

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: IST residential MSEd: change portfolio requirement and electives requirement

GSC presenter: Elizabeth Boling

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.)

1) Require enrollment in R505 Professional Portfolio. The portfolio requirement is in place now, but with the option to complete it independently versus enrolling in R505 Professional Portfolio. We are proposing the change because we note that students need more direction and support than they are getting now when they elect to complete the portfolio independently.

2) Revise the “9 outside electives” requirement to allow electives from any regular course (e.g., not dissertation credits) eligible for graduate credit, including courses inside and outside the major. Currently the students request permission to use these credits inside the major to build depth in the program, or broaden their expertise in the major. Only three credits in the major are currently unspecified and if these are now required for the Portfolio, additional options are required for those students who want them. Those students with interests outside the major will be able to pursue a well-rounded degree plan (as specified) and will be advised and encouraged to use these credits in their areas of interest.

2. How will this impact enrollment?

Portfolio -- This will increase enrollment in the course, although it will take the place of an unspecified elective in the major and therefore not increase credit hours taken in the program overall.

Elective credits – We do expect some increase in credit hours within the major because we know there is demand for these credits. With the proposed flexibility, however, we recognize that not all the credits possible will be returned to the major.

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

No change is expected.

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

Total credits for the program remain the same; we do not anticipate new issues with this revision.

5. How will this impact School of Education resources, including faculty loads?

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We have capacity in elective courses expected to be sought for electives and in the current optional Portfolio courses. No impact is anticipated.

6. How will this be effectively sustained over time?

As a requirement, it is expected that the Portfolio will be consistently enrolled at acceptable numbers and allow us to retain this requirement for graduation with consistency rather than relying on email communications and individual advisors to ensure that students fulfill it.

The flexible policy on elective credits is expected to simplify advising and is manageable with current faculty numbers.

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

11 votes were cast in favor of these changes. 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

M.S.Ed. in Instructional Systems Technology (Residential)

Degree Requirements (36 cr.)

Core Requirements (15~~2~~ cr.)

- [R505 Workshop in Instructional Systems Technology: Professional Portfolio in IST \(3 cr.\)](#)
- R511 Instructional and Performance Technologies Foundations (3 cr.)
- R521 Design and Development of Instructional and Performance Interventions (3 cr.)
- R561 Evaluation of Instructional and Performance Improvement Systems (3 cr.)
- R621 Analysis for Instructional & Performance Improvement (3 cr.)

Studio and Capstone Requirements (12 cr.)

- R541 Instructional Development and Production Process I (3 cr.)
- R641 Instructional Development and Production Process II (3 cr.)
- R641 Instructional Development and Production Process II (3 cr.)
- R741 Instructional Development and Production Process III (3 cr.)

~~Major Elective Requirement (3 cr.)~~

~~One additional Instructional Systems Technology (R) courses, including W505 Portfolio with the exception of workshop courses.~~

~~Outside Elective Requirements (9 cr.)~~

~~Select electives from any regular course (e.g., not dissertation credits) eligible for graduate credit, including courses inside and outside the major.~~

~~Must be graduate level courses outside the Instructional Systems Technology program, selected in consultation with the student's academic advisor.~~

Online Courses

With the approval of the department, online courses may be included in the program with preference for 3 credits or fewer to be taken online. See Masters Policies for information on limitations of online courses used for non-online degrees.

Proposed changes from IST for GSC 9/24/2020