

Greetings,

Our next UGCC meeting is scheduled for 8:00AM Friday, November 14, in the 2nd floor conference room of the Olin Life Sciences Building. The agenda items I have are as follows:

1. Discussion with Dr. McCay regarding his goals for academic programs and course offerings and his view of the role of the UGCC in helping to achieve those goals.
2. Free Elective credit for COM 1100. (See email from Tom Bowman below.)
3. Changes to the credit awarded by Florida Tech on the basis of the College Board Advanced Placement Program. (See the attached AdvPlac.PDF)
4. Change in credit hours for CVE 4090. (See the attached CVE4090.PDF.)
5. Add a prerequisite for CVE 3013. (See the attached CVE3013.PDF.)
6. Change in graduation requirements for the Meteorology program. (See the attached Meteorology.PDF.)

Please note: The External Credit Committee had its first meeting on November 7. Russ Graves volunteered to chair the committee. The first task of the committee will be to review the credit given by other institutions such as the University of Florida and Georgia Tech for these external examination programs (e.g., IB, CLEP, GCE-A). The Core Curriculum Committee, composed of Nabil Matar, Richard Turner, Paul Jennings, Barbara Pierce, Bill Gabrenya, John Cain and Bob Fronk, will be meeting on November 21.

Date: Wed, 8 Oct 2003
To: cyoung@fit.edu
From: bowman@fit.edu (Thomas Bowman)
Subject: Re: COM1100
Cc: kalmasi, cbaum

The course description for this course has said "No credit toward graduation is earned" since 99-00, which is when the course was first introduced, but as you point out, that contradicts the definition of free elective. I think we overlooked that statement in the course description back when it was first approved, and ever since. "Free electives may be any courses taken at Florida Tech" is a statement that has been in the catalog (except for minor grammatical changes) for a lot longer than this course description.

Since "Chemistry Review" and most other basically remedial courses can be used as free elective credits, why not this one too? I don't blame the faculty for being confused if some remedial courses can be used as free

electives and others (one, anyway) cannot.

It seems to me that this inconsistency is something the Curr Comm perhaps should look into and resolve. We have tried in the past to allow free elective credit to be used in this way so that a new freshman with a weak high school preparation doesn't have quite so many credits to make up. In the meantime, my opinion is that the approved definition of free elective should take precedence over the contradictory statement in this course description.

Tom

>Then the free elective section of the catalog needs to be clear that Com
>110 can't be
>used. I thought we'd cleaned that up? The departments that have it on
>their flow charts
>should be contacted to change them. Right, Tom?
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>> COM 1100 Basic Writing (3) is not to be used toward graduation
>> per catalog, however, several departments are using is
>> for free electives.
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>> Angie is not accepting the course for graduation.
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>> How can we make this clear to the departments.
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>> We had the same problem when University Experience
>> was not allowed to be used but the 1 credit kept popping
>> up in the flow charts.
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>> Free elective definition in the catalog allows for COM1100 to
>> be used.
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>> Help!
>> Karin