



GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 8th, 2025

The Graduate Council met via Microsoft Teams on Monday, December 8th, 2025, at 2:00pm.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Bill Hauk, Chair; Drs. John Doering-White, Lorie Donelle Andrew Graciano, Daniel Kilpatrick, Terrance McAdoo, David Mott, Jill Stewart, Ari Streisfeld, Kristen Weaver-Toedtman, Sanjib Sur, Sriram Venkataraman, Rachel Williams, Mark Yancey, and Arunav Das (GSA).

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Rachel Bush, Ashley Gess, Carolyn Harmon, Kevin Lu, Kirk Randazzo, Jing Wen, and Nick Watanabe.

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Lara L. Anderson (excused), Dr. Lingyu (Lucy) Yu, Dr. Aaron Marterer, Dr. Matt Klopfenstein, Dale Moore, and Wanda Barr.

Provost Office Representatives: Trena Houp and Dr. LaTrice Ratcliff-Small (excused).

Guests: Dr. Kenneth Campbell (Journalism), Dr. Nabil Natafqi (HSPM), and Rhonda Sherman (Information Science).

NOTE: These minutes will become final on January 26, 2026, if not challenged.

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda (Bill Hauk, Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm, and the Agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes from November 24, 2025. Approved actions by Graduate Council become effective 30 days after posting. A copy is available on the Graduate School website at: <https://bit.ly/3SvPO0E>.

The minutes from November were unanimously approved.

3. Report of the Chair (Bill Hauk)

No report.

4. Report of the Interim Dean of the Graduate School (Aaron Marterer for Lara Lomicka Anderson)

No report.

5. Report of the Graduate Student Association (Arunav Das)

No report.

6. Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee (Kirk Randazzo)

No report.

7. Report of the 500/600 Level Courses (Trena Houp)

This report is presented to Council for informational purposes only; no action is necessary.

500/600 Courses for December 2025 Grad Council

(CCP = Course Change Proposal; NCP=New Course Proposal). Total: 56

BIOL 532 (3) Herpetology (NCP: Spring 2026)
BIOL 545 (3) Protein Biochemistry and Metabolism change (CCP: Fall 2026)
BIOL 546 (3) Molecular Biochemistry of the Cell change (CCP: Fall 2026)
BIOL 555 (3) Epigenetics (NCP: Spring 2026)
CHEM 541 (3) Physical Chemistry I (CCP: Fall 2026)
CHEM 541L (2) Physical Chemistry I Lab (CCP: Fall 2026)
CHEM 542 (3) Physical Chemistry II (CCP: Fall 2026)
CHEM 542L (2) Physical Chemistry Lab II (CCP: Fall 2026)
ECHE 550 (3) Chemical-Process Dynamics and Control (CCP: Fall 2026)
ECHE 576 (3) Intro to Battery Systems (NCP: Spring 2026)
ECIV 521 (3) Numerical Methods in Mechanics (CCP: Fall 2026)
ECIV 563 (3) Subsurface Hydrology (CCP: Fall 2026)
ELCT 530 (3) Industrial Controls (Reactivate: Spring 2026)
ELCT 551 (3) Power Systems Design and Analysis (Reactivate: Spring 2026)
EMCH 535 (3) Robotics in Mechanical Engineering (CCP: Spring 2026)
ENVR/MSCI 506 (3) Coastal Nature-Based Solutions (NCP: Spring 2026)
EXSC 610 (3) Neuroscience of Human Performance (CCP: Spring 2026)
FAME 521 (3) Screenwriting (CCP: Fall 2026)
FAME 522 (3) Feature Film (CCP: Fall 2026)
FAME 523 (3) The Art and Business of Manga and Anime (CCP: Fall 2026)
FAME 524 (3) Television Writing (CCP: Fall 2026)
FAME 571 (3) Narrative Film (CCP: Fall 2026)
FAME 572 (3) Documentary Filmmaking (CCP: Fall 2026)
FAME 573 (3) 3D Animation (CCP: Fall 2026)
FAME 574 (3) Experimental Film (CCP: Fall 2026)
FAME 575 (3) Cinematography (CCP: Fall 2026)
FAME 576 (3) Site-based and Installation Art (CCP: Fall 2026)
FAME 577 (3) Mobile Platforms (CCP: Fall 2026)
FAME 578 (3) Media Performance (CCP: Fall 2026)
FAME 579 (3) Game Design (CCP: Fall 2026)
FAME 580 (3) Sound Art (CCP: Fall 2026)
FORL 512 (3) Advanced Methods in the Teaching of Foreign Languages (NCP: Spring 2026)
GEOL 500 (3-6) Field Geology (CCP: Fall 2026)
GEOL 500L (1-4) Introduction to Field Geology (NCP: Fall 2026)
GLST 531 (3) Advanced Topics in Global Studies (NCP: Spring 2026)
HPEB 553 (3) Community Health (CCP: Fall 2026)
HTMT 590 (1-3) Special Topics in HTMT (CCP: Fall 2026)
JOUR 580 (3) Advanced Reporting Topics (Inactivate: Fall 2026)
JOUR 586 (3) Capstone I - Capstone I - Advanced Reporting - Broadcast and Online Journalism (Inactivate: Fall 2026)
JOUR 587 (3) Capstone I - Advanced Reporting - Multimedia Journalism (Inactivate: Fall 2026)
JOUR 588 (3) Capstone II - Advanced Broadcast and Online Journalism Production (Inactivate: Fall 2026)
JOUR 589 (3) Capstone II – Advanced Multimedia Journalism Production (Inactivate: Fall 2026)
JOUR 590 (3) Capstone III – Digital Journalism (Inactivate: Fall 2026)

