I. Call to Order

II. Consideration of December 10, 2015 minutes

III. Committee Reports
   a. Curriculum Committee: Report included, Discussion
   b. Student Research Grants Committee: No report included, Discussion
   c. Policy Committee: Report included, No report included, Discussion

IV. Report from Dean of the Graduate School

V. Public Comments

VI. Announcements & Adjourn
Graduate Council Program and Curriculum Committee (GCC)

Report to the Graduate Council

Date: January 12, 2016
From: Marge Maxwell, Chair, Program and Curriculum Committee

Consent Agenda Report. The GCC submits the following consent items from its January 12, 2016 meeting for approval by the Graduate Council.

1. Create a New Course
   - BDAS 500, The Science of Fermenting in Brewing and Distilling
   - BDAS 595, Internship in Brewing/Distilling

2. Revise Course
   - CHEM 412G, Introduction to Physical Chemistry
   - CHEM 420G, Inorganic Chemistry
   - CHEM 425G, Polymer Chemistry
   - CHEM 435G, Instrumental Analysis
   - CHEM 440G, Introduction to Synthetic Organic Methodology
   - CHEM 470G, Chemistry/Middle School
   - CHEM 476G, Advanced Laboratory Investigations in Chemistry
   - CHEM 490G, Materials Chemistry
   - CHEM 491G, Materials Chemistry Laboratory
   - CHEM 520, Advanced Inorganic Chemistry
   - CHEM 531, Advanced Analytical Chemistry
   - CHEM 541, Advanced Organic Chemistry
   - CHEM 550, Advanced Physical Chemistry
   - CHEM 570, Lecture Demonstration Techniques
   - CHEM 590, Material Chemistry
   - CHEM 591, Material Chemistry Laboratory
   - GWS 590, Directed Study in Women’s and Gender Studies
   - SRSC 579, Independent Study in Social Responsibility and Sustainable Communities
   - NURS 503 Advanced Health Assessment
   - NURS 504 Theoretical Foundations of Professional Nursing
   - NURS 508 Advanced Issues in Professional Nursing
   - NURS 509 Practice Management for Advanced Practice Nurses
   - NURS 522 Teaching in Schools of Nursing Internship
   - NURS 605 Leadership in Nursing Practice
   - NURS 606 Advanced Clinical Practice

3. Revise Program –
   - 1723: Certificate in Organizational Leadership
   - 1712: Certificate in Gender & Women’s Studies
   - 0448: M.A. in Social Responsibility & Sustainable Communities
   - 0427 Environmental Health and Safety
   - 0011 Doctor of Nursing Practice
4. New Certificate Program
Brewing and Distilling Arts & Sciences

Information Item Report. The GCC submits the following information items to the Graduate Council:

I. The GCC membership, as of the January 12, 2016 meeting, includes:
- Dr. Marge Maxwell, Chair (CEBS) Email: marge.maxwell@wku.edu
- Dr. Kirk Atkinson, (GFCB) - Email: kirk.atkinson@wku.edu
- Ron Mitchell for Dr. Andrew Rosa, (UC) - Email: andrew.rosa@wku.edu
- Dr. Chris Groves, (OCSE) - Email: chris.groves@wku.edu
- Dr. Andrea Paganelli for Dr. Beth Plummer, (PCAL) - Email: beth.plummer@wku.edu

II. Please remind all college representatives to use the provided WORD DOCX format forms on the web site (www.wku.edu/gcc) and not old forms from previous proposals or PDF’s.
Proposal Date: 10/23/2015

Ogden College of Science and Engineering
Potter College of Arts & Letters

Department: Deans’ Offices

Proposal to Create a New Course

(Action Item)

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Cathleen Webb, cathleen.webb@wku.edu, 5-6181
Andrew McMichael, andrew.mcmichael@wku.edu, 5-6538

1. Proposed course:
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: BDAS 500
   1.2 Course title: The Science of Fermentation in Brewing and Distilling
   1.3 Abbreviated course title: Fermentation Science
      (maximum of 30 characters or spaces)
   1.4 Credit hours: 3
   1.5 Variable credit (yes or no): No
   1.6 Repeatable: no
   1.7 Grade type: Standard Letter Grade
   1.8 Prerequisites: Graduate Status
   1.9 Corequisites: None
   1.10 Course description: Introduction to the basic scientific principles that govern
      the fermentation process, with particular application to brewing and distilling.
   1.11 Course equivalency: None

2. Rationale:
   2.1 Reason for developing the proposed course:
      The science of zymology is foundational to the understanding of biology and chemistry.
      It also forms the basis for industries as diverse as brewing and distilling, fuel production,
      food manufacturing, and the manufacture of chemical and biological weapons. Students
      who wish to understand a wide range of applications for biology and chemistry must
      understand the principles of fermentation.

      Currently, several courses in the Departments of Chemistry and Biology cover
      some of the basic principles of fermentation. These include BIOL 226/227,
      which examines morphological, cultural, and biochemical characteristics of
      important groups of bacteria. BIO/CHM 446, BIO/CHM 447, BIO/CHM 467
      address biochemical compounds and their role in intermediary metabolism
      (including fermentation), enzyme activity and energetics.
However, none of these classes focus specifically on the principles of fermentation. The creation of this class will provide students with a focused, intensive study of fermentation, which will better prepare them for other courses in their fields. The particular focus here is on the brewing and distilling industries, which are a fast-growing segment of the economy of Kentucky and the United States. This course will therefore also give students a focused study in an area critical to workforce development.

This course will also serve as a foundational course for the certificate, minor, and major in Brewing and Distilling Arts & Sciences that is currently under development.

2.2 Relationship of the proposed course to other courses at WKU:
Some similar content is covered in BIO/CHEM 562 which addresses biochemical compounds and their role in intermediary metabolism (including fermentation), enzyme activity and energetics. However, this new course focuses exclusively on fermentation microbiology and will serve as a foundation for the certificate, minor or major in the WKU BDAS program.

