Herbert College of Agriculture
Effective Fall 2024

II. Program Changes

Department: Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications

REVISE AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR, MS

In the 2024-2025 Graduate Catalog, revise the ALEC major, MS, as shown below.

1) Under Campus Code and Options Available, revise to drop "Coursework Only with Comprehensive Exam" and replace with "Coursework Only Without Comprehensive Exam, also remove Project Option as shown below.

Knoxville Campus — Thesis Option, Coursework Only Without Comprehensive Exam Option
Agricultural Education Focus Area
General in Leadership, Extension or Communications Focus Area

Distance Education — Thesis Option, Coursework Only Without Comprehensive Exam Option
Agricultural Education Focus Area
General in Leadership, Extension or Communications Focus Area

Formerly:
Knoxville Campus — Thesis Option, Project Option, Coursework Only with Comprehensive Exam Option
Agricultural Education Focus Area
General in Leadership, Extension or Communications Focus Area
Distance Education — Coursework Only with Comprehensive Exam Option
No concentration option available

2) For heading: Distance Education (DE) - MS, revise to show new option as shown below.

Distance Education (DE) MS, Coursework Only Without Comprehensive Exam
and remove Non-Course Requirements heading and bullet, as shown below.

Non-Course Requirements
• A final written examination.

3) At heading: Thesis or Coursework Only With Comprehensive Exam, Agricultural Education Focus Area revise heading to:
Thesis or Coursework Only Without Comprehensive Exam, Agricultural Education Focus Area

4) Under the Non-Course Requirements heading, revise as follows:
revise second bullet and remove third bullet referencing comprehensive exam

Non-Course Requirements
• Thesis Option: Preparation and defense of a thesis,
  o An understanding of research ethics is also required for the thesis option. This departmentally-enforced requirement may be achieved through coursework (e.g., PLSC 525/ANSC 525/CEM 525; BCMB 614; PSYC 660) or via online (CITI RCR) training, as evidenced by presenting a valid CITI RCR certificate to the Graduate Director upon submission of the Admission to Candidacy form. For research involving human subjects, CITI IRB certification may also be required.

Formerly:
An understanding of research ethics is also required. This departmentally-enforced requirement may be achieved through coursework (e.g., PLSC 525/ANSC 525/CEM 525; BCMB 614; PSYC 660) or via online (CITI RCR) training, as evidenced by presenting a valid CITI RCR certificate to the Graduate Director upon submission of the Application to Candidacy form. For research involving human subjects, CITI IRB certification may also be required.

Formerly:
Coursework Only with Comprehensive Exam: Successfully pass a department prepared final written examination, or the EdTPA

5) Under the Thesis or Coursework Only with Comprehensive Exam General in Leadership, Extension, or Communications Focus Area, revise to remove comp exam as shown below.

Thesis, General in Leadership, Extension, or Communication Focus Area
Students will complete graduate coursework in leadership, teaching and learning, extension program planning, and communications.

6) Under the Non-Course Requirements heading, revise to remove bullet referencing comp exam.

Non-Course Requirements
- Preparation and defense of a thesis

Additional Information
- An understanding of research ethics is also required for the thesis option. This departmentally-enforced requirement may be achieved through coursework (e.g., PLSC 525/ANSC 525/CEM 525; BCMB 614; PSYC 660) or via online (CITI RCR) training, as evidenced by presenting a valid CITI RCR certificate to the Graduate Director upon submission of the Admission to Candidacy form. For research involving human subjects, CITI IRB certification may also be required.

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Rationale: The extensive growth in the online program can only be accommodated by eliminating the need to hold comprehensive exams. Impact on other units: None. Financial impact: None.