

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
The Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee

**Minutes**

240 SH

October 17, 2024

*Attending:* Cornelia Lang (chair), Rodica Curtu, Noelle Franzone, Megan Gogerty, Liz Lundberg (staff), Emilie Maurel-Destruel, Sara Morelli (guest), Julianna Pacheco, DeAndre Steger, Amy Strathman, Rachel Young

*Absent:* Asha Bhandary, Anita Jung, Sanvesh Srivastava

1. First the committee welcomed Melissa Tully (Professor and Director) and Tamara Ewoldt (Project Manager and Adjunct Instructor) from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication to discuss a proposal to create an experiential learning requirement for the Journalism and Mass Communication major. The requirement would be called “SCRIPT,” with the letters of SCRIPT standing for Study Abroad, Community Engagement, Research, Internships, Professional Practice, and Teaching.

A large majority of Journalism students already participate in experiential learning opportunities of one kind or another. Given that the University’s strategic plan specifically set a goal of increasing access to these kinds of “high-impact learning opportunities,” the School began by analyzing the barriers to full participation among their students. They found that students who did not complete an experiential learning opportunity cited time, lack of knowledge about opportunities, and lack of money as the reasons. The SCRIPT requirement will address these barriers and support Journalism students in finding and completing these opportunities. The requirement builds on multiple existing initiatives within the School led by current faculty and staff, and the School has also been working on adding some new course codes and zero-semester-hour options.

The proposal was received favorably by the committee. Discussion topics included options for double majors who might also be doing something experiential for their other program, options for data collection and reporting for the School, and funding and staffing. We also discussed next steps, with the hope of implementing this change beginning in the Fall 2025 semester.

2. Next the committee reviewed and approved the minutes from October 10, 2024. All approved minutes can be found [here](#).
3. Finally, Rodica Curtu reported to the committee about the most recent Faculty Senate meeting, during which she shared some of UEPC’s work.

Respectfully submitted,

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