2.3 Relationship of the proposed course to courses offered in other departments:
There is currently no similar process-oriented course that focuses exclusively on the microbiology of fermentation.

2.4 Relationship of the proposed course to courses offered in other institutions:
A number of our benchmark institutions offer undergraduate courses with similar content. However, none of these programs teach courses in conjunction with a corporate partner. In addition, the brewing science programs offered at these benchmarks tend to be exclusively science-focused, without the integration of science, arts, and humanities.

Appalachian State offers a Fermentation Sciences Program. Their Principles of Fermentation Sciences (FER1000; 3 credits) covers the history, culture, and fundamental science of the fermentation processes, basic food science, microbiology, chemistry, biology, natural products chemistry and nutrition. Students are exposed to the basic methods and principles behind the fermentation process including production of cheese, bread, vegetables, meats, beer, wine, bio-fuels and distilled products. An upper level course, Brewing Science and Analysis (FER 4200, 4 credits), covers the chemical and physical processes that go into brewing malted beverages, including the choice of the hops, malt, and yeast varieties and how they are combined to produce specific styles and flavors of beers. Flavor and aroma compounds are quantified by students.

Central Michigan University’s Fermentation Program is offered through the College of Science and Technology. It is a 16-credit-hour Undergraduate Certificate designed for degree seeking students of any major and non-degree-seeking students who want to understand the science and technology involved in brewing craft beer. It is designed to prepare students for entry or advancement in the brewing industry or advanced studies in fermentation science or food science. Their Applied Fermentation Science 3(SCI 322; 1-5
credits) course is a practical application of fermentation science principles in the production and analysis of beer and their Fundamentals of Fermentation Science (SCI 320; 3 credits) focuses on the biochemistry and microbiology involved in the process of brewing beer.

Eastern Kentucky University has a new Fermentation Program. Their Fermentation Microbiology course (FMT 540; 3 credits) focuses on the biochemistry, genetics, and behavior of microorganisms for the production of fermented beverages. In their Fermentation Project Lab. (FMT 549; 2 credits) students perform an independent capstone project where they decide on the process to make a final fermentation product.

Ohio University offers a Brewing Science course called “The Principles of Brewing Science” (CHEM 4501; 3 credits) which aims to demonstrate fundamental principles and concepts of biochemistry, physiology, microbiology, and plant biology through beer brewing.

A number of benchmark schools including Central Michigan, Ball State, Middle Tennessee State, Northern Illinois and Southern Mississippi offer courses in Applied and Environmental Microbiology. These are generally upper level, 3 credit hour courses that cover the microbiology of food, milk, water, sewage, and soils and the fundamentals of environmental and industrial microbiological applications. None of these courses focus exclusively on fermentation microbiology and its application to brewing and distilling.

3. Discussion of proposed course:

3.1 Schedule type: C
3.2 Learning Outcomes:
• Explain the brewing process.
• Use common brewing equipment and reagents safely and successfully
• Explain the purpose of each step in the brewing process and identify potential steps where unwanted bacterial and or yeast contamination could be introduced.
• Learn to culture bacteria and yeast
• Formulate brewing plan, generate, record and organize brewing data (using tables, diagrams and drawings as appropriate), analyze and interpret the data, and draw logical conclusions based upon collected data and the final fermented product.
• Identify and describe different yeast types
• Identify, Describe and Differentiate between bacterial cells and yeast cells
• Describe and differentiate between bacterial growth and yeast growth
• Describe parameters that affect the growth of microorganisms
• Describe ways to control the growth of microorganisms
• Explain different sanitization techniques and apply these techniques to in-class brewing projects
• Discuss the overall scientific contributions of Louis Pasteur and his particular contributions to fermentation science

3.3 Content outline:
   History of Fermentation
   ▪ Contributions of Louis Pasteur
   ▪ Microbiological Principles
     • Aseptic technique
       o Sterility vs Disinfection vs Sanitization vs Antiseptics
     • Safe handling of microbes
     • Proper disposal of bio-hazardous waste
     • Features of microbial cells
       o Bacteria vs Yeast
       o Types of bacteria and their impact the brewing process
       o Types of yeast and their impact of the brewing process
   • Bacterial nutrition and growth
     o Culturing bacteria and yeast
     o Parameters that affect microbial growth
     ▪ Antimicrobial properties of Hops
   ▪ Microscopy
     • Basic principles of microscopy
     • Cellular morphology of bacterial and yeast cells
   ▪ Biochemistry of Fermentation
     • Cellular Metabolism
     • Basic enzymology
     • How is cellular energy generated?
   ▪ Brewing projects
     • Evaluate the effect of different Hops additions
     • Evaluate the effect of different yeast strains
     • Set up and maintenance of research notebook
     • Presentation of scientific data

3.4 Student expectations and requirements: Proper laboratory notebook maintenance, exams to measure content mastery, brewing projects

3.5 Tentative texts and course materials:
   Materials will vary from semester to semester. Among the standard texts in the field are:
   o Pasteur and Modern Science (Dubos, ASM press; ISBN 1555811442),
   o The complete Joy of Homebrewing (Papazian, Harper Collins; ISBN 0060531053)
   o Fix, George. Principles of Brewing Science: A Study of Serious Brewing Issues. (Boulder, Co.: Brewers Publications, 1999)
4. **Budget implications:**
   
   4.1 Proposed method of staffing: Current staffing is sufficient.
   4.2 Special equipment, materials, or library resources needed: None beyond what is already available.

