Addendum to November 8, 2011 CAC Agenda

Agenda Item: II. B. Communication Studies Ph.D. program change proposal  Doctoral Program Change:

CURRENT COURSE REQUIREMENT

A minimum of 15 hours of research methodology.

1. Courses Required of all students:
   a. COMS 850  Introduction to Research Methods (3) and
     COMS 851  Communication Research: Historical and Descriptive (3)
   b. COMS 852  Communication Research: Experimentation and Quantitative Analysis (3)

2. Choose nine (9) additional hours from the following courses appropriate to the student's research or dissertation interest:
   a. Experimental and Quantitative Empirical Methods
     COMS 856  Quantitative Analysis (3); 956 Principles of Analysis of Variance (3)
     COMS 957  Principles of Correctional & Multivariate Analysis (3)
     Note: Courses similar to COMS 956 and COMS 957 may be offered in other Departments when not offered in Coms. Check with adviser or Director of Graduate Study for appropriate equivalents.
   b. Historical/Critical
     HIST 805  Nature of History (3)
     ENGL 908  Seminar in Literary Criticism (3)
     COMS 951  Seminar in Movement Theory & Genre Criticism (3)
     COMS 952  Seminar in Mythic and Narrative Approaches to Rhetorical Criticism (3)
     COMS 955  Seminar in Rhetorical Criticism (3)
     THR 920  Practicum in Criticism (3)
   c. Qualitative-Empirical
     COMS 855  Qualitative Research Methods in Communication (3)
     ANTH 730  Linguistics in Anthropology (3)
     LING 728  Discourse Analysis (3)
     SOC 714  Field Methods & Participant Observation (3)
     COMS 848  Communication Audits in Organizations (3)
   d. In lieu of three hours of methodological course work, a student may elect to enroll in three hours of applied research in which he/she produces original research using one of the above methods. The final paper must meet the approval of the student's advisor and must be submitted to a professional society for presentation on a convention program or to a professional journal for possible publication.

   In lieu of three hours of methodological course work, a student may elect to demonstrate a high level of writing competence in one foreign language if he/she can show that knowledge of this language directly relates to his/her research and academic interests. Competence levels will be determined through consultation with the appropriate language department or program.

PROPOSED COURSE REQUIREMENT

A minimum of 15 hours of research methodology

1. Courses Required of all students:
   COMS 851  Communication Research: Historical and Descriptive (3), or
   COMS 852  Communication Research: Experimentation and Quantitative Analysis (3)

2. Choose twelve (12) additional hours appropriate to the student's research/dissertation interest:
a. The following lists identify methods courses taught in and outside of the department for the three areas of methods trainings: rhetorical, qualitative, and quantitative. The faculty of the Communication Studies Department agrees that these courses qualify as methods courses toward the course requirements for doctoral candidates. **Note:** a list of courses was presented to the full CGS and gained approval.

b. Three caveats:
   1. These lists are not comprehensive. Other courses may count as methods courses provided the student receives approval from the advisor.
   2. The courses on these lists are not required. These are recommended courses for training in each methods type.
   3. All methods courses should be chosen with graduate students’ advisors input.

**JUSTIFICATION**

The change will help us better focus on methodological training in specific areas of the program. We were asked to provide a list of courses that fall into the various methodological foci and have updated the list.

_Effective Spring 12_