Educational Policies Committee Agenda, October 4, 2012

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A meeting of the Educational Policies Committee will be held on 4 October 2012 at 3 p.m. in Old Main 136 (Champ Hall Conference Room)

I. Approval of the minutes of the 6 September 2012 meeting (see below)

II. Subcommittee Reports

A. Curriculum Subcommittee (Ed Reeve)

1. Course Approvals

The following department requests two new degrees: (see below)

Health, Physical Education and Recreation-
   1. Master of Health Promotion
   2. Master of Fitness Promotion

The following departments request to restructure their PhD programs: (see below)

Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences-
   3. PhD in Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences

Applied Economics-
   4. PhD in Economics

Biological Engineering-
   5. PhD in Biological Engineering

Environment and Society-
   6. PhD in Ecology

Watershed Sciences-
   7. PhD in Ecology
   8. PhD in Watershed Science

Wildland Resources-
   9. PhD in Ecology
   10. PhD in Forestry
   11. PhD in Range Science
   12. PhD in Wildlife Biology
The following departments request to discontinue the Plan C option: (see below)

Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education-
13. Plan C option in MS Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education

Health, Physical Education and Recreation-
14. Plan C option in MS Health and Human Movement, Health Education Specialization

The following departments request the discontinuation of specializations: (see below)

Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education-
15. Audiology under the MA, MS, Med, and AuD degrees in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education

Health, Physical Education and Recreation-
16. Corporate Wellness, for Plans A, B and C, in the MS Health and Human Movement

Wildland Resources-
17. Game-Range Management, International Range Management, Range Rehabilitation, and Range Resource Economics in the MS and PhD in Range Science
18. Forest Biology and Forest Economics and Policy in the MS and PhD in Forestry
19. Conservation Biology and Problem Wildlife Management in MS and PhD in Wildlife Biology

20. The department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education requests the discontinuation of the EdS in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education (see below)

21. The department of Environment and Society requests the elimination of the Master of Arts degree in Geography and

22. Elimination of six specializations within the Master of Science degree in Geography (see below)

23. The department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation requests a Plan B option within the Health Education specialization of the MS in Health and Human Movement (see below)
B. Academic Standards Subcommittee (David Hole)

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 27, 2012
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
AGRS - 409

Present:  David Hole, Roland Squire, J.P. Spicer-Escalante, Stephanie Hamblin,
          Ben Wilson (ASUSU), Richard Mueller, Michele Hillard, John Barton

Absent:  Stacey Hills, Scott Bates

Call to Order – David Hole

Approval of Minutes

Business

Grading for Study Abroad – Approved
Motion carried by Richard Mueller; seconded by J.P. Spicer-Escalante.

No policy change is required. However there will be a change in the procedure to post the letter grade
without the # sign. Roland Squire will coordinate this change with the Registrar’s Office.

Latin Honors for 2nd BS Students – Approved
Motion carried by Stephanie Hamblin; seconded by John Barton.

No policy change is required. A clarification will be made in the Registrar’s Office. They will insure that
the standards are met. There is no rationale in lowering the number of credits for the 2nd Bachelor’s Degree.
Language in the catalog will change to (changes in red):

Latin Scholastic Distinctions (Bachelor’s Degrees and second Bachelor’s Degrees)

To qualify for Latin Scholastic Distinctions at graduation, a student must have completed a minimum of 40
semester credits in residency (USU credits) at USU’s Logan, USU-Eastern, or through classes offered by
USU Regional Campuses and Distance Education.

Adjourned: 3:35 pm

Next Meeting
Thursday, October 25, 2012
AGRS 409
3:00 pm
C. General Education Subcommittee (Norm Jones)

September 18, 2012 8:30 A.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room
Present: Michelle Larson, Honors; Dick Mueller, Science; Kathy Chudoba, Business; Norm Jones, Chair; Michele Hillard, Secretary; Laura Gelfand, Art; Wendy Holliday, Library; Nancy Mesner, Natural Resources; Charlie Huenemann, CHaSS; Roberta Herzberg, Social Sciences; Christian Thrapp, ASUSU President; Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising; Lee Rickords, Agriculture; Craig Petersen, American Institutions; Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive; Scott Henrie, USU Eastern; Larry Smith, Provost’s Office; Ryan Dupont, Life & Physical Sciences; Brock Dethier, English; John Mortensen, Student Services; Vince Lafferty, Regional Campuses; Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts; Dean Adams, Engineering

