NEW PROGRAMS

The School of Public Health on the Twin Cities campus requests approval to create a new Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Molecular and Systems Toxicology, effective summer 2015. The proposed program will have a transdisciplinary approach and will emphasize a new perspective on toxicology and the role of the environment in injury and disease. The proposed program will provide graduates that fill the need for trained toxicologists with academic backgrounds in public health core skills such as molecular epidemiology and biostatistics. The program makes use of existing courses and resources.

Program Contact: Lisa Peterson (peter431@umn.edu)
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The Academic Health Center on the Twin Cities campus requests approval to create a new undergraduate certificate in Medical Laboratory Sciences, effective summer 2015. The proposed program provides students with a professional licensing credential in medical laboratory sciences. The proposed program is offered in affiliation with regional institutions, with students enrolling in a non-degree seeking capacity. The program will be delivered partially online, as well as at the Rochester campus. The program makes use of existing courses and resources.

Program Contact: Claire Bjorklund (bjork005@umn.edu)
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The College of Liberal Arts on the Twin Cities campus requests approval to create an undergraduate certificate in Advanced Chinese, effective summer 2015. The proposed certificate recognizes advanced level proficiency in Modern Standard Chinese, as well as training in literary Chinese and cultural literacy. Official recognition provided by this type of certificate can facilitate post-baccalaureate experiences for students. The proposed program makes use of existing courses and resources.

Program Contact: Nanette Hanks (nhanks@umn.edu)
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The College of Biological Sciences on the Twin Cities campus requests approval to create a new undergraduate minor in Behavioral Biology, effective fall 2015. The proposed program addresses both the basic and applied biological bases of animal behavior through an interdisciplinary curriculum. The minor allows students the flexibility to tailor coursework
to meet their own professional and career goals. The program makes use of existing courses and resources.

Program Contact: Jane Glazebrook (jglazebr@umn.edu)

The College of Liberal Arts on the Twin Cities campus requests approval to create an undergraduate minor in Creative Writing, effective fall 2015. The proposed program offers students an opportunity to develop their writing skills, as well as strengthen their critique of others’ writing. There is a consistent demand from current students for this minor. The proposed program makes use of existing courses and resources.

Program Contact: Nanette Hanks (nhanks@umn.edu)

The Humphrey School of Public Affairs on the Twin Cities campus requests approval to create a new postbaccalaureate certificate in Election Administration, effective fall 2015. The proposed program prepares students for mid-career positions in election administration and would be unique to the University of Minnesota. Students will acquire and develop the skills and knowledge of election operations and procedures they need to serve as election staff or to further their existing careers in election administration. This program will be delivered online. Courses are being developed for this program and will be taught by existing faculty.

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PROGRAM CHANGES

The College of Education and Human Development on the Twin Cities campus requests approval to create a subplan in Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities within the Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree in Special Education, effective summer 2015. The proposed subplan provides professional development for special education students interested in learning more about emotional and behavioral disorders. This subplan also leads to K-12 licensure and prepares teachers to work in a variety of educational settings. The proposed program makes use of existing courses and resources.

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The College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences on the Twin Cities campus requests approval to change the name of the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Agricultural Industries and Marketing to Agricultural Communication and Marketing, effective fall 2015. The college also requests approval to create a new subplan in Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences. This proposed changes better reflect the nature of the program, as well as the goals of the students.

Program Contact: Rebecca Swenson (boli0028@umn.edu)
The College of Liberal Arts on the Twin Cities campus requests approval to change the name of the undergraduate minor in New Media Studies to Digital Media Studies, effective fall 2015. The name change reflects the current emphasis and importance of digital media in this field.

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The School of Nursing and the School of Public Health on the Twin Cities campus request approval to create a new dual M.P.H./D.N.P. degree in Public Health Practice, effective fall 2015. The proposed dual degree will be a partnership between the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree in Public Health Practice and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree. The proposed program makes use of existing courses and resources.

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**DISCONTINUED PROGRAMS**

The College of Education and Human Development on the Twin Cities campus requests approval to discontinue the post-baccalaureate certificate in Career and Technical Education, effective fall 2015. Enrollments in this program have been low for some time, and key sources of state funding for the program have been eliminated.

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