Proposal Template

Prior to presenting at the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) for review, please provide answers to the following questions, as relevant. Please contact Matthew Boots (mboots1@iu.edu) with any questions.

Title: 6 credit transfer policy for Inquiry Methodology Minor

GSC presenter: 

This proposal is for a...

☐ program change  ☐ new program  ☐ policy change  ☒ new policy

Include responses to each question, as relevant:

1. What are you proposing and why? (If proposing a change, then the description and rationale should be relevant to the change(s) only.)

In Inquiry Methodology, we have had an increasing number of cases where students want to minor in Inquiry, but also want to transfer in all 12 credits toward the minor. We struggle with the idea of credentialing someone in an area that we've had no hand in training. A secondary matter is that Inquiry minors very often ask one of us to be on their committees and it is important to have them in at least some classes to determine whether we can adequately support them during their dissertation.

2. How will this impact enrollment?

I do not expect that it would impact enrollment.

3. How will this impact students’ time to degree?

We don’t anticipate that this program change will substantially impact time to degree. This is an existing practice that is being formalized into policy.

4. How will this impact specific student populations and/or DEI issues?

We do not anticipate that this will have a differential impact on any student populations.

5. How will this impact School of Education resources, including faculty loads?
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This should have no impact on SoE resources.

6. How will this be effectively sustained over time?

This should be a straightforward matter, given that we are not offering more classes or require additional resources.

7. What was the departmental vote tally for this proposal? (e.g., “12 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstained”)

Vote Issued: October 29, 2019

26 total faculty members

3 on Sabbatical

1 serving at SoE EAD

1 on approved leave

19 voted to accept proposed changes

1 voted to reject proposed changes

1 faculty did not vote
Ph.D. Minor in Inquiry Methodology

Minor Requirements (12 cr.)

A minor in Inquiry Methodology engages in students’ thinking through methodological advancements and challenges relevant to their major fields of study. The minor complements one’s core inquiry hours without duplicating those. In other words, a course cannot count as both a core course and a minor course. The minor is constituted of 12 credit hours, **of which a maximum of 6 credit hours may be transferred in**. The specific coursework for the minor is decided and approved by the minor advisor.

The doctoral minor in Inquiry Methodology does not require a minor qualifying exam.