Absent: Brian McCuskey, English; Rhonda Miller, Communications; Mary Leavitt, Advising;

Call to Order - Norm Jones

Approval of Minutes - April 17, 2012
Motion to approve made by Kathy Chudoba, seconded by Charlie Huenemann

Course Approvals
ARTH 3760 (CI) APPROVED ............................................................... Rhonda Miller
Motion to approve made by Brock Dethier, seconded by Laura Gelfand

AV 3720 (CI) APPROVED ............................................................... Rhonda Miller
Motion to approve made by Brock Dethier, seconded by Laura Gelfand

CS 3450 (CI) PENDING ................................................................. Rhonda Miller
Waiting on information

NDFS 5210 (CI) PENDING ............................................................... Rhonda Miller
Waiting on information

USU 1330 (BCA) Troy Hunt/Susan Neel WITHDRAWN ......................... Carolyn Cardenas

USU 1360 (BPS) Mark Noirot PENDING ........................................ Ryan Dupont
Waiting on information

Course Removals
N/A

Syllabi Approvals
N/A
Business

Introduction of New Members ................................................................. Norm Jones
Scott Henrie will be representing USU Eastern and will replace Susan Neel. Norm Jones
reminded the committee of their responsibilities.

Upcoming Meetings for USU Course Faculty ........................................... Norm Jones
Below are some recommendations from the Presidential Task Force on the Curriculum:

1. Look at the admissions criteria – Is there proper preparation for incoming students and
do we provide greater incentives for those students who come to college prepared to succeed?

2. Working with the freshman class:
a. Take away some of the choice of when they can take Gen Ed (this will help forecast
demand). It was noted that resources may be needed in order to work through the
backlog of course demand before fully implementing this recommendation. It was
suggested that we emphasize Gen Ed for summer school, creating a Gen Ed summer
school block.
b. Identify what students know, understand and can do when completing Gen Ed have so
there is a better interface between general education and majors.

We are holding USU designated course meetings to help further this initiative to understand what
the outcomes of the courses are. Subcommittee chairs will be invited to these meetings and
information will be collected to help clarify the process of what is happening in Gen Ed.

USU’s Logan campus is going to start offering an Associate’s Degree. It is offered on all other
regional campuses and will now be in Logan, too. The university already has the authority to
offer this degree, so it does not need to be sent to the Board of Trustees or Regents for approval.
The question was asked if we thought the Logan 4-year graduation rates might suffer by offering
the Associates Degree. Students will need to declare their intention to pursue a 2-year or 4-year
degree when enrolling. The AA/AS requirements in Logan will be identical to those elsewhere in
the USU system.

Review of Depth and CI courses ...................................................... Nancy Mesner/Rhonda Miller
These projects were started last year and some of the committees got as far as collecting the
syllabi. We need to get a sense of what the courses are and if they are meeting the criteria. The
committees will target the department heads and instructors to get more information regarding
the courses. Departments should have the syllabi in their files. We need to educate the faculty
and department heads that there are requirements and expectations that need to be met when
submitting.

The CI committee is finding that a lot of the 2 hour CI courses need to change or be withdrawn
from the CI designation.

“What is an Educated Person?” Conference, Oct. 26-Snowbird ......................... Norm Jones
Conference will focus on what does Gen Ed contribute to the degree? Paul Gaston is coming from Kent State to decipher and make sense of this information. Tuning teams are being asked to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am

**Next Meeting**
Tuesday, October 16, 2012 Champ Hall Conference Room
8:30 a.m.

III. Other Business
A meeting of the Educational Policies Committee was held on 6 September 2012 at 3 p.m. in Old Main 136 (Champ Hall Conference Room)

Present: Larry Smith, Chair
Ed Reeve, Curriculum Subcommittee Chair
David Hole, Academic Standards Subcommittee Chair, Agriculture
Norm Jones, General Education Subcommittee Chair
Nicholas Morrison, Caine College of the Arts
Stacey Hills, Huntsman School of Business
Scott Bates, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Eddy Berry, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Nancy Mesner, College of Natural Resources
Greg Benson, USU-Eastern-Vice Chancellor
Christian Thrapp, ASUSU President
Marci Smith, Registrar’s Office (representing Roland Squire)
Cathy Gerber, Registrar’s Office

