

Validation of Courses

Louisiana State University requires students to complete all course work for a master's degree within five years after commencing the program. Subject to the final approval of the Graduate School, a student may validate course work taken more than five years before graduating from the program through an examination held by the student's graduate committee. Validation procedures may apply to all courses offered by the School. The Graduate School will not accept validation of more than 50% of the student's course work.

Procedures

1. Validation of courses must occur after the student has completed nine (9) semester hours, but prior to the semester in which the student expects to graduate.
2. Interview with the SLIS Dean as to reasons validation should be considered. If the Dean deems the request for validation to be appropriate, the Dean will convene an examination committee.
3. The examination committee will consist of three members of the faculty, including the student's major professor, the faculty member currently responsible for the course and, if possible, the faculty member responsible for the course when it was originally taken by the student. The faculty member currently responsible for the course shall serve as chair of the examination committee. The committee will determine whether validation of the course is appropriate.
4. The committee shall communicate with the student seeking validation and outline procedures for an examination to assess that the student's mastery of the course *as currently taught*.
5. A written examination shall be designed and administered by the committee.
6. Upon approval of the chair and the examining committee, the attached form should be completed, signed by the candidate seeking validation and members of the examination committee, and submitted to the SLIS Dean for approval. If the Dean's approval is obtained, a copy of the document will be placed in the student's folder.
7. If the Dean recommends that the committee's decision be accepted, the Dean will send the appropriate documentation to the Graduate School for review. By university policy, the ultimate decision to approve validation rests with the Graduate School.
8. A copy of the documentation as approved by the Graduate School will be placed in the student's folder.

Approved by the LIS faculty January 29, 1993

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COURSE VALIDATION FORM

NAME _____ I.D.# _____
COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE _____
SEMESTER ORIGINALLY TAKEN _____ ORIGINAL GRADE _____
ORIGINAL COURSE _____
INSTRUCTOR _____
CURRENT NUMBER AND NAME OF COURSE (if different from
original) _____
DATE OF
EXAMINATION _____

EVALUATION OF EXAMINATION

COURSE VALIDATED GRADE _____

SIGNATURES OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE:

CHAIR _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

DEAN'S SIGNATURE _____