5. **Term for implementation:** Spring 2016

6. **Dates of committee approvals:**

   Department of Agriculture  
   College Graduate Curriculum Committee  
   Graduate Council  
   University Senate  

   11/20/15  
   12/09/15

*New course proposals require a Course Inventory Form be submitted by the College Dean’s office to the Office of the Registrar.*
Create a New Course  
(Action)

Date: 23 October 2015  
College: Ogden College of Science and Engineering, Potter College of Arts & Letters  
Department: Deans’ Offices  
Contact Person: Cathleen Webb, cathleen.webb@wku.edu, 5-6181;  
Andrew McMichael, andrew.mcmichael@wku.edu, 5-6538

1. Proposed course:
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: BDAS 595
   1.2 Course title: Internship in Brewing/Distilling
   1.3 Abbreviated course title: Brewing/Distilling Internship
   1.4 Credit hours: 3-6
   1.5 Variable credit (yes or no): No
   1.6 Repeatable (yes or no) for total of ___ hours:
   1.7 Grade type: Standard Letter
   1.8 Prerequisites: Permission of program coordinator from Ogden College or Potter College.
   1.9 Corequisites: None
   1.10 Course description: On-site experience in a brewery or distillery, conducted under the supervision of the program coordinator and local personnel. Experience could include but is not limited to brewing, distilling, marketing, management, or other industry-related work. Can be repeated for up to six credit hours.
   1.11 Course equivalency: None

2. Rationale:
   2.1 Reason for developing the proposed course: The craft brewing and distilling industries are a fast-growing segment of the U.S. and Kentucky economies. Brewing and distilling contributes an annual payroll of around $250 million each, with a direct economic impact—including retail, tourism such as the Bourbon Trail, and associated industries such as agriculture, construction, and manufacturing—of more than two billion dollars. Kentucky alone employs more than three hundred people in breweries and thousands more in brewing-related jobs, while the distilling industry employs more than three thousand in distilleries and thousands more in related jobs.

   This course helps meet a workforce need in the Commonwealth and in the United States by placing students into a fast-growing segment of the economy, while at the same time providing an atmosphere in which students in various majors can gain valuable hands-on experience.

   Over the past year we have gotten many requests from students and from people in the brewing and distilling industries to help with internship placements. Having an internship course specific to the industry will help students once they enter the job market.

   2.2 Relationship of the proposed course to other courses at WKU: None

3. Discussion of proposed course:
   3.1 Schedule type: N
   3.2 Learning Outcomes: By the end of the course, students should be able to
• Apply knowledge from their major/minor/certificate field to the brewing and distilling industry.
• Understand how their major/minor/certificate field relates to the brewing and/or distilling industries on a practical level.

3.3 Content outline:
• Under the supervision of a major professor and/or a designee of the Ogden College or Potter College Dean’s office, the student will apply his/her knowledge to assignments of value within the brewing or distilling industry.
• Students will write a final essay analyzing their experience within the context of what they had learned in their major/minor/certificate field.
• Students will conduct directed research within the scope of their internship assignment, and produce a final research product at the end of their internship.

3.4 Student expectations and requirements: Students will apply for an internship through one of their major/minor/certificate professors, or a designee of the Ogden College or Potter College Dean’s office. If the application comes through a major/minor/certificate professor, that professor will work with a designee of the Ogden College or Potter College Dean’s office to help the student review and understand the internship policies as outlined by the Career Services Center. The student will complete a learning plan that will be approved by the faculty supervisor and/or a designee of the Ogden College or Potter College Dean’s office, and a supervisor from the cooperating organization. An end-of-internship evaluation of the student’s performance will come from the organization’s supervisor. The student will also consult with, and design, a graduate-level research project related to the nature of his/her internship placement. The faculty advisor will assign a grade based on the supervisor’s report and the student’s final essay and research project.

3.5 Tentative texts and course materials: Will vary based on the placement.

4. Budget implications:
  4.1 Proposed method of staffing: One of the co-directors, or a faculty member in the students’ major field, will supervise and evaluate the student’s internship in conjunction with the employer.
  4.2 Special equipment, materials, or library resources needed: None

5. Term for implementation: Spring 2016

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Revise a Course  
(Action)

Date: 11/9/2015  
College, Department: Ogden, Chemistry  
Contact Person: Eric Conte, eric.conte@wku.edu, 270-745-6019

1. Identification of course  
   1.12 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 412G  
   1.13 Course title: Introduction to Physical Chemistry

2. Proposed change(s):  
   2.1 course number:  
   2.2 course title:  
   2.3 credit hours:  
   2.4 grade type:  
   2.5 prerequisites: All prerequisites have been removed.  
   2.6 corequisites:  
   2.7 course description:  
   2.8 other:

3. Rationale for revision of course:  
   Each academic institution has its own unique course number for a given course. Therefore, WKU undergraduate prerequisite course numbers cannot be required for graduate students matriculating from other Universities or Colleges. The chemistry graduate committee will evaluate undergraduate transcripts for readiness to take this course.

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1. **Identification of course**  
   1.14 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 420G  
   1.15 Course title: Inorganic Chemistry

2. **Proposed change(s):**  
   2.1 course number:  
   2.2 course title:  
   2.3 credit hours:  
   2.4 grade type:  
   2.5 prerequisites: All prerequisites have been removed.  
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Revise a Course
(Proposal)

Date: 11/9/2015
College, Department: Ogden, Chemistry
Contact Person: Eric Conte, eric.conte@wku.edu, 270-745-6019

1. Identification of course
   1.16 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 425G
   1.17 Course title: Polymer Chemistry

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours:
   2.4 grade type:
   2.5 prerequisites: All prerequisites have been removed.
   2.6 corequisites:
   2.7 course description:
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Revise a Course
(Addition)

Date: 11/9/2015
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Contact Person: Eric Conte, eric.conte@wku.edu, 270-745-6019

1. Identification of course
   1.18 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 435G
   1.19 Course title: Instrumental Analysis

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours:
   2.4 grade type:
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(Selection)

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1 Identification of course
   1.20 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 440G
   1.21 Course title: Introduction to Synthetic Organic Methodology

2 Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours:
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1 Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 470G
   1.2 Course title: Chemistry/Middle School

2 Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours:
   2.4 grade type:
   2.5 prerequisites: All prerequisites have been removed.
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1. Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 476G
   1.2 Course title: Advanced Laboratory Investigations in Chemistry