Absent: Thom Fronk, Engineering
Travis Peterson, Regional Campuses and Distance Education
Wendy Holliday, Libraries
Graduate Council representative (TBD)
Jordan Hunt, Academic Senate President
Zach Portman, Graduate Studies Vice-President

Visitors: M. Scott Henrie, USU-Eastern, Criminal Justice Program
Jessica Hansen, Registrar’s Office

I. Approval of the minutes of the 5 April 2012 meeting
Eddy Berry moved to approve the minutes of the 5 April 2012 meeting. Richard Mueller seconded; motion approved.

II. Subcommittee Reports

A. Curriculum Subcommittee

Ed Reeve reviewed the Curriculum Subcommittee business.
All courses were approved.

The request from the Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Science Department to offer a Distance Dietetic Internship was withdrawn.

The request to create the USU-Eastern Center for Workforce Preparation was approved. (see below)

**EPC and Curriculum Subcommittee Schedule for 2012-2013**

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Update on Electronic Course Approval Form

The process to create an electronic Course Approval Form is still underway. We have been meeting throughout the summer to build this form and create the approval workflow. We will be meeting again after Labor Day to make more adjustments. Once the form is finished, work on finishing up the workflow approval process will take place. Testing on this form will be done this fall.

Information on EPC and its subcommittees, policies, forms, R401 proposal submission and more can be found at this site. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with this information. [http://www.usu.edu/epc/](http://www.usu.edu/epc/)

Clarification on signatures needed on the Course Approval Form. Signatures needed are: Dean, Department Head and the Curriculum Subcommittee representative.

Norm Jones moved to approve the business of the Curriculum Subcommittee. Stacey Hills seconded; motion approved.

**B. Academic Standards Subcommittee (David Hole)**

No Report
C. General Education Subcommittee (Norm Jones)

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 17, 2012 8:30 A.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room
Present: Christie Fox, Honors; Dick Mueller, Science; Kathy Chudoba, Business; Norm Jones, Chair; Michele Hillard, Secretary; Carolyn Cárdenas, Creative Arts; Wendy Holliday, Library; Nancy Mesner, Natural Resources; Charlie Huenemann, CHaSS; Roberta Herzberg, Social Sciences; Christian Thrapp/Erik Mikkelsen, ASUSU President; Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising; Mary Leavitt, Advising; Janet Anderson, Agriculture; Craig Petersen, American Institutions; Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive; Susan Neel, USU Eastern; Larry Smith, Provost’s Office;

Absent: Brian McCuskey, English; Ryan Dupont, Life & Physical Sciences; Cindy Dewey, Music; Travis Peterson, RCDE; Wynn Walker, Engineering; Brock Dethier, CHaSS; Rhonda Miller, Communications; John Mortensen, Registrar’s Office; Vince Lafferty, Regional Campuses;

Call to Order - Norm Jones
Approval of Minutes - March 20, 2012
Motion to approve made by Kathy Chudoba, seconded by Nancy Mesner

Course Approvals
ARTH 3510 (CI) APPROVED ................................................................. Rhonda Miller
Motion to approve made by Carolyn Cárdenas, seconded by Wendy Holliday

ARTH 3630 (CI) APPROVED ................................................................. Rhonda Miller
Motion to approve made by Carolyn Cárdenas, seconded by Wendy Holliday

ARTH 3740 (CI) APPROVED ................................................................. Rhonda Miller
Motion to approve made by Carolyn Cárdenas, seconded by Wendy Holliday

ARTH 3750 (CI) APPROVED ................................................................. Rhonda Miller
Motion to approve made by Carolyn Cárdenas, seconded by Wendy Holliday

ARTH 3760 (CI) PENDING ................................................................. Rhonda Miller

AV 3720 (CI) PENDING ................................................................. Rhonda Miller

CS 3450 (CI) PENDING ................................................................. Rhonda Miller

