ACADEMIC ALERT #2011-21

DATE: **July 2011**

DECISION: **College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)**

Revised B.A. Applied Behavioral Sciences (ABS) Program

RATIONALE: The ABS major was revised to fit in the 12-week calendar.

APPROVAL(S): Senate Academic Planning Committee: April 21, 2011
Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE): July 27, 2011
Florida Commission for Independent Education (CIE): July 22, 2011

Current Program Authorizations: The ABS program is authorized by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to be offered in NLU's four home campus Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; South Metropolitan and West Suburban. In addition the ABS program is authorized to be offered in these Illinois regions: Fox Valley; and Western. The ABS program, though not currently offered there, is also approved in the state of Florida.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall Term, 2011
For new ABS students starting on or after September 1, 2011

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Summary of ABS Program Revisions

New Courses
LAS309 Critical Thinking and Writing for Social and Behavioral Sciences 2QH
LIBR300 Library Research for the Social Sciences 2QH
LAS407 Applied Communication in Society 5QH

Revised Courses
LAS331 Dynamics of Group Behavior increased to 5QH from 4QH
INT431 Independent Inquiry Study in the Behavioral Sciences
Formerly INT490 Independent Study in the Behavioral Sciences
LAS406 Leadership in a Changing World
Formerly INT410 Leadership in a Changing World

Eliminated Course after the Teach-Out from Program but Not the Catalog
LAT440 Professional Communication 4QH
Introduction Night (non-credit)

Total Number of Hours for ABS Major Increased
Increases by 6QH from 52QH to 58QH; Increase from four terms to five terms

Revised ABS Major
58QH (Increase from current 52QH per Academic Alert 2010-8)

TERM	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	QH
I	LAS331	Dynamics of Group Behavior	5 ***formerly 4***
	LAP 300	Adult Development & Learning Assessment	5
	LAS309	Critical Thinking and Writing for Social and Behavioral Sciences ***New Course***	2
	Break		
II	LAP340	Effective Interpersonal Relations	5
	LAS407	Applied Communication in Society ***New Course***	5
	LIBR300	Library Research for the Social Sciences ***New Course Replaces LAT440 Professional Communication***	2
	Break		
III	INT430	Methods of Inquiry in the Behavioral Sciences	5
	LAS426	Multicultural Dimensions	5
	INT431 ***Formerly INT490***	Independent Inquiry in the Behavioral Sciences ***Formerly Independent Study in the Behavioral Sciences***	2
	Break		
IV	LAS430	Economic Issues in Global Perspective	5
	LAS431	Managerial and Supervisory Behavior	5
	Break		
V	LAH305	Philosophy of Values and Ethics	5
	LAS406 ***Formerly INT410***	Leadership in a Changing World	5
	LAS 435	Senior Seminar: Integrating the Applied Behavioral Sciences	2

Revised ABS Sample Fall Start Schedule for Twelve-Week Fixed Term

Schedule presented represents a fall program start. Schedules for program starts in winter and spring will be adjusted to accommodate the different timing of the 10-week summer term. As a summer program start would incorporate two ten-week summer terms and thus require an additional 2QH without the benefit of student full-time status, such summer starts are not recommended. Parameters:

1. Primarily one four-hour face-to-face session per week per course, with some blended or on-line concurrent coursework.
2. Twelve QH credit per term to maintain full-time status (Summer Term at 10).
3. Course start dates on week 1 or 7 only.

TERM	WEEK	COURSE	TITLE	QH
I	1-5	LAS331	Dynamics of Group Behavior	5
	1-11 Blended; week 1 online; week 6 face-to-face	LAS309 New	Critical Thinking and Writing for Social and Behavioral Sciences	2
	7-11	LAP300	Adult Development and Learning Assessment	5
	12	Break		
II	1-5	LAP340	Effective Interpersonal Relations	5
	1-11 (on-line)	LIBR300 New	Library Research for the Social Sciences	2
	7-11	LAS407 New	Applied Communication in Society	5
	12	Break		
III	1-5	INT430	Methods of Inquiry in the Behavioral Sciences	5
	1-11 Blended; week 1 online; week 6 face-to-face	INT431	Independent Inquiry in the Social Sciences (formerly Independent Study in the Behavioral Sciences)	2
	7-11	LAS426	Multicultural Dimensions	5
	12	Break		
IV	1-5	LAS430	Economic Issues in Global Perspective	5
	6-10	LAS431	Managerial and Supervisory Behavior	5
		Break		
V	1-5	LAH305	Philosophy of Values and Ethics	5
	1-12 Blended; week 1 online;, week 12 face-to-face	LAS435	Senior Seminar: Integrating the Applied Behavioral Sciences	2
	7-11	LAS406	Leadership in a Changing World	5
	End of term and program			
Total ABS Major		**14 Courses**		**58QH**

TEACH-OUT
Students in cohorts prior to September, 2010 are taking the 51SH ABS major. Students in cohorts September 2010 and later are taking the 52SH ABS major.

COHORT NUMBER	START DATE	END DATE
CH057UABS	01/23/10	04/30/11
CH059UABS	O4/06/10	05/24/11
CH060UABS	06/05/10	09/10/11
CH061UABS	09/13/10	11/07/11
CH062UABS	06/02/10	07/06/11
CH063UABS	09/15/10	11/07/11
CH064UABS	09/13/10	11/07/11
CH065UABS	09/25/10	11/19/11
CH066UABS	10/21/10	12/22/11
CH067UABS	01/10/11	04/09/12
CH068UABS	01/11/11	03/27/12
CH069UABS	01/10/11	03/12/12
CH070UABS	04/12/11	06/12/12
CH071UABS	06/04/11	08/25/12
CH072UABS	04/12/11	06/12/12
LI034UABS	03/30/10	05/10/11
LI035UABS	06/02/10	07/27/11
LI036UABS	09/13/10	11/07/11
LI037UABS	09/16/10	11/09/11
LI038UABS	01/11/11	03/06/12
LI039UABS	01/12/11	03/07/12
EL025UABS	04/05/10	07/11/11
EL026UABS	09/14/10	11/08/11
EL027UABS	04/07/11	05/17/12
NS015UABS	09/07/10	10/18/11
NS016UABS	04/07/11	05/17/12
WH020UABS	06/03/10	08/04/11

Students who are away from the University for more than 1 year will need to complete a re-entry form and will be re-evaluated according to the degree requirements currently in effect upon re-entry. Students who have been inactive for more than 5 years will have to submit a new application with supporting credentials to the Office of Admissions.

With regard to students who stopped out of the program, a faculty advisor must work closely with returning students and the Registrar's Office to determine what courses remain to be taken to complete requirements for the B.A. ABS program in existence at the time of reentry or readmission.

Implementation
Changes need to be entered in Banner, CAPP and/or NLU web pages as appropriate.

Staff in the Registrar's Office, Admissions, Advising, Enrollment Management, and Marketing need to be knowledgeable about the changes.

The revised catalog copy will be written by the Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs and submitted to the Office of the Provost and program chair for review and approval for the 2012-2013 catalog.