

The NDU Gazette

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Decisions Taken at BOD June 2007

BOD Meeting: 7 June 2007

1. Restructuring of English Communication Courses at NDU

In order to make the new English communication courses the most effective possible, the following motion was approved unanimously.

- Students entering NDU will be placed according to the following EET scores

0-349 Rejected

350-499 ENL 002, a course of 12 credits. Students are permitted to take a Math remedial in addition to this course.

500-599 ENL 105, a course of 5 credits.

600-649 ENL 110, a course of 3 credits.

650 and above, ENL 213

- Any student enrolled in ENL 002 who scores a B or above will be automatically passed to ENL 110

- Any student enrolled in ENL 105 who scores a B or above will be automatically passed to ENL 213.

BOD Meeting 26 June 2007

1. The MBA Admissions proposal submitted by Dr. Yachoui was approved:

New Admission requirements to the MBA (FBAE)

Currently we are accepting MBA applicants based on their undergraduate GPA, work experience, and/or seminars or special business courses taken if applicable.

The MBA remedial courses are:

- ACO 500 Fundamentals of Financial Accounting
- BAD 500 Fundamentals of Management
- BAF 500 Fundamentals of Financial Management
- ECN 500 Fundamentals of Micro and Macro Economics
- ¹HTM 500 Fundamentals of Hospitality Management and Tourism
- STA 500 Applied Statistics for Business and Economics

BBA holders with GPA above 3.0/4.0

- Admitted.

¹ Required only of candidates who choose the MBA-Hotel Management and Tourism program.

BBA holders with GPA between 2.7/4.0 and 2.99/4.0

- Admitted on probation, which means that after completing 12 credits the student should obtain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0, otherwise he/she will be dismissed from the program.
- May be required to take up to three remedial course(s) in which the student received a grade of C or below during his/her undergraduate studies. The student should obtain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 on the remedial courses before he/she can pursue the MBA studies.

Non BBA holders with GPA above 3.0/4.0

- Admitted with Remedial course(s). The student should obtain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 on the remedial courses before he/she can pursue the MBA studies

Non BBA holders with GPA between 2.7/4.0 and 2.99/4.0

- Admitted on probation, which means that after completing 12 credits the student should obtain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0, otherwise he/she will be dismissed from the program.
- Should be assigned Remedial course(s). The student should obtain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 on the remedial courses before he/she can pursue the MBA studies.

BBA and non BBA holders with GPA between 2.3/4.0 and 2.69/4.0

- Allowed to enroll as special student.
- Student will be given a minimum of 4 remedial courses. The student should pass the remedial courses with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0, otherwise he/she will not be accepted to the MBA program.
 - If accepted, the student should obtain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 upon completing 12 credits, otherwise he/she will be dismissed from the program.
- Minimum professional work experience in the business field is a plus.
- Reputation of the university of origin.

The GMAT, Graduate Management Admission Test, should be taken prior to completing 18 credits. No Petitions are required prior to the 18 credits. Petitions may be submitted, studied and accepted on exceptional cases after completing 18 credits for one last additional semester.

BOD Meeting: 27 June 2007

1. The proposal to change numbering of the Faculty of Engineering courses to that based on academic years was approved unanimously.

Change in Course numbering

Old Number	New Number
ENG 101	ENG 201
ENG 102	ENG 202
EEN 423	EEN 523
EEN 434	EEN 534
EEN 445	EEN 545
EEN 446	EEN 546
EEN 447	EEN 547
EEN 448	EEN 548
EEN 471	EEN 571
EEN 483	EEN 583
EEN 485	EEN 585
MEN 101	MEN 201
MEN 102	MEN 202

2. Two new courses in the Faculty of Engineering were approved unanimously. These syllabi were approved unanimously with the following suggestions.

1. Textbooks should be the latest edition
2. Interactive, hands on approach in the teaching and its manifestation in the grading.
3. A longer list of references (to be applied in all courses)

EEN 453 Electric Drives (3.0), 3 cr. Introduction to elements of drive systems, characterization of mechanical loads, requirements of electric drive systems, dc drives with various power electronics based conversion sources, dynamic equations and closed loop control of dc drives, induction motor drives, ac controller, slip-energy recovery, volts/Hz control, synchronous motor drives, permanent magnet motors, reluctance motors. *Prerequisites:* EEN 210 and EEN 350.

CEN 393 Project Management (3.0); 3 cr. Fundamentals of Project Management, engineering organization, planning, budgeting, scheduling and cost controls, bidding process, tender documents and contracts. Examples will be given in all fields of Engineering. *Prerequisite:* Junior Standing

3. The syllabus for REG 314 was approved unanimously with the following suggestions:

1. Highlight the centrality of the family as a unit in Week 12
2. Highlight the Code of Canon Law in the Maronite/Oriental Church in Week 13.

3. Textbook rather than suggested textbook.
4. Textbook of the latest date possible.

REG 314: Marriage and Family in the Catholic Church (3.0); 3 cr. This course will examine traditional and contemporary views of marriage and family in the light of Catholic theology and doctrine. An inquiry into the sacramental nature of marriage will shed light upon the Catholic view of the Family as “a little Trinity” and “a domestic Church”. The course will therefore attempt to present the Catholic teaching on marriage and the family in the light of basic Trinitarian and Ecclesiological Catholic truths. In the light of Patristic exegesis of Sacred Scripture, investigations into the question of the nature of the human being as man and as woman will inform deeply the content of the course. A particular emphasis will be given to the ancient and contemporary Syriac-Marionite contributions to the Catholic view of marriage and the family on both the theological and practical levels.

4. The syllabus of FRC 231 was approved with the following suggestions:

1. stipulate the placement procedure in the NDU catalog.
2. rewriting of French
3. translation of syllabus for university purposes
4. Updated textbook and change of terminology.

FRC 231: French for Business (3.0) ; 3 cr.

This course aims to prepare students with a French education to work in a career setting which uses the French language as its language of correspondence and negotiation. Students will practice both oral skills of business presentations and the written skills of report writing, resumé preparation, external and internal business correspondence. An aptitude test is obligatory before the “drop and add period.”

5. The Bachelor of Arts in English Language was approved unanimously with the following modifications:

1. Suggested Program for a BA in English Language as title
2. Free Elective Courses
3. Course Descriptions in some cases can be more developed.

6. The course IAF 411, Conflict Management and Resolution was approved unanimously for the FPSPAD.