LANG 2100 (BHU) REJECTED ................................................................. Brian McCuskey
This was rejected by committee on two grounds: first, the course was not rigorous enough, and second, it seems a better fit for BSS.
LANG 2100 (BSS) APPROVED ................................................................. Roberta Herzberg
Motion to approve made by Roberta Herzberg, seconded by Kathy Chudoba

WATS 4490/5490 (QI) APPROVED ......................................................... Dan Coster
Motion to approve made by Dan Coster, seconded by Nancy Mesner

Course Removals
N/A

Syllabi Approvals
USU 1330 (BCA) Troy Hunt/Susan Neel PENDING ............................. Carolyn Cardenas

USU 1330 David Wall APPROVED .................................................... Carolyn Cardenas
Motion to approve made by Carolyn Cárdenas, seconded by Wendy Holliday

USU 1360 (BPS) Mark Noirot PENDING ......................................... Ryan Dupont

Business
Enrollment History Link ........................................................................ Norm Jones
A Link to the AAA site that tracks Gen Ed enrollment has been added to the Gen Ed website under Enrollment History http://aaa.usu.edu/btj/b_and_d/d1.asp.

2012-2013 Gen Ed Schedule ............................................................... Michele Hillard
The 2012-2013 meeting dates have been updated on the Gen Ed website. The membership list will be updated due to the following changes: Cindy Dewey will be on sabbatical, Carolyn Dewey will be leaving the university and Janet Anderson will be looking for a replacement.

Review of Depth Courses APPROVED ................................................. Nancy Mesner
Motion made by Roberta Herzberg, seconded by Janet Anderson
A proposal was brought forward for developing a process to review depth courses every 5 years. Records would be maintained electronically and the information would be provided to the appropriate department heads when a review is scheduled. The Gen Ed committee will provide oversight for this review and will also have the authority to approve or disapprove the designation.
(See below)

Election of Chair APPROVED ............................................................. Committee
Motion made by Dick Mueller, seconded by Charlie Huenemann
Norm Jones’ name was submitted to serve as the Chair of the General Education committee. Voting was unanimous. Norm will resume his position as chair at the September 18 meeting.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 2012 Champ Hall Conference Room
8:30 a.m.
All depth courses are to be evaluated every 5 years to assure that the courses continue to meet depth criteria. The General Education subcommittee of EPC will track the
status of depth courses, keep depth course applications on file, communicate with departments and instructors, and review the courses. If an acceptable response is not received, the depth designation may be dropped.

Review Process:

Five years after approval of a course, the committee will notify the instructor of record and their department head about the depth course review. The instructor and department head will be provided with the depth designation materials on file as well as a copy of the USU depth criteria.

The instructors will be asked to supply a current syllabus of the course and to note how the course continues to meet any changes in their course relevant to the depth criteria.

The subcommittee will review these responses and approve all courses that continue to meet the depth criteria. For courses that may have changed substantively, the subcommittee may ask for additional information and will work with the instructors to assure that the criteria are met before approving the course.

For courses that appear to have changed substantively, instructors will be asked to submit a new description of the course and an explanation of how the current course meets USU’s depth criteria.

Nancy Mesner moved to approve the business of the General Education Subcommittee. Eddy Berry seconded; motion approved.

III. Other Business

Faculty code states that a representative from each of the three regional campuses and extension are required at EPC. Brigham, Tooele, Uintah Basin and Noelle Cockett have been notified.

Meeting adjourned 3:15 p.m.
Larry Smith conducted the meeting.
Cathy Gerber recorded the minutes.
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: Master of Health Promotion
School or Division or Location: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Health, Physical Education & Recreation
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code\(^1\): 51.0001
Proposed Beginning Date: 07/01/2013
Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date:

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

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Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:
I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

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Signature

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Date:

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Printed Name:

**Institution Submitting Proposal:** Utah State University

**College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located:** Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services

**Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located:** Health, Physical Education & Recreation

**Program/Administrative Unit Title:** Master of Health Promotion

**Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code:** 51.0001

**Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded:** Master’s of Health Promotion

**Proposed Beginning Date:** 07/01/2013

**Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):**

*Department Chair*  
*Dean or Division Chair*  
*Graduate School Dean*

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**Date:**
Program Description

The Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at Utah State University proposes a new Master of Health Promotion degree with student admissions to start for Fall Semester 2013. This degree will require all the same coursework and requirements as the current Plan C option within the Health Education specialization of the MS in Health and Human Movement degree. The new degree program will meet the needs of students who wish to pursue a professional degree rather than a research-oriented degree. The current MS in Health and Human Movement would remain in the Department, with the Plan A and B thesis options having the Health Education specialization. The MS Plan C specialization in Health Education within the Health and Human Movement degree will be terminated upon approval of this new degree.