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours:
   2.4 grade type:
   2.5 prerequisites: All prerequisites have been removed.
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1. Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 490G
   1.2 Course title: Materials Chemistry

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours:
   2.4 grade type:
   2.5 prerequisites: All prerequisites have been removed.
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1. Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 491G
   1.2 Course title: Materials Chemistry Laboratory

2. Proposed change(s):
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Revise a Course
( Action)

Date: 11/9/2015
College, Department: Ogden, Chemistry
Contact Person: Eric Conte, eric.conte@wku.edu, 270-745-6019

1. Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 520
   1.2 Course title: Advanced Inorganic Chemistry

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours:
   2.4 grade type:
   2.5 prerequisites: All prerequisites have been removed.
   2.6 corequisites:
   2.7 course description:
   2.8 other:

3. Rationale for revision of course:
   Each academic institution has its own unique course number for a given course. Therefore, WKU undergraduate prerequisite course numbers cannot be required for graduate students matriculating from other Universities or Colleges. The chemistry graduate committee will evaluate undergraduate transcripts for readiness to take this course.

4. Term of implementation: Fall 2016

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Date: 11/9/2015  
College, Department: Ogden, Chemistry  
Contact Person: Eric Conte, eric.conte@wku.edu, 270-745-6019

1. Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 531  
   1.2 Course title: Advanced Analytical Chemistry

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:  
   2.2 course title:  
   2.3 credit hours:  
   2.4 grade type:  
   2.5 prerequisites: All prerequisites have been removed.  
   2.6 corequisites:  
   2.7 course description:  
   2.8 other:

3. Rationale for revision of course:
   Each academic institution has its own unique course number for a given course. Therefore, WKU undergraduate prerequisite course numbers cannot be required for graduate students matriculating from other Universities or Colleges. The chemistry graduate committee will evaluate undergraduate transcripts for readiness to take this course.

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Date: 11/9/2015  
College, Department: Ogden, Chemistry  
Contact Person: Eric Conte, eric.conte@wku.edu, 270-745-6019

1. Identification of course  
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 541  
   1.2 Course title: Advanced Organic Chemistry

2. Proposed change(s):  
   2.1 course number:  
   2.2 course title:  
   2.3 credit hours:  
   2.4 grade type:  
   2.5 prerequisites: All prerequisites have been removed.  
   2.6 corequisites:  
   2.7 course description:  
   2.8 other:

3. Rationale for revision of course:  
   Each academic institution has its own unique course number for a given course.  
   Therefore, WKU undergraduate prerequisite course numbers cannot be required for  
   graduate students matriculating from other Universities or Colleges. The chemistry  
   graduate committee will evaluate undergraduate transcripts for readiness to take this  
   course.

4. Term of implementation: Fall 2016

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Date: 11/9/2015  
College, Department: Ogden, Chemistry  
Contact Person: Eric Conte, eric.conte@wku.edu, 270-745-6019

1. Identification of course  
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 550  
   1.2 Course title: Advanced Physical Chemistry

2. Proposed change(s):  
   2.1 course number:  
   2.2 course title:  
   2.3 credit hours:  
   2.4 grade type:  
   2.5 prerequisites: All prerequisites have been removed.  
   2.6 corequisites:  
   2.7 course description:  
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3. Rationale for revision of course:  
   Each academic institution has its own unique course number for a given course. Therefore, WKU undergraduate prerequisite course numbers cannot be required for graduate students matriculating from other Universities or Colleges. The chemistry graduate committee will evaluate undergraduate transcripts for readiness to take this course.

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Date: 11/9/2015  
College, Department: Ogden, Chemistry  
Contact Person: Eric Conte, eric.conte@wku.edu, 270-745-6019

1. Identification of course  
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 570  
   1.2 Course title: Lecture Demonstration Techniques

2. Proposed change(s):  
   2.1 course number:  
   2.2 course title:  
   2.3 credit hours:  
   2.4 grade type:  
   2.5 prerequisites: All prerequisites have been removed.  
   2.6 corequisites:  
   2.7 course description:  
   2.8 other:

3. Rationale for revision of course:  
   Each academic institution has its own unique course number for a given course. Therefore, WKU undergraduate prerequisite course numbers cannot be required for graduate students matriculating from other Universities or Colleges. The chemistry graduate committee will evaluate undergraduate transcripts for readiness to take this course.

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Revise a Course
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Date: 11/9/2015
College, Department: Ogden, Chemistry
Contact Person: Eric Conte, eric.conte@wku.edu, 270-745-6019

1. Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 590
   1.2 Course title: Material Chemistry

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours:
   2.4 grade type:
   2.5 prerequisites: All prerequisites have been removed.
   2.6 corequisites:
   2.7 course description:
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3. Rationale for revision of course:
   Each academic institution has its own unique course number for a given course. Therefore, WKU undergraduate prerequisite course numbers cannot be required for graduate students matriculating from other Universities or Colleges. The chemistry graduate committee will evaluate undergraduate transcripts for readiness to take this course.

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Revise a Course
(Proposal)

Date: 11/9/2015
College, Department: Ogden, Chemistry
Contact Person: Eric Conte, eric.conte@wku.edu, 270-745-6019

1. Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: CHEM 591
   1.2 Course title: Material Chemistry Laboratory

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours:
   2.4 grade type:
   2.5 prerequisites: All prerequisites have been removed.
   2.6 corequisites:
   2.7 course description:
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3. Rationale for revision of course:
   Each academic institution has its own unique course number for a given course. Therefore, WKU undergraduate prerequisite course numbers cannot be required for graduate students matriculating from other Universities or Colleges. The chemistry graduate committee will evaluate undergraduate transcripts for readiness to take this course.

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Revise a Course
( Action )

Date: November 11, 2015
College, Department: University College, Diversity & Community Studies
Contact Person: Kristi Branham, Kristi.branham@wku.edu, 2943

1. Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: GWS 590
   1.2 Course title: Directed Study in Women’s and Gender Studies

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours: 1-3, repeatable up to 6 hours
   2.4 grade type:
   2.5 prerequisites:
   2.6 corequisites:
   2.7 course description:
   2.8 other:

3. Rationale for revision of course: We occasionally find that a student needs fewer than 3 hours to complete an independent study project. Allowing for variable hours, 1-6, would allow maximum flexibility.

