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1. **COURSE IDENTIFICATION:**

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**COURSE TITLE**

- Intermediate Creative Writing

Existing Course X

New Course Pending Approval*

*Must be approved by appropriate Curriculum Council.

2. **EMPHASIS DESIRED:** (See Guidelines for Oral Intensive Designator)

- Group (medium or large class)
- Public (medium or large class)
- Public (small class)
- Public (large class) "O/2"

We are requesting removal of current "O" designator

3. **CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:** including dept., number, title and credits

ENGL F371W, O Intermediate Creative Writing (h)

3 Credits

Practice and guidance in writing fiction, poetry, drama or essays. Students’ work read and discussed in class and in conference with the instructor. Close study of the techniques of established writers. Prerequisites: COMM F131X or COMM F141X; ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; ENGL F271 or ENGL F272; or permission of instructor. (3+0)
JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize course designator applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the course is not compromised as a result.

The English Department is requesting the removal of the “O” designator for ENGL 371. It is a creative writing course that, although it involves a high degree of classroom discussion, does easily provide the emphasis on formal oral communication and instructor feedback on oral communication required of a course with an “O” designator.

In particular, the requirement that students receive “instructor assistance in developing presentational competency” and that they “utilize their communication competency across the span of the semester, not just in a final project” are at odds with the focus of this course on writing skills. Removal of the “O” designator would mean instructors were no longer required to assign an inappropriate proportion of class time, feedback to students and course projects on oral communication skills at the expense of time spent on written skills.
The attached syllabus must clearly reflect the following basic elements for the Oral Communication emphasis requested. Please note them directly on the syllabus, using the corresponding letter. (See Guidelines in this manual.)

**GROUP (medium or large class)**
- A 15% of the final grade based on oral communication
- B 1 ongoing, integrated group project with 5-8 students
- C 2 presentations (minimum of 5 minutes per member)
- D Question & Answer period for both presentations
- E Group and Individual grading
- F Instructor Evaluation/Feedback on all presentations

**PUBLIC (medium or large class)**
- A 15% of the final grade based on oral communication
- B 3 presentations (minimum of 5 minutes each)
- C Question & Answer period for both presentations
- D Instructor Evaluation/Feedback on all presentations

**PUBLIC (small class)**
- A 15% of the final grade based on oral communication
- B 2 presentations of 20 minutes with Question & Answer **or**
- C 3 presentations of 10 minutes with Question & Answer
- D Instructor Evaluation/Feedback on all presentations

**PUBLIC (large class)**
- A 7.5% of the final grade based on oral communication
- B 1 presentation (minimum of 5 minutes), **and**
- C 1 presentation of 8-10 minutes with Question & Answer
- D Instructor Evaluation/Feedback on all presentations

**APPROVALS:**

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**ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE**

| Signature, Chair, Senate Core Review Committee | Date |