Role and Mission Fit

The mission of Utah State University is to be one of the nation's premier student-centered land-grant and space-grant universities by fostering the principle that academics come first, by cultivating diversity of thought and culture, and by serving the public through learning, discovery, and engagement (http://www.usu.edu/president/missionstatement/). The offering of a new Master of Health Promotion Degree is consistent with this mission by providing a high quality academic experience for the citizens of Utah and beyond.

Faculty

All faculty contributing to this degree program possess a PhD in the academic discipline, have experience in instruction in graduate coursework, mentoring graduate students and conducting research in the academic discipline. A summary of the faculty credentials is provided at the end of the proposal.

Market Demand

Health Education and Promotion is a growing field of study. With the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, health prevention services will be at increased demand. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics:

Employment of health educators is expected to grow by 37 percent from 2010 to 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will be driven by efforts to reduce healthcare costs by teaching people about healthy habits and behaviors. As healthcare costs continue to rise, insurance companies, employers, and governments are trying to find ways to curb costs. One way is to employ health educators, who teach people how to live healthy lives and avoid costly diseases. Lifestyle changes can reduce the likelihood of contracting a number of illnesses, such as lung cancer, HIV, heart disease, and skin cancer. Health educators help people understand how what they do affects their health. For many illnesses, such as breast cancer and testicular cancer, finding the disease early greatly increases the likelihood that treatment will be successful. Therefore, it is important for people to know how to find possible problems on their own. The need to provide the public with this kind of information is expected to result in an increased demand for health educators (http://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/health-educators.htm#tab-6).
Student Demand

Beginning with the Fall 2007 Semester the USU School of Graduate Studies listed 43 students who have earned their degree in the program (Plan C of MS Health & Human Movement). Of these graduates, 14 were in the Health Education specialization. At present graduate student enrollment in this specialization averages about six students each semester. We believe demand will increase with the identification of a separate, professional degree.

Statement of Financial Support

No new funds will be required or requested to support this degree program. Existing resources are in place to support the program.

- Appropriated Fund
- Special Legislative Appropriation
- Grants and Contracts
- Special Fees/Differential Tuition
- Other (please describe)

Similar Programs Already Offered in the USHE

At present there are no professional degrees of Health Promotion in the USHE. Currently, the University of Utah offers a MS degree (thesis and non-thesis options) within the Department of Health Education and Promotion with emphasis areas in 1) community health, 2) eating disorders and obesity prevention, 3) emergency management, 4) international health, and 5) integrative health. Weber State University, Utah Valley University, and Southern Utah University do not offer graduate degrees in health promotion or related field.
Section I: The Request

Utah State University requests approval to offer a Master of Health Promotion effective Fall Semester 2013.

Section II: Program Description

Complete Program Description

The Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) at Utah State University proposes a new Master of Health Promotion degree with student admissions to start for Fall Semester 2013. This degree will require all the same coursework and requirements as the current Plan C option within the Health Education specialization of the MS in Health and Human Movement degree. The new degree program will meet the needs of students who wish to pursue a professional degree rather than a research-oriented degree. The current MS in Health and Human Movement would remain in the Department, with the Plan A thesis option having the Health Education specialization. The MS Plan C specialization within the Health and Human Movement degree will be terminated upon approval of this new degree. The MHP includes 36 hours of coursework specific to health promotion, a 300-hour fieldwork experience, and required comprehensive exams based on required coursework. Students will qualify to sit for the Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) exam upon graduation.

Unlike the Plan A option within the current Health Education specialization, the MHP degree is geared toward current and future practitioners of health promotion. Therefore the coursework is designed to meet the needs of students who do not wish to pursue a terminal degree in the profession. While students in the MHP program will be required to complete rigorous research training, the primary focus of the degree is to acquire advanced skills in health promotion. To this end, student in the MHP program will complete courses in research methods, statistics, business management, fitness assessment, program evaluation, behavior change theory, and current trends in health promotion as well as electives related to the health promotion field.

