

**Proposal to University Academic Affairs Committee  
November 13, 2017**

**The Issue:** As written, the Academic Catalog establishes certain parameters for PHYD courses that are inconsistent with the Sports Management minor approved in 2015.

First, the catalog stipulates that “All Physical Education courses (except PHYD 314 and PHYD 318) may be repeated for additional credit, but no more than eight credits may be counted toward the 120 credits required for graduation.”

Second, the catalog further stipulates that “All Physical Education (PHYD) courses are graded satisfactory/unsatisfactory (SA or Un grades). These courses may not be taken for a letter grade, and they do not ever count toward a student’s grade point average.”

The Sports Management Minor requires 18 credits including PHYD 330 and 499. As a result:

- 1) Students who are enrolled in the Sports Management Minor are only permitted to count two credits of other PHYD courses toward the 120 credits required for graduation. Consequently, students are not permitted to take the full eight credits of physical activity courses to which all students are entitled.
  
- 2) The eighteen credit minor has two three-credit core courses that are graded SA/UN and for which a GPA cannot be computed. UMW’s existing policy on minors requires that all courses must be taken for a letter grade and that a student must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the minor to complete it. As a result, no student can complete the Sports Management minor without exceptions to policy. It would be preferable to fix the general policy to allow A-F grading in courses that are required in a minor.

**The Remedy:** The language in the Academic Catalog should be amended as follows:

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**SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY GRADE**

With the exception of PHYD 330 and 499, all other physical Education courses and ~~certain dance 100-level~~ (DANC) courses are graded as either satisfactory (SA) or unsatisfactory (UN). With the exception of PHYD 330 and 499, no more than two credits of physical education (PHYD) courses may be taken in a single semester (or complete summer session). Excluding PHYD 330 and 499, a maximum of 8 credits in other physical education (PHYD) courses may be included in the credits required for graduation. With the exception of PHYD 330 and 499, a BLS student may take a maximum of 6 other PHYD credits toward the degree. A student may not take two sections of the same PHYD or DANC course in a semester, regardless of level. A student may take up to one pass/fail and two satisfactory/unsatisfactory courses in the same semester.

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Most physical education courses include focus on history, rules, and basic techniques in individual and team sports. Riding courses are available for credit but require a special fee. All Physical Education individual and team sports courses (except 314 and 318) may be repeated for additional credit, but no more than eight credits earned in individual and team sports courses may be counted toward the 120 credits required for graduation. If two sections of the same individual and team sports course are taken in one semester, only one will count toward degree requirements. With the exception of PHYD 330 and 499, all other Physical Education (PHYD) courses are graded satisfactory/unsatisfactory (SA or UN grades) and may not be taken for a letter (A-F) grade. PHYD courses taken as SA/UN do not ever count toward a student's grade point average. PHYD 330 and 499 letter (A-F) grades do count toward a student's grade point average.