

IUPUI GAC Reviewer Form

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Date Reviewed: November 20, 2007

Documents Reviewed:

Graduate Certificate Program in Media Arts

CGT Support Letter

Media Sauce Support Letter

IU Certificate Policy and Form

Summary of Proposal:

1. Are the goals clear and achievable?

The goals are not clear. The two beginning sections blur the distinction between this certificate program and the existing MAS M.S. program. It is further blurred by stating that MS students can earn this certificate in conjunction with the MS degree.

The section on the Target Audience is also confusing. In one paragraph, you state that most of the students in the existing MAS Graduate Program at IUPUI hold full time jobs. Then later you say the certificate program will initially be for those who work full time. What is the difference?

2. Is the program academically sound?

As the certificate appears to be a subset of the MAS MS program, it is academically sound.

3. Are faculty resources available to offer this certificate without undercutting other key missions of the unit?

The courses for this certificate already exist and are part of the MS program, so I would conjecture that the resources are available. I cannot speak to its undercutting of key missions of the unit, as I am not part of the unit.

4. Is there overlap, either real or potential, with any other unit that could harm the program or be exploited to help the program?

No.

5. My recommendation, comments/concerns regarding this proposal...

Better distinguish between the goals of this certificate and that of the MS program. If students can get equivalent jobs with either program, then why would anyone bother with the MS?