Purpose of Degree

The MHP degree aims to meet the needs of students who desire to or currently hold a position within the field of health promotion. Students seeking advanced training beyond the baccalaureate level may do so for career advancement plus need for further training. This degree would not replace the health education specialization within the MS in Health and Human Movement but rather meet the needs of students who do not foresee pursuing a PhD in health-related studies. Extensive fieldwork experience and comprehensive exam requirements would ensure that the student achieves both practical and academic benchmarks for MHP degree. The lack of an independent research requirement, such as with the Plan A, distinguishes the MHP degree as a professional rather than a research degree.

Institutional Readiness

All administrative structures are in place to support the MHP degree. The MHP degree replaces the Plan C option for Health Education within the Health and Human Movement MS degree, so current faculty loads, teaching assignments, and role statements will remain unchanged.

Faculty

No additional faculty will be required for the MHP. The current Health Education faculty teach the required HEP courses.
Staff

The MHP will not require additional staff. Faculty will continue to advise students as in the previous Plan C options and current office support can meet the needs of the degree program.

Library and Information Resources

No additional library or information resources will be needed for this degree.

Admission Requirements

The admission requirements will reflect the requirements for the USU Graduate School and the MS degrees offered in HPER. These are a minimum GPA of 3.0, a score in the 40 percentile or greater on the GRE or MAT and three satisfactory letters of recommendation.

Student Advisement

The four PhD level Health Education faculty will share student advisement for the MHP program, similar to their duties for the current MS in Health & Human Movement program.

Justification for Graduation Standards and Number of Credits

The 36-credit requirement exceeds the 30-credit minimum for a master's degree at Utah State University, provides a complete program of study, and allows for a student to complete the degree program within the planned two-year period.

External Review and Accreditation

Currently there is not an accreditation process for a MHP degree.

Projected Program Enrollment and Graduates; Projected Departmental Faculty/Students

Based on previous Plan C enrollment, we expect five to eight students per year to be accepted into the MHP degree program.
Section III: Need

Program Need

The MHP replaces our current Plan C option in the Health Education specialization of the MS in Health & Human Movement. This degree best meets the needs of many students who desire to work in the health promotion field but do not expect to pursue further doctoral education. Prior to having a non-thesis option, many students who were interested in this field did not apply for graduate studies as a research-oriented degree did not match their career goals. Due to this lack of interest in research, prior to not having a non-thesis option, we struggled to have students complete their degrees in the expected two years. Based on our previous experience with the Plan C option, we expect to attract students who have undergraduate degrees in health education, dietetics, exercise science, education, psychology, and public health. However, should students desire research training in preparation for doctoral study, the Plan A and Plan B options will still be available within the health education specialization.

Labor Market Demand

Health education and promotion is a growing field. With the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, health prevention services will be at increased demand. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics:

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We have seen an increase demand in the State of Utah for master’s-level training as evidence by employment postings. The MHP degree will meet this growing need in the state and region.

Student Demand

We have seen applications increase significantly since the creation of the Plan C non-thesis option for the health education specialization within the MS Health & Human Movement degree. We expect this to be the same for the MHP degree. Students have found excellent employment and fieldwork placements. The students who have applied for the Plan C are generally excellent and are able to complete the degree within the two-year framework of the program. We expect the MHP will continue to attract a high caliber of student.

Similar Programs

At present there are no professional degrees of Health Promotion in the USHE. Currently, the University of Utah offers a MS degree (thesis and non-thesis options) within the Department of Health Education and Promotion with emphasis areas in 1) community health, 2) eating disorders and obesity prevention, 3) emergency management, 4) international health, and 5) integrative health. Weber State University, Utah Valley University, and Southern Utah University do not offer graduate degrees in health promotion or related field.
Collaboration with and Impact on Other USHE Institutions

No collaboration is planned with other institutions in the USHE system.

