they should be supported with a curriculum that encourages majors to take advantage of the full range of courses we offer. The College has expressed concern over SCMS courses with low enrollments. Administrative decisions, including those pertaining to funding, rely on enrollment numbers.
3. The changes enhance our ability to determine the educational experience of our majors. By retaining students in courses offered within our School’s curriculum, we better define the learning path students take before reaching their final semester and capstone course. Conversely, grouping and expanding course offerings in Arts & Letters to their own section will better guide students to topically appropriate external electives. Students may still take the courses after moved. They may still count towards the major, as the sheet makes clear that they require 12 upper division credits in the College of A&L.

<p><b>Approved by:</b>          Department Chair: _____          College Curriculum Chair: _____          College Dean: _____          UUPC Chair: _____          Undergraduate Studies Dean: _____          UFS President: _____</p>	<p><b>Date:</b>          _____          _____          _____          _____          _____          _____</p>	<p><b>1. Syllabus</b> must be attached; syllabus checklist recommended; see guidelines and checklist:  <a href="http://www.fau.edu/academic/registrar/UUPCinfo">www.fau.edu/academic/registrar/UUPCinfo</a></p> <p><b>2. Review Provost Memorandum: Definition of a Credit Hour</b>  <a href="http://www.fau.edu/provost/files/Definition_Credit_Hour_Memo_2012.pdf">www.fau.edu/provost/files/Definition_Credit_Hour_Memo_2012.pdf</a></p> <p><b>3. WAC approval</b> (attach if necessary)</p> <p><b>4. Gen. Ed. approval</b> (attach if necessary)</p>
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