THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE FACULTY SENATE

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APC Document 80 Change descriptions and credit hours of NM 438 and 490

Effective Date: Fall 2014

1. Delete: On page 236, the entry for NM 438, Senior Capstone Project:

438 Senior Capstone Project (3)

Students design, develop and implement a long-term project that demonstrates in-depth understanding, both conceptually and technically, of an aspect of multimedia communications. Prerequisite: NM 322. Fall and Spring.

Add: On page 236, in place of deleted entry:

438 Senior Capstone Project (2)

Students design, develop and implement a long-term collaborative research project that demonstrates in-depth understanding, both conceptually and technically, of an aspect of new media. Prerequisite: NM 222; one course from NM 310, 320 or 350. Fall and Spring.

2. Delete: On page 237, the entry for NM 490, Proseminar and Portfolio:

490 Proseminar and Portfolio (3)

Students will construct a portfolio of completed projects for use in the work or graduate school environment. Students will study the effects of this convergent media upon culture, the arts and the evolution of ideas, and examine where multimedia has been and will likely go. Students will consider the impact of new media from multiple viewpoints. Prerequisite: NM 322. Fall and Spring.

Add: On page 237, in place of deleted entry:

490 Proseminar and Portfolio (2)

Students will develop and implement an individual project and construct a portfolio of completed projects for use in professional or graduate school environments. Students will consider the impact of new media from multiple viewpoints. Prerequisite: NM 438. Fall and Spring.

Impact: There will be no impact on the resources and staffing of the NM department due to this change. No new lab equipment or space will be needed. Offering NM 438 during Term I and NM 490 during Term II will allow students to complete the senior capstone requirement in one semester rather than two.

Rationale: Currently, students can take NM 438 without having completed a single course in their emphasis area. Changing the prerequisite so that students will be required to have at least one course will better prepare the student for the capstone project. Likewise, students should take the Senior Capstone course NM 438 before taking NM 490 in order to have the proper practice for this self-directed senior studio course.

In NM 438, students will work on a large scale team project and further develop their conceptual and technical skills. This will prepare students to create the self-directed projects that will be completed in NM 490. Reducing the credit hours and workload for NM 438 and 490 will allow the courses to be offered as Term I & II model in one semester, thus enabling student to graduate in a more timely manner.