

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 44 (ESI): Update the required hours for the ESI concentration in
Interdisciplinary Studies, and add ESI 491 as an option to 490 for
the capstone**

Effective Date: Fall 2022

1. Delete: On page 188, under **Requirements for Concentration in Ethics and Social Institutions:**

- I. Required courses for the major—22 hours, including: ESI 101, 490; ECON 103; PHIL 200; POLS 220 or 281; ANTH 100 or SOC 100.
- II. Research methods—8 hours. Complete one of the following groups: (a) STAT 185 and ECON 365; or (b) POLS 220, 281 and 290; or (c) ANTH 225 or SOC 225, and either ANTH 336 or SOC 338.
- III. Elective program—18 hours approved by the ESI coordinator. In consultation with the major advisor, students will design an elective program organized around a theme in Ethics and Social Institutions. No more than 9 of these credit hours may come from any one department. Courses must come from at least three different departments, and at least 14 of the 18 elective hours must be at the 300-level or above.
- IV. Other concentration requirements—Major competency is demonstrated in ESI 490. The course must be completed with a grade of C or higher. At least 28 of the total required hours must be taken while a student at UNCA. Students seeking a double major may count only 12 credit hours from the other major toward an ESI concentration. None of a student’s credit hours earned for a declared minor can be counted toward an ESI concentration.

Add: On page 188, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses for the major—24 hours, including: ESI 101, and 490 or 491; ECON 103; PHIL 200; POLS 220 or 281; ANTH 100 or SOC 100.
- II. Research methods—8 hours. Complete one of the following groups: (a) STAT 185 and ECON 365; or (b) POLS 220, 281 and 290; or (c) ANTH 225 or SOC 225, and either ANTH 336 or SOC 338.
- III. Elective program—at least 18 hours approved by the ESI coordinator. In consultation with the major advisor, students will design an elective program organized around a theme in Ethics and Social Institutions. No more than 12 of these credit hours may come from any one department. Courses must come from at least three different departments, and at least 14 of the 18 elective hours must be at the 300-level or above.
- IV. Other concentration requirements—Major competency is demonstrated in ESI 490 or 491. The course must be completed with a grade of C or higher. At least 28 of the total required hours must be taken while a student at UNCA. Students seeking a double major may count only 12 credit hours from the other major toward an ESI concentration. None of a student’s credit hours earned for a declared minor can be counted toward an ESI concentration.

Impact: The increase in credit hours for ESI 101 and 490 increases the required hours for the major concentration, but should not negatively impact students nor increase their time toward graduation. The addition of ESI 491 increases student choice in how they satisfy the capstone requirement.

Rationale: The additional credit hour for the intro and capstone courses allows for more in-depth coverage of material, which is beneficial to student learning. An internship can be very beneficial for many students, and that experiential opportunity should be a capstone option for students.

When the major concentration was first created, most of the courses on campus were 3-credit-hours, so the limitation of 9 hours from a single department really meant three courses. We're updating the number to a limit of 12 hours to account for most departments now having 4-credit classes.