4. Term of implementation: Summer 2016

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Revise a Course
(Action)

Date: November 11, 2015
College, Department: University College, Diversity & Community Studies
Contact Person: Jane Olmsted, jane.olmsted@wku.edu, 5787

1. Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: SRSC 579
   1.2 Course title: Independent Study in Social Responsibility and Sustainable Communities

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours: 1-3, repeatable up to 6 hours
   2.4 grade type:
   2.5 prerequisites:
   2.6 corequisites:
   2.7 course description:
   2.8 other:

3. Rationale for revision of course: We occasionally find that a student needs fewer than 3 hours to complete an independent study project. Allowing for variable hours, 1-6, would allow maximum flexibility.

4. Term of implementation: Summer 2016

5. Dates of committee approvals:
   Department
   College Curriculum Committee
   Graduate Council
   University Senate
   November 18, 2015
   December 3, 2015

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Revise a Course: Prerequisites
(Action)

Date: 11/8/2016
College, Department: CHHS, School of Nursing
Contact Person: Beverly Siegrist, Beverly.siegrist@wku.edu, 53490

1. Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix and number: NURS 503
   1.2 Course title: Advanced Health Assessment

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours:
   2.4 grade type:
   2.5 prerequisites: Admission to DNP or MSN program or permission of instructor
   2.6 corequisites:
   2.7 course description:
   2.8 other:

3. Rationale for revision of course: The old prerequisite NURS 506 is no longer required for either the MSN-Nurse Educator, or the BSN to DNP – FNP students.

4. Term of implementation: Summer 2016

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Revise a Course: Prerequisites  
(Proposal) 

Date: 11/08/2015  
College, Department: CHHS, School of Nursing  
Contact: Beverly Siegrist, Beverly.siegrist@wku.edu, 53490  

1. Identification of course  
   1.1 Course prefix and number: NURS 504  
   1.2 Course title: Theoretical Foundations of Professional Nursing  

2. Proposed change(s):  
   2.1 course number:  
   2.2 course title:  
   2.3 credit hours:  
   2.4 grade type:  
   2.5 prerequisites: Admitted to the DNP or MSN program or permission of instructor  
   2.6 corequisites:  
   2.7 course description:  
   2.8 other:  

3. Rationale for revision of course: DNP and MSN students now enroll in this class. This change allows for enrollment without override for both the DNP and MSN students.  

4. Term of implementation: Summer 2016  

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Revise a Course Catalog Description
(Change)

Date: 11/08/2015
College, Department: CHHS, School of Nursing
Contact: Beverly Siegrist, Beverly.siegrist@wku.edu, 53490

1. **Identification of course**
   - 1.1 Course prefix and number: NURS 508
   - 1.2 Course title: Advanced Issues in Professional Nursing

2. **Proposed change(s):**
   - 2.1 course number:
   - 2.2 course title:
   - 2.3 credit hours:
   - 2.4 grade type:
   - 2.5 prerequisites:
   - 2.6 corequisites:
   - 2.7 course description: Analysis and synthesis of selected political, legal, ethical, socioeconomic, and technological issues impacting advanced nursing practice.
   - 2.8 other:

3. **Rationale for revision of course:** DNP and MSN students now enroll in this class. This catalog description reflects the content appropriate to both DNP and MSN students.

4. **Term of implementation:** Summer 2016

5. **Dates of committee approvals:**

   - School of Nursing Graduate Committee 11/12/2015
   - CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee 11/30/2015
   - Graduate Council Curriculum Committee 1/12/2016
   - Graduate Council
   - University Senate

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Revise a Course: Prerequisites

(Action)

Date: 9/8/2015
College, Department:  CHHS, School of Nursing
Contact Person:  Beverly Siegrist, Beverly.siegrist@wku.edu  5-3490

1. Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix and number:  NURS 509
   1.2 Course title: Practice Management for Advanced Practice Nurses

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number: 
   2.2 course title: 
   2.3 credit hours: 
   2.4 grade type: 
   2.5 prerequisites: 
   2.6 corequisites: None 
   2.7 course description: 
   2.8 other: 

3. Rationale for revision of course:
   This course is used in both the BSN to DNP- FNP, and the Psychiatric Mental Health NP. The placement of the course is needed at various times in the curriculum not just with NURS 554.

4. Term of implementation:  Summer 2016

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Revise a Course: Prerequisites & Catalog Description
(Scan of a single page of text)

Date: 11/8/2016
College, Department: CHHS, School of Nursing
Contact Person: Beverly Siegrist, Beverly.siegrist@wku.edu, 53490

1. **Identification of course**
   1.1 Course prefix and number: NURS 522
   1.2 Course title: Teaching in Schools of Nursing Internship

2. **Proposed change(s):**
   2.1 course number:  
   2.2 course title:  
   2.3 credit hours:  
   2.4 grade type:  
   2.5 prerequisites: None  
   2.6 corequisites:  
   2.7 course description: This course provides the student the opportunity to implement the nurse-faculty role in an academic setting. The student works with an experienced nurse-faculty to gain actual experience teaching nursing and refining techniques related to the teaching-learning process. Students must be in the final semester of the program to enroll in this capstone experience.

   2.8 other:  

3. **Rationale for revision of course:** NURS 518 and NURS 520, formerly required as prerequisites are no longer required in the MSN Nurse Educator curriculum. The addition to the catalog descriptions further describes to the student when they may enroll in NURS 522, the capstone experience.

