

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

October 24, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Douglas Estry, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education
and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Dr. John Gaboury, Associate Provost for Academic Services

RE: Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Undergraduate
Specialization in Sustainability

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Undergraduate
Education (UCUE)

The request referenced above is being sent to the University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) in accordance with the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*, 4.4.

UCUE Response Requested:

Please ask the UCUE to consider the request referenced above and provide consultative commentary. Please mail the related materials referenced under the heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to UCUE members.

After receiving UCUE's consultative response, the Provost will make a determination to discontinue or not to discontinue this program. If the Provost determines that the program will be discontinued, the request will be forwarded to the University Committee on Curriculum for deletion of curriculum and degree requirements.

If you have any questions, please call Joy Speas, University Curriculum Administrator at 5-8420.

Thank you.

Attachments:

1. Request to Discontinue an Academic Program form dated October 5, 2014: Undergraduate Specialization in Specialization and attachments.
2. Student Enrollments by Program; Student Awards by Programs (for the request referenced above).

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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the **Specialization in Sustainability** in the Department of Community Sustainability. The University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) will provide consultative commentary to the Provost after considering this request. The Provost will make a determination after considering the consultative commentary from the University Committee on Undergraduate Education.

No new students are to be admitted to the program effective Summer 2013. No students are to be readmitted to the program effective Summer 2014. Effective Fall 2016, coding for the program will be discontinued and the program will no longer be available in the Department of Community Sustainability. Students who have not met the requirements for the Specialization in Sustainability through the Department of Community Sustainability prior to Fall 2016 will have to change their major.

View a Program		Main Menu
Joy Speas, RO	Monday, 10/6/2014	
Program Name: Sustainability Degree: SPCU Sequence Number: 3	Program Request ID: 2763	
Effective Dates: Fall 2016 Status: Interim Initial Action: Deleted		
Requested Date: 9/7/2014 9:47:01 PM		
<p>1. Department/School/College: 02241 Department of Community Sustainability</p> <p>2. Name of Program: Sustainability</p> <p>3. Name of Degree: SPCU</p> <p>4. Type of Program: Specialization</p> <p>5. Effective Start Semester: Fall 2016</p> <p>Effective End date: Fall 2016</p> <p>Will the proposed change(s) have a negative impact on students? If so, which ones?: No negative impacts. This program has been in moratorium since Spring 2013 and the moratorium runs through Summer 2016, so we propose that it be discontinued immediately afterward. Currently about ten students remain in this program and all of them are scheduled to complete it in Spring 2015. The Dept. of Community Sustainability (primary administrative unit) and the Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife (academic home of the former director of the specialization) have jointly made arrangements to ensure that these students' needs are met.</p> <p>Describe impact and explain what accommodations will be made: No impact because no new students are enrolled and all remaining students are on schedule to complete the program by Spring 2015. If they need it, these students will have four semesters additional time (15 months, through summer 2016) to complete it beyond the schedule that they are already on.</p> <p>Reason(s) for change(s): This program was already put in moratorium in Spring 2013 and there is no interest anywhere on campus in reviving it. A separate new minor in Sustainability has already been approved.</p>		
DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS		
Approved: Department of Community Sustainability		

10/5/2014 3:18:46 PM by John Kerr for Michael D. Kaplowitz, Chairperson

COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
10/5/2014 3:22:36 PM by Kelly Millenbah for Kelly Millenbah, Associate Dean

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~~**SPECIALIZATION IN SUSTAINABILITY**~~

The Specialization in Sustainability enables students to gain holistic and integrated competencies around four broad core content areas: aesthetic appreciation, ecological integrity, social equity, and economic vitality through the domains of civic engagement, systems thinking, critical thinking, and personal development. The specialization provides the opportunity to apply this knowledge and competencies in a wide variety of environments including business, government, and non-governmental organizations which work to cultivate sustainable communities.

The specialization is available as an elective to students who are enrolled in bachelor's degree programs at Michigan State University in the Colleges of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Arts and Letters; Business; Natural Science; and Social Science and James Madison College. With the approval of the department and college that administers the student's degree program, the courses that are used to satisfy the specialization may also be used to satisfy the requirements for the bachelor's degree. The student's program of study must be approved in advance and in writing by the director of the specialization.

Students must work with the director of the specialization and specialization advisors to prepare a written plan detailing the experiences and courses that will help them complete a portfolio demonstrating competency in the content areas and domains of the specialization. Students begin with enrollment in ACR 187, complete other courses and extracurricular activities and then enroll in ACR 387 to develop an integrative project which plays an essential role in the development of the portfolio. Each semester, students are required to provide evidence in their portfolios of progress toward competencies. Completion and defense of the portfolio is embedded in ACR 487.

Students desiring knowledge and expertise in sustainability as it pertains to agriculture and food systems should consider the Specialization in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems in the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences.

Requirements for the Specialization in Sustainability

CREDITS

The student must complete 18 credits from the following:

1. All of the following courses (7 credits):
 - ACR 187 Introduction to Sustainability 3
 - ACR 387 Sustainability Practicum 2
 - ACR 487 Sustainability Portfolio Capstone 2
2. Eleven additional credits of course work selected from a list of approved courses maintained by the director of the specialization. All courses used to fulfill this requirement should be approved by the director of the specialization prior to enrollment.

Undergraduate Specializations - Student Enrollments and Awards By Program

Program - Description	Span		FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	Total
Agriculture and Natural Resources - Continued													
<i>Community Sustainability - Continued</i>													
5333-Sustainability	FS10-SS13	Enrollments	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	28	35	27	108
		Awards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	4	17
		%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%	17%	15%	16%
 <i>Crop & Soil Science</i>													
5280-Agronomy	FS06-SS10	Enrollments	0	0	3	8	2	40	38	25	15	1	132
		Awards	0	0	3	5	1	3	5	5	7	0	29
		%	0%	0%	100%	63%	50%	8%	13%	20%	47%	0%	22%
0539-International Agriculture	FS02-US13	Enrollments	1	2	1	1	2	5	4	6	2	1	25
		Awards	0	0	1	0	2	3	1	4	1	1	13
		%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%	60%	25%	67%	50%	100%	52%
5318-Sustainable Ag & Food Systems	FS09-US13	Enrollments	0	0	0	0	0	21	38	43	43	20	165
		Awards	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	7	0	22
		%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	23%	16%	0%	13%
 <i>Fisheries & Wildlife</i>													
5204-Aquaculture	FS03-FS07	Enrollments	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
		Awards	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
		%	100%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%
0524-Conservation&Envir Law Enforce	FS01-	Enrollments	11	15	22	22	22	25	21	15	16	26	195
		Awards	3	3	5	4	3	7	8	6	3	5	47
		%	27%	20%	23%	18%	14%	28%	38%	40%	19%	19%	24%

Fiscal Year (FY) counts are distinct student counts within the Summer, Fall, and Spring terms.
 e.g. FY07=distinct student count within Summer 06, Fall 06, and Spring 07.
 If a student changed majors within the FY, he/she is counted under both majors.

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