

College of Letters and Science Academic Planning Council Annual Report to L&S Faculty Senate (2019-2020)

The L&S Academic Planning Council advises the dean on strategic planning, as well as on programmatic matters (program review, expansion, alteration, and deletion) and fiscal matters. The council's operating procedures appear online in the L&S Administrative Gateway, at <https://kb.wisc.edu/images/group86/19956/APCGovernanceRules-2012rev.pdf>

Program Review

All UW-Madison Academic Programs must be reviewed every 10 years. Reviews are convened by the dean upon the recommendation of the associate dean, in consideration of the schedule for review maintained by the Provost. The program faculty prepares a self-study narrative that is provided to a faculty review committee and is used as the foundation for a report to the dean. The APC reviews and discusses the self-study, review committee report, and the program's response to the report. Members advise the dean and associate deans about program strengths, contributions student learning in the discipline, and what might be done to promote improvement. Reviews of the following programs were discussed by the L&S APC this year:

- African Studies – Graduate Certificate, Doctoral Minor
- Anthropology – MA/MS, PhD, Doctoral Minor
- Biology – BA/BS
- Communication Sciences and Disorders – Capstone Certificate
- Computer Sciences – Professional Capstone Certificate
- Economics – MS (“Graduate Foundations”)
- French – Undergraduate Certificate
- Italian – Undergraduate Certificate
- Linguistics – BA/BS, MA, PhD, Doctoral Minor
- Molecular Biology – BA/BS
- Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies – MA, Graduate Certificate, Doctoral Minor
- Southeast Asian Studies – MA

In addition, the APC received follow-up reports as requested from:

- Anthropology
- Transdisciplinary Study of Visual Cultures (Graduate Certificate, Doctoral Minor)

L&S Program Actions

L&S APC considers for approval proposals to create, rename, restructure/move, suspend admission to, or close programs.

New Programs, Minors, Named Options and Certificates approved:

- New BA/BS Named Options “Mathematics for Programming and Computing,” “Mathematics for Economics and Finance,” “Mathematics for Data and Risk Analysis,” “Mathematics for Physical and Biological Sciences,” and “Mathematics for Secondary Education” in Mathematics
- New MS Named Option, “Human Behavior and Data Science” in Psychology
- New Undergraduate Certificate in History

- New MS Degree in Financial Economics

In addition, the follow Named Options were created in graduate programs to better reflect in Guide and Admissions information where students should apply.

- New MS Named Option, “Computer Sciences” in Computer Sciences
- New MS Named Option, “Economics” in Economics
- New MS Named Option, “Research” in Physics
- New MS Named Option, “Research” in Psychology
- New MS Named Option, “Statistics” in Statistics
- New MS Named Option, “Thesis” in Cartography and GIS
- New MA Named Option, “Full-Time Academic” in French Studies
- New MA Named Option, “Foundations in Research” in Math
- New MSW Named Option “Full Time MSW” in Social Work

Rename:

- Doctoral Minor, “Certificate in Transdisciplinary Visual Cultures” to “Visual Cultures” (Art History)
- Graduate Certificate, “Certificate in Transdisciplinary Visual Cultures” to “Visual Cultures” (Art History)
- Undergraduate Major, “Molecular Biology” to “Molecular and Cell Biology” (Integrative Biology)

Reopen:

- Undergraduate Certificate in Folklore (German, Nordic, and Slavic)
- Doctoral Minor in Folklore (German, Nordic, and Slavic)
- Undergraduate Major in Molecular and Cell Biology (Integrative Biology)

Discontinue (some additional program discontinuations are in the “Restructuring” section of this report):

- Graduate Minor, “Freshwater and Marine Sciences” (Integrative Biology)
- Named Option in BA/BS, “Radio-TV-Film/Communication Science and Rhetorical Studies” (Communication Arts)
- Named Option in PhD, “Architectural History” (Art History)
- Named Option, “Jewish Studies and Education” (Center for Jewish Studies)

Other:

- Change Graduate Program CIP code, Psychology – MS, PhD
- Change from ‘Admitting’ to ‘Non-admitting,’ Physics – MA
- Allow as “Additional Major,” Geography – MA
- Technical correction to name of undergraduate certificate Chinese Professional Communication (Asian Languages and Cultures)
- Request for Authorization to Implement, Information – MS (Information School)
- Request to circulate Notice of Intent to offer a new program: PhD in Gender & Women Studies

- Allow to lapse: Accreditation by National Association of Schools of Theatre for Interdisciplinary Theatre Studies MA/PhD (English)

In addition, L&S was asked for permission to allow L&S students to complete a newly approved major offered by the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences via an “additional major” available to L&S students: Health Promotion and Health Equity.

Substantial Changes to L&S Departments/Academic Units

The council approved proposals related to continued work on department restructuring of Department of Comparative Literature and Folklore Studies:

- Relocate Subject Listing COMP LIT to L&S Administration
- Discontinue Graduate Major, MA/PhD, “Comparative Literature and Folklore Studies,” including sub-plans (Comparative Literature and Folklore Studies)
- Discontinue Graduate Minor, “Comparative Literature and Folklore Studies” (Comparative Literature and Folklore Studies)
- Undergraduate Major, BA/BS, “Comparative Literature and Folklore Studies” (Comparative Literature and Folklore Studies)

Other L&S Items

The APC approved several other items, including:

- Discontinue Subject Listing: University Forum
- Request to Name Mead-Witter School of Music: Interior space in Hamel Music Center, the “JoAnne and Donald Krause Choir Loft”
- Request to Name School of Social Work the “Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work”
- UW Language Institute Annual Report

Requests for Comment, Consultation, or Support

L&S is frequently invited to comment on the development of programs and policies outside of L&S, at the college, campus or UW System level. The council offered comment on the following proposals:

Request for Comment: UW-Madison programs

- CALS, Global Health – BS
- School of Business, Arts and Creative Enterprise Leadership, Business – MA
- School of Business, Summer Undergraduate Certificate
- School of Engineering, “Aerospace Engineering” Option in Engineering Mechanics – MS
- School of Human Ecology, Design Strategy – Undergraduate Certificate

Request for Comment: UW System Programs

- UW System (Several Institutions), Cybersecurity – MS
- UW-Eau Claire, Bioinformatics - BS
- UW-Milwaukee, American Sign Language/English Interpreting – BS
- UW-Milwaukee, Computer Science – BA

- UW-Milwaukee, Data Science – BS
- UW-Milwaukee, Digital Arts and Culture – BA
- UW-Milwaukee, Urban Design – MA
- UW-Parkside, Anthropology, BA/BS
- UW-Parkside, Professional Communication – MA
- UW-Platteville, Community Development and Administration – MS
- UW-Stevens Point, Community Sustainability – BS
- UW-Stevens Point, Media Studies – BA
- UW-Whitewater, Legal Studies – BA/BS

Notice of Intent, Request to Implements, or Request to Discontinue:

- UW-Oshkosh, Notice of Intent to Offer Advertising – BA/BS
- UW-Stevens Point, Notice of Intent to Offer Community Stability – BS
- School of Business, Request to Implement Named Option “Business Analytics,” Operations and Technology Management – MS

Request for Support:

- College of Engineering, Program Name Change from “Signal Processing and Machine Learning” to “Machine Learning and Signal Processing” – MA

Dean’s Consultations:

- New L&S policy for teaching undergraduate courses online
- UW-Madison Policy for State Board of Regents’ Education Committee Discussion, UW-Madison Admissions Commitments
- Potential to create undergraduate online programming for returning adult baccalaureate degree completion
- Update on L&S Continuity of Instruction Efforts
- Diversity and climate issues in L&S and on campus

Other Items

The APC discusses other items, including

- Low Award Programs and proposed edits to related UW Madison and UW System policies
- Information School- Request to Participate in Inter-Institutional Agreement UW System School Library Education Cooperative

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