4. **Term of implementation:** Summer 2016

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Revise a Course Prerequisites
(Action)

Date: 11/8/2016
College, Department: CHHS, School of Nursing
Contact Person: Beverly Siegrist, Beverly.siegrist@wku.edu, 53490

1. Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix and number: NURS 605
   1.2 Course title: Leadership in Nursing Practice

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours:
   2.4 grade type:
   2.5 prerequisites: admission to MSN or DNP or permission of instructor
   2.6 corequisites:
   2.7 course description:
   2.8 other:

3. Rationale for revision of course:
   This course is now required for both the BSN-DNP FNP as well. It is a required course for MSN Nurse Educator students. This change simplifies enrollment for both of these groups of students. Additionally NURS 506 and NURS 500 are no longer required in the MSN Nurse Educator concentration.

4. Term of implementation: Summer 2016

5. Dates of committee approvals:

   SON Graduate Committee 11/12/2015
   CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee 11/30/2015
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Revise a Course: Prerequisites
(Action)

Date: 11/8/2016
College, Department: CHHS, School of Nursing
Contact Person: Beverly Siegrist, Beverly.siegrist@wku.edu, 53490

1. Identification of course
   1.1 Course prefix and number: NURS 606
   1.2 Course title: Advanced Clinical Practice

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 course number:
   2.2 course title:
   2.3 credit hours:
   2.4 grade type:
   2.5 prerequisites: NURS 605 or permission of instructor
   2.6 corequisites:
   2.7 course description:
   2.8 other:

3. Rationale for revision of course: After teaching the course sequence NURS 605 Leadership in Nursing Practice and NURS 606, it has been determined through program evaluation that the student is most successful in the clinical following completion of NURS 605.

4. Term of implementation: Summer 2016

5. Dates of committee approvals:
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   CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee 11/30/2015
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Revise a Program
(Action)

Date: December 1, 2015
College: University College
Department: School of Professional Studies
Contact Person: John Baker, john.baker1@wku.edu, 745-5149

1. Identification of program:

   5.1 Reference number: 1723
   5.2 Program title: Certificate in Organizational Leadership

2. Proposed change(s):

   2.1 □ title:
   2.2 □ admission criteria:
   2.3 X curriculum: Revise core and elective classes
   2.4 □ other:

3. Detailed program description:

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### Elective courses – 6 hours

Students will complete one course in two of the following categories:
- Ethics and Social Responsibility
- Human Relations
- Critical Thinking and Empirical Assessment

**TOTAL CREDITS: 12**

### Elective courses – 6 hours

Advisor approved electives

**TOTAL CREDITS: 12**

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4. **Rationale:** This is an effort to streamline our Organizational Leadership curriculum. LEAD 600 and LEAD 597 have had minor revisions, are both capstone courses, and now serve the same purpose. We therefore no longer have a need for LEAD 597 and will submit a request to delete this course. The addition of the two nursing practicums as substitutions for our capstone is a result of a partnership with the School of Nursing to promote leadership in a profession where 75 percent of current nurse leaders plan to leave the workforce by 2020 ([Journal of Nursing Administration](https://link.to/article)) 43[3], 130-134). Faculty from the School of Nursing and Organizational Leadership will work together to design a leadership-focused practicum experience that allows nursing students to apply leadership concepts and approaches while they engage in their nursing practicum. This has been done successfully over the past year, but required an appeal to substitute NURS 780 or NURS 530 for LEAD 597. This revision will reduce the administrative process required by advisors. The addition of advisor-approved elective courses facilitates other courses that make sense for this certificate yet may not qualify for the two content areas.

5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Summer 2016

6. **Dates of committee approvals:**

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(1Action)

Date: November 10, 2015  
College: University College  
Department: Diversity & Community Studies  
Contact Person: Kristi Branham, Kristi.branham@wku.edu, 2943

1. Identification of program:
   1.1 Reference number: 1712  
   1.2 Program title: Certificate in Gender & Women’s Studies

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 title:  
   2.2 admission criteria: Delete writing sample  
   2.3 curriculum:  
   2.4 other:

3. Detailed program description:

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4. Rationale: We added this second item several years ago when we were having problems with our students’ writing abilities. This has not been an issue for 5-6 years and has proved to be a barrier for non-traditional students who’ve been out of school long enough to have lost or disposed of academic writing samples.
5. **Proposed term for implementation**: Fall 2016

6. **Dates of committee approvals:**

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Revise a Program

(Action)

Date: November 11, 2015
College: University College
Department: Diversity & Community Studies
Contact Person: Jane Olmsted, jane.olmsted@wku.edu, 5787

1. Identification of program:
   1.1 Reference number: 0448
   1.2 Program title: M.A. in Social Responsibility & Sustainable Communities

2. Proposed change(s):
   2.1 ☐ title:
   2.2 ☐ admission criteria: Clarifying attendance at SRSC 590 and adding details regarding statement of interest
   2.3 ☐ curriculum:
   2.4 ☐ other: Program Requirement

3. Detailed program description:

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Rationale: The residency portion of the online SRSC program is an important feature, and we want prospective students to know how long they should expect to be in the Bowling Green area. The reason for the revision to program admission requirements is to clarify what we are looking for in the Statement of Interest.

Proposed term for implementation: Summer 2016

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Revise a Program
(Action)

Date: November 2, 2015
College: CHHS
Department: Public Health
Contact Person: Ritchie D. Taylor, ritchie.taylor@wku.edu, 58975

1. **Identification of program:**
   1.1 Reference number: 0427
   1.2 Program title: Environmental Health and Safety Certificate

2. **Proposed change(s):**
   2.1 ☐ title:
   2.2 ☛ admission criteria:
   2.3 ☑ curriculum: Changed one required course, reduced hours for required core, changed electives from 3 to 6 hours
   2.4 ☐ other:

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\(^1\) Other elective courses may be chosen with advisor approval.
4. **Rationale:** Students pursuing the Environmental Health and Safety Certificate are typically professionals in the Environmental Health and Safety field. As such, the current core curriculum, which includes EHS 572, is not suitable for students that lack a prior background in biostatistics at the graduate level. Most professionals that desire to pursue the Environmental Health and Safety Certificate have not taken PH 580 – Biostatistics. A major requirement of EHS 572 – Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology is that students use SAS software to perform advanced statistical epidemiology analysis. Students entering the certificate do not typically have this capability. Therefore, the proposal includes removing EHS 572 from the core and replacing this course with EOHS 580 – Solid and Hazardous Wastes. Solid and hazardous waste management is a basic function of most professionals in the field that work for industry. EOHS 580 is therefore appropriate for the core. A current requirement of the core is that students take PH 530 – Independent Investigations. However, administration of independent investigations for students working in diverse locations and environments has proved impractical. The last proposed change is to remove PH 530 from the core and reduce the core to nine hours. This will alleviate the administrative burden and provide students with flexibility to take courses applicable to the Environmental Health and Safety profession, with an advisor’s approval.