MSCI 599 (1-3) Topics in Marine Science (CCP: Spring 2026)
MUED 551 (2) The Middle School Band (CCP: Fall 2026)
POLI 501 (3-6) Internship in International Studies (NCP: Spring 2026)
POLI 506 (3) Writing for Political Science (NCP: Spring 2026)
PSYC 598 (1-6) Individual Research (CCP: Fall 2026)
PSYC 599 (1-6) Advanced Individual Research (CCP: Fall 2026)
SOCY 502 (3) Political Sociology (Inactivate: Fall 2026)
SOCY 509 (3) Advanced Social Structures (Inactivate: Fall 2026) e
SOCY 521 (3) Small Group Analysis (Inactivate: Fall 2026)
SOCY 522 (3) Power and Authority Structures in Groups (Inactivate: Fall 2026)
SOCY 524 (3) Interpersonal Behavior in Families (Inactivate: Fall 2026)
SOWK 668 (3) Special Topics in Social Work (CCP: Spring 2026)
SPAN 500 (3) Contemporary Spain (CCP: Fall 2026)

8. Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations (Lingyu Yu)

None at this time.

9. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Daniel Kilpatrick)

No report.

10. Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee (Andrew Graciano)

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Total: 88

- **COMD 811** (1) Survey of Research in COMD, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **COMD 812** (3) Scientific Writing in COMD: Papers & Grants, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **COMD 815** (1 - 3) Mentored Teaching in COMD, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **ECHE 709** (3) Selected Topics in Industrial Stoichiometry, (Course Inactivation Proposal: Fall 2027)
- **ECHE 723** (3) Advanced Computational Fluid Dynamics for Engineering Applications, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **ECHE 740** (3) Distillation, (Course Inactivation Proposal: Fall 2027)
- **ECHE 741** (3) Liquid-Liquid Extraction, (Course Inactivation Proposal: Fall 2027)
- **ECHE 760** (3) Introduction to Fusion Energy and Fusion Materials Science, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **ECHE 761** (3) Fusion Fuel Cycle and Tritium, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **ECHE 762** (3) Fusion Blanket Technology, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **ECHE 763** (3) Fuel Cycle and Blanket Modeling and Control (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **ECHE 764** (3) Fuel Cycle Analytical Technologies and Tritium Accountancy, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **ECHE 765** (3) Tritium Safety, Regulation, Supply, and Nonproliferation, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **EDCE 840** (3) Scholarly Inquiry and Dissertation Foundations, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **ELCT 771** (3) Optical Communications: Devices and Systems, (Course Inactivation Proposal: Fall 2027)
- **ELCT 773** (3) Magnetics Design for Power Electronics, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **ELCT 882** (3) High-Speed Semiconductor Devices, (Course Inactivation Proposal: Fall 2027)
- **ENHS 890** (1 - 6) Independent Study, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **FAME 702** (3) Graduate Media Workshop, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **FAME 721** (3) Screenwriting, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **FAME 722** (3) Feature Writing, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **FAME 723** (3) The Art and Business of Manga and Anime, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **FAME 724** (3) Television Writing, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)

