




THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Deans and Department Chairs

**FROM:** Robert N. Shelton, Executive Vice Chancellor  
and Provost 

**DATE:** August 12, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Implementation of Curriculum Revision and Course Renumbering

I write to announce that we will begin implementing two important curricular changes this year. Both will take effect in fall 2006. First, as you know, we have been reviewing and revising our general education curriculum, and I am pleased to report that the Faculty Council unanimously approved the new curriculum at its April 2003 meeting. Second, many departments have found the current course numbering scheme too limited for their curricular offerings, so last year I asked the University Registrar, David Lanier, to chair a committee that was charged with the task of devising a new course numbering system. That committee has finished its work, and we have decided to implement a new numbering scheme at the same time that we introduce the new general education curriculum.

For information on the proposed course renumbering plan see the Renumbering Committee's web site: <http://regweb.unc.edu/official/training/crc/>. Please note that the Committee has specified how certain courses should be numbered to allow easier identification. Schools and departments should send any comments about the scheme to David Lanier ([david\\_lanier@unc.edu](mailto:david_lanier@unc.edu)) by September 19, 2003.

Thomas Tweed, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Curricula, will chair the General Education Implementation Committee, which also will coordinate the course renumbering process. You can find information about that committee and a copy of the approved curriculum, "Making Connections: A Proposal to Revise the General Education Curriculum," at the General Education Implementation Committee website: [www.unc.edu/depts/uc/implementation](http://www.unc.edu/depts/uc/implementation).

More information will follow in the weeks and months ahead from Tom Tweed and David Lanier, but I wanted to inform you of the upcoming curricular changes and notify you about the first important deadline in the implementation process. I ask that all college and school deans work with their department and division chairs to begin renumbering all their undergraduate and graduate courses according to the new scheme and that units begin revising or designing courses that will fulfill the new general education requirements. (Even courses that previously met general education requirements will need to be reviewed again, using the new guidelines and the new requirements.) We are devising a new online course submission process, and we ask

that all units use that system to submit all renumbered and general education courses by February 1, 2004. We will explain that course submission process in a later memorandum.

Please share this information with the individual within your unit responsible for course scheduling. If you have any questions or comments about the implementation process please send them to Associate Dean Tom Tweed. You can reach him at 843-7773 or by email at [tatweed@email.unc.edu](mailto:tatweed@email.unc.edu). Thank you in advance for your cooperation in implementing these important curricular innovations.