May 28, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lucy Dalglish  
   Dean, Philip Merrill College of Journalism

FROM: Elizabeth Beise  
   Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Modify the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (PCC log no. 14046)

The proposal to modify the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism has been administratively approved. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The change is effective immediately. Please ensure that the change is fully described in the Undergraduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, including the program’s four-year plan (contact Lisa Kiely at lkiely@umd.edu for more information), and that all advisors are informed.

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Enclosure

cc: Gregory Miller, Chair, Senate PCC Committee  
Barbara Gill, Office of Student Financial Aid  
Reka Montfort, University Senate  
Erin Taylor, Division of Information Technology  
Pam Phillips, Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment  
Anne Turkos, University Archives  
Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar  
Cynthia Stevens, Office of Undergraduate Studies  
Rafael Lorente, Philip Merrill College of Journalism
The Philip Merrill College of Journalism's curriculum committee (PCC) and the College Assembly in fall 2014 voted to allow our undergraduates to take an additional 3 elective credits in journalism. Forty-two journalism credits are currently required of our majors, of the 122 minimum credits required for graduation. Another 3 journalism credits would be allowed, from JOUR 321-389, JOUR 410-469 or JOUR 470-479, in place of an upper-level elective, giving some students as many as 45 journalism credits. The change will be phased in with the freshman class of 2015-16. The college decision continues to conform to the requirements of the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, (ACEJMC), our national accrediting body.

In addition, UMD changed the course content and title of GVPT100 in Fall 2011; the course is now Scope and Methods for Political Science Research, instead of Principals of Government (which it had been since 1980). Because of that change, Merrill has eliminated GVPT100 as an option for our Government and Politics requirement. Our students now must complete GVPT170, American Government.
6. Chair, Senate PCC  

7. University Senate Chair (if required)  

8. Senior Vice President and Provost  