



## End of Season IAI and Panel Updates

### Spring 2020 Season

#### **Note regarding Ongoing Review Courses submitted to GECC and Major panels for review in the Spring '20 semester:**

*Due to the virtual mode for panel meetings and number of courses received this semester, some panels did not have enough time to make a decision on every course submitted to the panel. Panel managers ensured that all New, Resubmitted New, and Resubmitted Ongoing Review courses were reviewed and decisions were posted, however it was necessary to postpone the review of some first-time submitted ongoing review courses until the fall '20 panel season. These courses are marked with "No Decision" in the submitting institution's list of courses.*

#### **IAI GECC Panels –**

##### **GECC Communication:**

The panel is in the process of reviewing their approval criteria regarding the writing requirements for C1900/901/900R/901R and will work on adjusting it to be clearer for submitting institutions.

##### **GECC Humanities & Fine Arts:**

The panel elected a new 4-year and 2-year public co-chairs as the previous co-chairs retired after many years of service.

##### **GECC Life Sciences Panel:**

Due to the virtual meeting mode, time spent discussing the following topics was limited and postponed until the fall '20 panel meeting: 1) evaluation of science-process skills, and 2) the panel's retired A&P and Micro Biology descriptors that the Biology Major is considering adding to their panel.

##### **GECC Mathematics Panel:**

No changes to descriptors or specific concerns from the panel.

##### **GECC Physical Sciences:**

The panel discussed online lab courses in summer. The panel appreciated the direction via the policy provide by IAI leadership for the spring semester:

[https://itransfer.org/downloads/IAIandStateAgencyGuidancereCourses\\_%20OnlineLabsandSpeeches.pdf](https://itransfer.org/downloads/IAIandStateAgencyGuidancereCourses_%20OnlineLabsandSpeeches.pdf).

### **GECC Social & Behavioral Sciences:**

Prerequisites continue to be an issue for the panel; they are going to be adding clarification to the criteria in the fall semester, if not before.

## **IAI Major Panels –**

### **Agriculture Panel:**

The panel approved the creation of a new descriptor - Introduction to Precision Agriculture.

[AG 907 - Introduction to Precision Agriculture](#) (2-4 semester credits) - NEW COURSE!

### **IAI Major Course Description: AG907**

<https://itransfer.org/OUCampusIAI/courses/listMajorCourses.aspx?desc=AG907>

### **AG 907: Introduction to Precision Agriculture (2-4 Semester Credits)**

Course introduces fundamental components of precision agriculture. Topics include: the global positioning system (GPS), geographic information systems (GIS), remote sensing, yield monitoring, variable rate application (VRA), and analysis and decision making for agriculture.

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The description was added to the panel's discipline page for Agriculture Mechanization at: <https://itransfer.org/courses/majors/agriculture/agmechanization.php>. It was also added to the Agriculture Elective page: <https://itransfer.org/courses/majors/agriculture/agelectives.php>.

**Art Panel:** No changes or additions at this time.

### **Biology Panel:**

The panel continued discussions of the A&P and Microbiology descriptions they may add. Special Zoom meetings will be held this summer regarding these courses; no additional information is available at this time.

### **Business Panel:**

The panel continues to express concerns over the lack of detail in submitted topical outlines as the panel's course approval criteria document clearly states that a detailed topical outline is needed for review and submission. The panel subsequently adjusted their criteria document and added a clarification item to their panel specific checklist in order to provide submitters with more information on panel expectations when submitting courses to the panel.

**Chemistry Panel:** No changes or additions at this time.

**Computer Science Panel:**

The panel revised the CS 911 and 912 descriptors; check the website for the new descriptions and see the panel summary for details on the old description if needed. Panel also discussed the possibility of creating some new descriptors and/or a new CS specialization in the fall.

**Criminal Justice Panel:** No changes or additions at this time.

**Early Childhood Education Panel:** Panel did not meet.

**Engineering Panel:**

The panel revised EGR 942; check the website for the new descriptions and see the panel summary for details on the old description if needed. Note that the credit hours were adjusted from 2 - 3 credits to 3 credits. The credit hours for EGR 944 was also changed from 5 credits to 4 - 5 credits. The panel is discussing the addition of a new specialization, Engineering Technology, which will require general education recommendations for AS degrees. The panel will discuss further in the fall.

**Mathematics Panel:**

As a reminder, courses submitted for MTH 912 must have adequate coverage of the topic of Existence and Uniqueness of Solutions as this is required for approval under the Differential Equations math major descriptor code. In many cases this required topic is not being covered at all. Therefore, the panel's descriptor was structurally modified to emphasize the required course content. Check the website for the new descriptions and see the panel summary for details on the old description if needed.

**Media Communication Arts Panels:**

The panel is discussing the possibility of revising the Intro to Broadcasting descriptor and asked to have it called for ongoing review soon.

**Physics Panel:**

The panel has wanted to revise the descriptors as there is an issue with the 913 and 914 descriptions not allowing courses that combine the topics of both courses. The panel will be discussing this in the fall.

**Political Science Panel:** Panel did not meet.

**Psychology Panel:**

The panel has no current revisions to criteria and descriptions but are planning on an in-person meeting in the fall to discuss multiple changes to panel items and processes.

**Theatre Arts Panel:** No changes or additions at this time.

## IAI and iTransfer.org Items –

### New Items on iTransfer.org website:

- There is some guidance provided regarding COVID-19 accommodations to IAI policy. It can be found at:  
<https://itransfer.org/policies/#COVID-19AIGUIDANCE> .
- The most recent [Illinois Proud \(2019\)](#), [12 Reasons to Stay In Illinois](#), and [At a Glance: State Universities](#) documents have been updated on the iTransfer site in the student section, Transfer Planning, Transfer in Illinois page: <https://itransfer.org/planning/transferinillinois.php> .
- The internal pages for panel members, submitters, transfer coordinators, and the policy pages now include some information on transfer within the state from IBHE. It's housed in a table that will be updated as new resources are developed.



### New Processes Coming to the iManage System:

- The IAI team programmers are making improvements to enhance user experience within the iManage system. These improvements should be transparent to you, but you may notice faster responses as you complete your work. Please let us know if you have questions or experience any issues.
- The IAI Dashboard for institutional submitters and contacts will officially be launched in the fall. Stay tuned as more information will be coming soon regarding this exciting new feature!