

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE  
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 17 (NM):** **Revise the requirements for the Major in New Media**

**Effective Date: Fall 2023**

**1. Delete:** On page 263 under **Major in New Media:**

- I. Required courses for the major—36 hours including: NM 101, 231, 251, 281, 438, 490; one course from NM 142, 146 or 344; 4 additional hours of electives in a New Media studio course at the 300-400 level; and 8 hours from one of the following Emphasis Areas:
  - a. Computer Animation: NM 310, 410
  - b. Interactive Media: NM 320 or 330; 420
  - c. Video Art and Design: NM 350, 450
- II. Required courses outside of the major—11 hours: one course from CSCI 182, 183 or 185; MATH 167 or STAT 185, or higher level MATH or STAT; and either PHYS 101 and 121 or PHYS 102 and 122.
- III. Other program requirements—Major competency is demonstrated in NM 490. The course must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

**Add:** On page 263, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses for the major—36 hours including: NM 101, 231, 251, 281, 438, 490; one writing course chosen from NM 142, 146 or 344; 4 additional hours of electives in a New Media studio course at the 300-400 level; and 8 hours to complete one of the following Emphasis Areas:
  - a. Animation: NM 310 and 410, or NM 312 and 412
  - b. Interactive Media: NM 320 and 420
  - c. Video Art and Design: NM 350 and 450
- II. Required courses outside of the major—11 hours: one course from CSCI 182, 183 or 185; MATH 167 or STAT 185, or higher level MATH or STAT; and either PHYS 101 and 121 or PHYS 102 and 122.
- III. Other program requirements—Major competency is demonstrated in NM 490. The course must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

**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.

**Rationale:** Students must take one writing within the major course, so adding the phrase “one writing in the discipline course” prior to the listing of NM 142, 146, or 344 makes it clear this is an expectation of the course.

The phrase “Computer Animation” is now dated. Using the term “Animation” alone is inclusive of techniques that use computers, including 3D animation using software such as Maya and 2D animation using software such as Adobe Animate as well as traditional techniques such as stop motion or hand drawn animation. Because our courses can cover any of these techniques, the phrase “Computer Animation” in the name of this emphasis area is incorrect and sounds dated.

NM 330 has been removed from the catalog, and therefore needs to be removed as an option for the Interactive emphasis area.