- **FAME 771** (3) Narrative, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **FAME 772** (3) Documentary Film, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **FAME 773** (3) 3D Animation, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **FAME 774** (3) Experimental Film, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **FAME 775** (3) Cinematography, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **FAME 776** (3) Site-Based Installation, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **FAME 777** (3) Mobile Platforms, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **FAME 778** (3) Media Performance, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **FAME 779** (3) Game Design, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **FAME 780** (3) Sound Art, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **HPEB 710** (3) Evaluation of Health Promotion Programs, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **HTMT 768** (1 - 3) Contemporary Problems in the Lodging Industry, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **HTMT 776** (1 - 3) Current Issues in Foodservice Management, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **HTMT 798** (1 - 3) Directed Study in HTMT (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **ICOM 788** (3) Implementing Data and Digital Communications, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **INDE 764** (1 - 6) Independent Study in Industrial Engineering, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **INDE 791** (1 - 6) Advanced Special Topics in Industrial Engineering, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **MGSC 721** (3) Healthcare Operations Management, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **MSCI 800** (0-1) Marine Science Seminar, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **PEDU 730** (3) Applied Sport and Performance Psychology, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **PHYT 720** (3) Fundamentals of Physical Therapy, (Course Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **POLI 788** (3) Dictatorship and Democratization, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **SOCY 735** (3) Social Networks of Covert Groups: Theory and Practice, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **SOCY 736** (3) Qualitative Methods for the Social and Behavioral Sciences, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **SOCY 750** (3) Population Perspectives of Gender, Sexuality and Health, (NCP: Spring 2026)

- **Chemistry, M.S. (Restricted to students in the Chemistry PhD. Program)**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Chemistry, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Film and Media, M.A.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
The School of Visual Art and Design requests a program name change for the Bachelor of Arts in Media Arts and the Master of Arts in Media Arts to Film and Media, as well as a new course designator to replace all existing MART and FAMS designated courses. As part of this change, we request that all courses under the FAMS and MART designators be replaced with the new designator of FAME.
- **Anthropology, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Statistics, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **History, M.A.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **History, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **International Studies, M.A.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Philosophy, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Foreign Language, M.A.T. (P-12 Certification)**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Art Education, M.A.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Public Administration, M.P.A.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Economics, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Electrical Engineering, M.E.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)

- **Electrical Engineering, M.S.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Electrical Engineering, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Mechanical Engineering, M.E.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Mechanical Engineering, M.S.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Educational Psychology and Research, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Health Care Compliance, Certificate**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Public Safety Executive Leadership, Certificate**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Music, M.M.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Music Performance Certificate**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Music Performance, M.M.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Music, D.M.A., Piano Pedagogy**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Music, D.M.A., Conducting**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Music Education, M.A.T., (P-12 Certification)**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Music Education, M.M.Ed.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Music Education, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Certificate**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Nursing Science, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Speech-Language Pathology, M.S.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Communication Sciences and Disorders**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Behavioral Health in Athletic Training, Certificate**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Critical Incident Management & Primary Care in Athletic Training, Certificate**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Health Services Policy and Management, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Trauma-Informed Practice, Certificate**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **English / Library and Information, M.A. / M.L.I.S.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Asset Management in Hospitality, Certificate**, (New Program Proposal: Fall 2026)
- **Music, D.M.A.**, (New Program Proposal: Fall 2026)

These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

- **BIOS 772 (3) Artificial Intelligence for Biomedical Data**, (NCP: Spring 2026)
This proposal was majority approved to be tabled for further discussion in January 2026 to ensure no departmental duplication.

11. Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee (Sriram Venkataraman)
No report.

12. Other Committee Reports
None.

13. Old Business
Dr. Lingyu (Lucy) Yu shared that her committee will be ready to share their report on AI Recommendations in January 2026.

14. New Business
None.

15. Good of the Order

Reminder Dates:

- December 15: Doctoral Hooding Ceremony, Monday, December 15th, 10am, Koger Center for the Arts.
- January 26: Next Graduate Council meeting on Monday, January 26th at 2:00pm, Close Hipp, Room #583.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28p.m.

Lara L. Anderson, Interim Dean

CC: Michael Amiridis, President
Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Provost
Lara L. Anderson, Interim Dean of the Graduate School
Deans
Department Chairs
Graduate Directors
Aaron Marterer, Interim Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education
Elaine Belesky, Office of the Registrar
Malia Kiehl, Office of the Registrar
Ed Short, Office of the Registrar