

Dear Colleagues,

The UGC reviewed the following curriculum proposals and recommended all of them:

- VIP Junior (IDS 3948) course: for CS & IT elective course (3 credits): -- [Syllabus](#) (Masoud Sadjadi)
Rationale: SCIS students who register for this course should have completed COP 3530 that would be validated by SCIS advisors. The students would give an oral presentation and submit a research paper based on their work. For details, visit [Justification](#)
- New course "CAP 4XXX: Introduction to Game Theory" (3 credits): -- [Syllabus](#) (Sam Ganzfried)
that would be cross listed with the Graduate "CAP 5993 Game Theory" course
Rationale: [Justification](#)
- New course "CAP 4XXX: Artificial Intelligence" (3 credits): -- [Syllabus](#) (Sam Ganzfried)
Rationale: There is no significant overlap with other SCIS undergraduate courses.
For details, visit [Justification](#)
- VIP Senior (IDS 4993) course: for CS Senior Project (or IT elective): -- [Syllabus](#) (Masoud Sadjadi)
Rationale: All SCIS VIP Senior course registrations (to <http://vip.fiu.edu/#/vip-projects>)
are grouped into a separate section and assigned to the Senior Project Coordinator.
The student work needs to satisfy both senior project requirements and VIP project requirements.
For details, visit justification for [CS Senior Project](#) and [IT elective](#)
- New degree program BA in CS -- [background](#) (Mark Weiss)
[catalog description](#) ([comparison with BS in CS](#))
Rationale: The decrease in BS-CS graduation rate is a serious concern for the school.
Math related courses (calculus, discrete, theoryOfAlg) are the bottlenecks
even after students complete their senior projects.
This new degree program will allow students to complete CS program with reduced Math skill set.
Please visit the background link for additional details.

These proposals will be discussed and vote will be taken at the faculty meeting on Friday (12/2/16).
Please review the above proposals (visit the links for details) prior to the meeting.

Thanks

--Prabakar

on behalf of the UGC