

TO: Lawrence Williams, Chair
Undergraduate Committee

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Academic Policies and Procedures Subcommittee

SUBJECT: UC 12758 14S: Proposal to Change Minimum Grade Requirement in
Kinesiology Prerequisite Courses

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The Academic Policies and Procedures Subcommittee met on Wednesday, April 9 to consider a proposal to include the requirement of a C- or better in all Kinesiology courses that are prerequisites for other Kinesiology courses. Participating in the discussion were subcommittee members Ognjen Miljanic, Richard Scamell, Shishir Shah, Lesley Sisk, and Steve Soutullo. Rey Trevino attended the meeting as a guest.

UC 12758 14S calls for students to earn a grade of C- or better in the Kinesiology courses listed below. Collectively these courses cover both tracks of the Exercise Science, Fitness and Sports, and Sport Administration Programs.

KIN 1352: Foundations of Kinesiology, Health and Fitness
KIN 3301: Design and Evaluation of Physical Activity Programs
KIN 3304: Human Structure and Physical Performance
KIN 3305: Sociological and Cultural Aspects of Sport
KIN 3306: Physiology of Human Performance
KIN 4310: Measurement Techniques in Human Performance
KIN 3360: Professional Preparation for Sport Administration
KIN 3309: Biomechanics
KIN 3325: Sports Therapy and Athletic Training
KIN 4355: Organization and Administration of Athletics

The faculty in the Department of Health and Human Performance feel that student success in prerequisite courses increases their chance for success in the more complex courses that follow in their degree program. UC 12758 14S presents data from the Fall 2008 through the Fall 2013 semesters which shows that had the proposed minimum grade requirement been in effect that an average of 7.7 students ;per course offering would have been impacted. Stated another way: of the 14,711 students taking these 10 courses over the past five years, there were 962 grades of D which translates to 6.54 percent of the students in these courses earning a grade of D. Incidentally, 89.59 percent of the grades in these courses were C- or better with 3.87 percent of the grades being an F. Thus the goal of UC 12758 14S is to encourage all students to put forth the consistent effort that is required to earn at least a grade of C- in each prerequisite course in their degree program.

Approval of UC 12758 14S requires the following change in the catalog:

Earned Grade Requirements for Kinesiology Courses

Students receive 2 attempts to complete all prerequisite courses with a C- or better; failure to do so will result in ineligibility to graduate in the major.

Recommendation

The Subcommittee recommends approval of UC12758 14S.