5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2016

6. **Dates of committee approvals:**

   - Department of Public Health: 11/23/2015
   - CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee: 11/30/2015
   - Graduate Council: 
   - University Senate: 
1. **Identification of program:**
   1.3 Reference number: 0011
   1.4 Program title: Doctor of Nursing Practice

2. **Proposed change(s):**
   2.1 [ ] title:
   2.2 [ ] admission criteria:
   2.3 [x] curriculum: An additional concentration in the BSN to DNP program is proposed to be added.
   2.4 [ ] other:

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3. Undergraduate degree from an international university outside the U.S. or English is second language submit appropriate TOFEL scores (policy established by the Graduate School)
4. Three professional references
5. Written goal statement
6. Resume highlighting past education, relevant clinical experience, scholarly endeavors and professional service (BSN to DNP students must document one year of full time experience as a registered nurse)

7. Professional license
   1. MSN - current and unencumbered RN and APN license (if applicable) in the state residence in which clinical experiences will be completed.
   2. BSN - current and unencumbered RN license in Kentucky or compact state

The following requirements only apply to the MSN to DNP option:
8. Completed verification of post-baccalaureate practice hours form. (Applicants who cannot demonstrate a minimum of 500 clinical clock hours in graduate program will be expected to complete clinical course work beyond the proposed curriculum.)
9. Graduate level statistics course within past 5 years

Following review of the admission materials by the Graduate Committee, applicants may be invited to interview with graduate faculty. Admissions are competitive. Documentation that an applicant meets the minimum admission requirements does not ensure admission to the program. It is expected that applicants have moderate technology skills and access to a personal computer and high speed DSL or broadband internet service.

The WKU DNP program is a practice focused degree preparing advanced practice nurses to assume leadership roles in healthcare. The curriculum is based upon a strong scientific foundation for practice and is designed to emphasize evidence-based practice, leadership, health policy development, organizational analysis, and change.

A Post-MSN option for nurse practitioners or nurse administrators and a BSN to DNP option for students seeking a family nurse practitioner (FNP) degree is available.
WKU FNP students are eligible to sit for national certification as family nurse practitioners (FNP).

All students complete a practice immersion experience and culminating DNP Project with a patient population or in a healthcare system that demonstrates application of advanced clinical and evidence-based practice. It will serve as a foundation for future scholarly practice. Please refer to the admission section of this catalog for Graduate School admission requirements.

BSN to DNP Program Requirements (76 hours)

**Required Core (48 hours)**
- Graduate Statistics Course – 3 hrs
- NURS 500 Advanced Physiological and Pathophysiological Concepts
- NURS 503 Advanced Health Assessment – 2 hrs
- NURS 504 Theoretical Foundations of Professional Nursing – 3 hrs
- NURS 505 Advanced Health Assessment Clinical – 1 hr
- NURS 508 Advanced Issues in Professional Nursing – 1 hr
- NURS 509 Practice Management for Advanced Practice Nurses – 1 hr
- NURS 510 Graduate Nursing Research – 3 hrs
- NURS 515 Advanced Pharmacology – 4 hrs
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- NURS 549 Primary Care of the Adult Clinical – 2 hrs
- NURS 554 Primary Care Internship – 5 hrs
- NURS 601 Orientation to the Doctor of Nursing Practice – 2 hrs
- NURS 605 Leadership in Nursing Practice – 3 hrs
- NURS 620 Biostatistics for Healthcare Professionals – 3 hrs
- NURS 630 Advanced Epidemiology – 3 hrs
- NURS 700 Healthcare Leadership and Organizational Theory – 3 hrs
- NURS 701 Leadership in Health Policy – 3 hrs
- NURS 712 Evidenced-Based Practice – 3 hrs

Two options are available in the DNP program: MSN to DNP and BSN to DNP. The BSN to DNP has two concentrations: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Nurse Executive (NE). BSN to DNP FNP concentration students are eligible to sit for national certification as a FNP.

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BSN to DNP Program Requirements (63 to 76 hours)

**Required Core (48 hours)**
- Graduate Statistics Course – 3 hrs
- NURS 503 Advanced Health Assessment – 2 hrs
- NURS 504 Theoretical Foundations of Professional Nursing – 3 hrs
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NURS 601 Orientation to the Doctor of Nursing Practice – 2 hrs
NURS 620 Biostatistics for Healthcare Professionals – 3 hrs
NURS 630 Advanced Epidemiology – 3 hrs
NURS 700 Healthcare Leadership and Organizational Theory – 3 hrs OR LEAD 500 Effective Leadership Studies
NURS 701 Leadership in Health Policy – 3 hrs
NURS 712 Evidenced-Based Practice – 3 hrs
NURS 714 Economic and Financial Influence in Healthcare Systems – 3 hrs
NURS 740 Technology in Healthcare – 3 hrs
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NURS 765 Institutional Review Board Process in Nursing – 1 hr
NURS 780 – 6 hrs

4. **Rationale:** Currently the MSN program has a nurse administrator concentration and the creation of a Nurse Executive concentration in the BSN-DNP provides a pathway for baccalaureate prepared nurses to pursue the DNP. This degree will prepare our graduates to influence health care outcomes for individuals or populations, includes the administration of nursing and health care organizations, and the development and implementation of health policy.

