

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 44 (NM): **Change NM 332 from 2 to 4 credit hours**

Effective Date: Fall 2017

1. Delete: On page 250, the entry for **NM 332, Experimental Media:**

332 Experimental Media (2)

Students examine diverse dimensions of visualization and communication from the representational to the abstract. The foremost goal of this class is to imagine and to experiment with ideas. Creativity, perception, improvisation, and invention are integral components of any successful design or fine art project and are a fundamental aspect of the course. Prerequisite: NM 222. See program director.

Add: On page 250, in place of deleted entry:

332 Experimental Media (4)

Students create work in a specific experimental genre of new media, exploring the unique strengths and challenges of that genre in comparison with other more standard new media genres. Conceptual and reflective thinking is particularly emphasized in conjunction with novel and inventive ways of making. The foremost goal of this class is to imagine and to experiment with ideas. Creativity, perception, improvisation, and invention are integral components of any successful design or fine art project and are a fundamental aspect of the course. Prerequisite: NM 231, 251 and 281. See department chair.

Impact: There will be no impact on the resources and staffing of the NM department due to this change. The students are required to take a certain number of electives within the major, and NM 332 will be offered occasionally in lieu of (or sometimes in addition to) the other NM elective courses, thus offering more NM elective variety to students without requiring additional faculty hours. No new lab equipment or space will be needed.

Rationale: When New Media shifted from 3 hour to 4 hour courses, NM 332 was changed from a 3-hour course to a 2-hour course. The rationale at that time was to provide students who had taken another 2-hour course within the major (the internship course, for example) a second 2-hour course option in order to round out their minimum hour requirements for the department. However, most faculty members needed three 4-hour courses per semester to meet their own full-time teaching requirements, so NM 332 was never offered after the change. By making NM 332 a 4-hour course, it can enter back into a more regular rotation, providing a suitable catalog option for certain courses currently being taught as special topics courses.

NM 222 is being removed from the NM curriculum, so NM 231, 251 and 281, the prerequisites to NM 222 are being listed, instead.