

To: George Crandell

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Re: Equivalent Courses

Due to a recent increase in the number of special topics courses (XXXX 7970, XXXX7976) being offered in the College of Education, we are finding that students who wish to take two different special topics courses are being blocked from registering for them due to a "Duplicate Equivalent" error.

According to information provided by Julia Thompson, a large number of courses recently have been made equivalent with one another without consultation with the offering unit. For most courses, these additions make sense. However, for XXXX 7970/6 courses, the logic used to make these decisions does not apply. The table of equivalencies that Julia provided to our unit lists courses that do not exist as equivalencies with courses that do exist.

- FOUN 7976 does not exist in CIM, nor in the Banner catalog that we can identify.
- EPSY 7976 does not exist in CIM, nor in the Banner catalog that we can identify.

Students SHOULD be able to take special topic courses more than once, possibly during the same semester. Doing so permits faculty to offer study in areas that do not have regularly scheduled course numbers. Additionally, The College of Education has mandated that new courses be piloted using special topics numbers. When multiple faculty adhere to this mandate, students are unable to explore these topics due to the equivalencies that have been set, which depresses enrollment numbers in an unintended manner.

Last, while in most cases the face-to-face and distance versions of courses would be considered equivalent, the same is not necessarily true for special topics courses, as multiple offerings within a department of special topics courses require that there be different topics for each course, as well as for the reasons outlined above.

Therefore, the Educational Foundations, Leadership & Technology department is requesting that the following erroneous course equivalencies be removed at the catalog level as soon as possible so that future students may register for these courses as the department intends for them to be able to do.

- FOUN 7970 – NOT equivalent to any other course on this list
- ERMA 7970 – NOT equivalent to any other course on this list
- ERMA 7976 – NOT equivalent to any other course on this list
- EPSY 7970 – NOT equivalent to any other course on this list

The department is also requesting that the following CRNs be corrected at the schedule level for the indicated semesters.

- 13318 – Summer 2018 – NOT equivalent to any other course on this list
- 14253 – Summer 2018– NOT equivalent to any other course on this list
- 14386 – Summer 2018– NOT equivalent to any other course on this list

- 18418 – Fall 18 – NOT equivalent to any other course on this list
- 18731 – Fall 18– NOT equivalent to any other course on this list
- 18420 – Fall 2018– NOT equivalent to any other course on this list
- 18627 – Fall 2018– NOT equivalent to any other course on this list

Students should be permitted to take any or all of these courses during the same semester, provided there is a change in topic.

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