The Ohio State University Colleges of the Arts and Sciences Course Change Request

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1-	Do you want the prerequisites enforced electronically (see the Yes	OAA manual for what can be enforced)?					
2.	Does this course currently satisfy any GEC requirement, if so indicate which category?						
3.	What other units require this course? Have these changes been discussed with those units? None						
4.	Have these changes been discussed with academic units that might have a jurisdictional interest in the subject matter? Attach relevant letters. N/A						
5.	Is the request contingent upon other requests, if so, list the requests?						
6.	Purpose of the proposed change. (If the proposed change affects the content of the course, attach a revised syllabus and course objectives and e-mail to asccurrofc@osu.edu .)						
7.	Please list Majors/Minors affected by the proposed change. Att course is (check one): Required on major(s)/minor(s) An elective within major(s)/minor	A choice on major(s)/minors(s)					
8.	Describe any changes in library, equipment or other teaching a proposed change involves budgetary adjustments, describe the	aids needed as a result of the proposed change a method of funding:	or If the				
Ар	proval Process The signatures on the lines in ALL CAP	S (e.g. ACADEMIC UNIT) are required. PRABU DAVID Printed Name	4/26/4				
1.	Academic Unit Undergraduate Studies Committee Chair	WILLIAM EVELAND	Date 4/3 o/				
2.	Academic Unit Graduate Studies Committee Chair	Printed Name	Date				
3.	ACADEMIC UNIT CHAIR/DIRECTOR	Printed Name	Date				
4.	After the Academic Unit Chair/Director signs the request, f Hall, 190 West 17 th Ave. or fax it to 688-5678. Attach the syl asccurrofc@osu.edu. The ASC Curriculum Office will form	liabus and any supporting documentation in	an e-mail to				
5.	COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE	Printed Name	Date				
6.	ARTS AND SCIENCES EXECUTIVE DEAN	Printed Name	Date				
75	Graduate School (if appropriate)	Printed Name	Date				
В.	University Honors Center (if appropriate)	Printed Name	Date				
9.	Office of International Affairs (study tours only)	Printed Name	Date				
10.	ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	Printed Name	Date				

B. General Information

COMM 663 Research Methods for Industry Spring, 2007

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Course materials

Joann Keyton, Communication Research (2nd Edition). Boston: McGraw-Hill, 2006.

Course description

The course covers the major research methods used in the communication industries and provides a survey of applications of research in the media industries. The class is formed into a research organization that employs focus groups, content analysis and surveys in a research project on a problem facing contemporary media industries.

Academic misconduct

All students at Ohio State University are bound by the Code of Student Conduct (see://www.osu.edu/units/stuaff/csc.php). Violations of this code in this class, especially pertaining to 335-23-04 Section A on Academic Misconduct, will be aggressively prosecuted through the procedures the university has set up to deal with violations of the Code. In short, don't cheat on exams and don't plagiarize. Possible penalties for academic misconduct include, among other things, failure in this course, revocation of funding, and even expulsion from the university.

Tentative nature of this syllabus

This syllabus represents a contract in the works. Events that transpire over the quarter may, in rare circumstances, require me to modify the administration of this course and therefore the syllabus. In the event I need to modify the syllabus, I will announce the modification in class. Ultimately, it is your responsibility to keep up with any such modifications and be aware of current policies, deadlines, etc.

Students with special needs

If you need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability, you should contact me to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. At the appointment we can discuss the course format, anticipate your needs and explore potential accommodations. I rely on the Office for

Disability Services for assistance in verifying the need for accommodations and developing accommodation strategies. If you have not previously the Office for Disability Services, I encourage you to do so.

Course outline:

Week	Lecture Topic or Activity	Reading
1	Introduction and Overview of Research Methods	Keyton, Chaps. 1 and 2
2	Focus Groups	Keyton, Chapter 4 and 14
3	Focus Groups	Chapters 15 and 16
4	Surveys Presentation of Focus Group Results.	Chapters 6 and 9
5	Surveys	Chapters 7 and 10
6	Content Analysis Midterm Exam	Chapters 13
7	Presentation of Content Analysis Results	Chapter 10
8	Experiments and Field Experiments, Causation	Chapters 8 and 11
9	Examples of Industry Research	Chapter 17
10	Industry Research contd, Presentation of Survey Results	
11	Presentation and Final Report Final Exam	

Exams:

There will be two exams during the quarter comprised of multiple-choice questions.

Project:

There will be a group project during which you will have the opportunity to practice using the methods discussed in class. As your group completes each step you must have Dr. Dimmick's approval before continuing on to the next step. You will be graded on three criteria, your group's performance on the project (e.g., meeting requirements, a quality presentation, a well written paper), timely completion of each step, and a peer/self evaluation.

Evaluation:

Midterm Exam	25%	
Final Exam	25%	
Project	40%	
Class attendance	10%	

Final Exam:

As per University Final Exam Schedule