5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Summer 2016

6. **Dates of committee approvals:**

   - SON Graduate Committee: 11/12/2015
   - CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee: 11/30/2015
   - Graduate Council Curriculum Committee: 1/12/2016
   - Graduate Council: 
   - University Senate: 

11/12/2015
11/30/2015
1/12/2016
Certificate Program - Create New
(No action)
Date: 25 Sept. 2015
College: Ogden College of Science and Engineering, Potter College of Arts & Letters
Department: Deans’ Offices
Contact Person: Cathleen Webb, cathleen.webb@wku.edu, 5-6181
Andrew McMichael, andrew.mcmichael@wku.edu, 5-6538

1. Identification of program:
   1.1 Program title: Brewing and Distilling Arts & Sciences
   1.2 Required hours: 13.5-16.5
   1.3 Program Description:
   Humans have been brewing alcohol since the dawn of recorded history, and distilling stretches back over a thousand years. Brewing and distilling play a major role in the Kentucky and U.S. economy. Industries as diverse as farming, tourism, construction, and retail all rely on, and contribute to alcohol production.

   This multidisciplinary graduate certificate is designed to complement an existing major in a related field, by providing a background understanding of topics related to the brewing and distilling industries—the science, the business, and the history, as well as an internship—students need to become competitive in the marketplace.

   Students will take four courses for the certificate. BDAS500 is an intensive introductory study of the science of fermentation. BA502 is a series of online modules designed to introduce the student to marketing, accounting, finance, management, and business math. HIST531 examines the history of brewing and distilling, and BDAS595 is a variable-credit internship placement in a sector of the brewing and distilling industry, in consultation with a faculty supervisor.

   1.4 Classification of Instructional Program Code (CIP):

2. Learning outcomes of the proposed certificate program:

   Upon completion of this certificate students should
   • Have a basic familiarity with the brewing and distilling industries, including the underlying science, the management and business, and history;
   • Have experience, through an internship, in a distillery or brewery.

3. Rationale:
   3.1 Reason for developing the proposed certificate program:
   The craft brewing and distilling industries are a fast-growing segment of the U.S. and Kentucky economies. Brewing and distilling contributes an annual payroll of around $250 million each, with a direct economic impact—including retail, tourism such as the Bourbon Trail, and associated industries such as agriculture, construction, and manufacturing—of more than two
billion dollars. Kentucky alone employs more than three hundred people in breweries and thousands more in brewing-related jobs, while the distilling industry employs more than three thousand in distilleries and thousands more in related jobs. Currently, WKU offers no options that meet workforce needs associated with the brewing and distilling industries, and employers (even those in-state) look to interns and skilled employees from outside the state to meet their workforce needs.

Brewing certificates are becoming increasingly popular at universities around the country, and a few certificates in distilling have begun to crop up. The majority of these are at two-year colleges or extension campuses of existing four-year universities. Virtually all of the certificates are located in the sciences—either food sciences or chemistry of one kind or another.

In informal surveys of distilleries and breweries around the country and in Kentucky, brewers and distillers consistently stated that they wished they had had, and that they wanted new employees to have, a broad base of skills. Those surveys, conducted in 2010 and 2014 showed that industry employers wanted graduates with an education that spanned multiple disciplines, including the arts, the sciences, the humanities, business, and the health sciences fields.

This graduate certificate will give students a background in the fundamentals of the brewing and distilling industries—the science, the business, and the history, as well as an internship—they need to become competitive in the marketplace. The certificate does so by providing a traditional, broad-based liberal arts and sciences education that speaks to the core mission of WKU.

Relationship of the proposed certificate program to other programs now offered by the department: None

3.2 Relationship of the proposed certificate program to certificate programs offered in other departments: Many departments offer graduate certificates. This was modeled on a standard 12-15 hour requirement, with extra hours allowed for extended or repeated internships. The Department of Communication offers a 12-hour Communicating in Healthcare Certificate; The Department of Philosophy and Religion offers a 15-hour Religious Studies Certificate; The School of Teacher Education offers a 15-hour Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders. Many others exist. No other unit offers one focus on brewing and distilling. This graduate certificate has a higher emphasis on professional practices than the undergraduate certificate; is intended for an audience of students who are familiar with the industry; and the internship is focused on a professional experience.

3.3 Projected enrollment in the proposed certificate program: 3-5 per year, based on student interest and inquiries from industry partners to place employees in graduate programs.

3.4 Similar certificate programs offered elsewhere in Kentucky and in other states (including programs at benchmark institutions): While undergraduate certificates in brewing proliferate, no other Kentucky institution offers one at the graduate level. Auburn University offers a graduate certificate in Brewing Science and Operations through their Nutrition, Dietetics, & Hospitality Management program. The University of California at Davis also offers a
Masters Brewing Program. This certificate is not meant to prepare a student to take an intensive, internationally-recognized professional examination. Our interviews with brewers and industry leaders suggest that this program is generally more applicable for a wider range of employees.

3.5 Relationship of the proposed certificate program to the university mission and objectives: This program speaks to the part of the university mission that looks to “[prepare] students of all backgrounds to be productive, engaged, and socially responsible citizen-leaders of a global society.” The Certificate in Brewing and Distilling Arts & Sciences speaks to workforce needs, and engages students in an important component of American culture, history, technology, science, and economy. The interdisciplinary nature speaks to the nature of a university—to prepare students to enter the workforce with an education that comes from a wide variety of subjects that reinforces and goes beyond what they would get by simply taking their general education classes.

4. **Admission Criteria:** minimum Graduate School admission criteria

5. **Curriculum:**

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*Internship hours based on student needs in consultation with program coordinator

6. **Budget implications:** None. This certificate requires no additional faculty, nor any additional material resources.

7. **Term of implementation:** Spring 2016

8. **Dates of committee approvals:**

- Department (Agriculture) 11/20/2015
- College Curriculum Committee 12/09/2015
- Graduate Council
- University Senate