Benefits

This new degree will meet the needs of students who seek graduate study in health promotion but do not desire to pursue doctoral study. The emphasis on fieldwork and relevant coursework will create a stronger health workforce for the state of Utah and beyond. The students will benefit by graduating in a timely fashion. The university will benefit by an increase in qualified applicants to the program.

Consistency with Institutional Mission

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Section IV: Program and Student Assessment

Program Assessment

The MHP program will strive to meet the highest possible professional and educational standards. The faculty meets regularly to access curriculum needs and possible changes. We also solicit input from fieldwork supervisors, employers, past graduates, current students, and faculty. We track students Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) exam pass rates as another assessment tool. Monitoring of student application materials (e.g., MAT scores, GPA), student diversity, graduation rates, comprehensive exam pass rates, and application numbers will also be monitored.

Expected Standards of Performance

Students will be expected to maintain minimum USU graduate school GPA's while in the MHP program. The comprehensive exams are a benchmark to judge student performance. If a student fails to pass the comprehensive exams after three attempts they will be removed from the MHP program. Students are expected to have excellent performance while enrolled in fieldwork hours. A negative review by a supervisor during fieldwork will be grounds for program termination.
Section V: Finance

Budget

No additional budget is required or sought to provide the degree program.

Funding Sources

Existing resources within HPER, EEJCEHS, and USU are sufficient to support the degree program.

Reallocation

No reallocation is required.

Impact on Existing Budgets

There is no impact on existing budgets.

Section VI: Program Curriculum

All Program Courses

The MHP curriculum (36 credits) includes:

A. Required Core (28 credits)
   - HEP 6100 Current Trends in Health Promotion (3 credits)
   - HEP 6000 Program Evaluation for Health Education (3 credits)
   - HEP 6600 Fieldwork in Health Education (6 credits)
   - HEP 6800 Seminar in Health Behavior (3 credits)
   - EDUC 6570 Intro to Psych. And Educ. Research (3 credits)
   - EDUC 6600 Research Design and Analysis I (3 credits)
   - MGT 6500 Managing Individuals and Groups 3 (3 credits)
   - PEP 5100 Fitness Assessment and Exercise Programs (4 credits)

B. Electives (8 credits)

Course electives are selected on the basis of the student's needs and interests, subject to the approval of the student's committee. They should come from the following approved courses. Courses taken while an undergraduate student will not count toward a student's program of study.

Human and Social Nature

- FCHD 6020 Survey of Human Development Research
- FCHD 6060 Human Development Theories
- PSY 6470 Health Psychology
- SOC 6460 Sociology of Health
- SOC 6800 Population and Health
Grantsmanship and Organizational Dynamics
HEP 5300 Grant Proposal Writing
POLS 6140 Leadership in Public Organizations

Instructional Technology and Research
FCSE 6210 Analysis of Social Research Data (SPSS)
INST 5230 Instructional Graphic Production

Educational Content
HEP 6900 Independent Study
HEP 6950 Independent Research
NFS 6200 Nutritional Epidemiology
NFS 6210 Advanced Public Health Nutrition
PEP 6540 Neuromuscular Adaptations

Disease and Injury Control
PUBH 4030 Communicable Disease Control
PUBH 4040 Fundamentals of Epidemiology
PUBH 5400 Environmental Toxicology

New Courses to Be Added in the Next Five Years
No new courses are expected at this time.

Program Schedule
For the MHP degree, the following schedule is recommended:

Fall Semester Year One (Total Credits: 9 credits)
HEP 6100: Current Trends in Health Promotion (3 credits)
HEP 6800: Seminar in Health Behavior (3 credits)
EDUC 6570: Intro to Psych. And Educ. Research (3 credits)

Spring Semester Year One (Total Credits: 10 credits)
HEP 6000 Program Evaluation for Health Education (3 credits)
EDUC 6600 Research Design and Analysis I (3 credits)
PEP 5100 Fitness Assessment and Exercise Programs (4 credits)

Fall Semester Year Two (Total Credits: 9 Credits)
MGT 6500 Managing Individuals and Groups 3 (3 credits)
Elective Credit (6 credits)

Spring Semester Year Two (Total Credits: 8 Credits)
Elective Credit (2 credits)
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Comprehensive Exams
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I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

__________________________  ______________________
Signature                                      Date:

Printed Name:

¹ CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55.
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Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: Master of Fitness Promotion

Proposed Beginning Date: 07/01/2013

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

Department Chair

Dean or Division Chair

Graduate School Dean

Date:
Executive Summary - Full Template
Utah State University
Master of Fitness Promotion
09/01/2012

Program Description
The Department of Health, Physical Education & Recreation at Utah State University proposes a new professional Master of Fitness Promotion degree, with student admissions to start for Fall Semester 2013. This degree will replace the discontinued Corporate Wellness specialization options of the current MS Health & Human Movement degree. The degree program would best meet the needs of students who wish to pursue a professional degree rather than a research-oriented degree. The current Master of Science in Health and Human Movement would remain in the Department with three Plan A and B specializations (Exercise Science, Health Education, and Sports Medicine).

Role and Mission Fit
The mission of Utah State University is to be one of the nation's premier student-centered land-grant and space-grant universities by fostering the principle that academics come first, by cultivating diversity of thought and culture, and by serving the public through learning, discovery, and engagement (http://www.usu.edu/president/missionstatement/). The offering of a Master's degree in Fitness Promotion is consistent with this mission by providing a high quality academic experience for the citizens of Utah and beyond.

Faculty
All faculty members contributing to this degree program will possess a doctorate in the academic discipline, have experience in instruction in graduate coursework, mentoring graduate students, and conducting research in the academic discipline. A summary of the faculty credentials are provided at the end of the proposal.

Market Demand
A person with a professional degree in "Fitness Promotion" can work in a variety of positions and settings in which a specialist is needed to develop programs that combat cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases, metabolic disorders, and musculoskeletal problems. Employment opportunities are commonly found in fitness and wellness centers, hospitals and health care facilities, rehabilitation centers, senior centers, corporations and universities. A 2002 Bureau of Labor Statistics publication listed “employee wellness coordinator” among the new and emerging occupations. More recently, the Bureau predicted that job opportunities for fitness workers and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation specialists will increase by 24% and 29%, respectively, between 2010 and 2020, faster than the average for all occupations.

Student Demand
Beginning with the Fall 2007 Semester, USU School of Graduate Studies listed 43 students have earned their degree in the program (Plan C of MS Health & Human Movement). Of these graduates, 27 were in the Corporate Wellness specialization, which is an average of 5.4 per year. Graduate student enrollment averages about six students each semester. We believe demand will increase with the identification of a separate, professional degree. Previous graduates of the Plan C (Corporate Wellness specialization) have been employed as employee wellness coordinator at a major university (Utah State University), cardiopulmonary rehabilitation specialist (Intermountain Healthcare), fitness specialist in assisted living facility (Sunshine Terrace), personal trainer at health club (Sports Academy),
corporate wellness coach (Gold’s Gym), health & wellness coordinator for national corporation (CSX Transportation), and many other varied positions within the health-fitness industry.

Statement of Financial Support

No new funds will be required or requested to support this degree program. Existing resources are in place to support the program.

- Appropriated Fund ........................................ [X]
- Special Legislative Appropriation ..................... [ ]
- Grants and Contracts ........................................ [ ]
- Special Fees/Differential Tuition ....................... [ ]
- Other (please describe) .................................... [ ]

Similar Programs Already Offered in the USHE

Utah Valley University does not currently offer a graduate degree in this field. Weber State University offers a MS degree in Athletic Training. This is a substantially different degree program than “Fitness Promotion.” In the Weber State program, students are trained to care for athletic injuries (e.g., “sports medicine”). Southern Utah University offers a Master of Sports Conditioning and Performance. The focus on this degree is the training of coaches for the purpose of improving sports performance. The University of Utah offers a MS non-thesis option titled “Coaching Wellness” that has a similar aim/objective and coursework to the proposed Master of Fitness Promotion.
Section I: The Request

Utah State University requests approval to offer a Master of Fitness Promotion effective Fall Semester 2013.

Section II: Program Description

Complete Program Description

The Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) at Utah State University proposes a new professional Master of Fitness Promotion (MFP) degree, with student admissions starting Fall Semester 2013. The MFP degree will replace the current Plan C option for the Corporate Wellness specialization within the Master of Science Health and Human Movement degree. The coursework and degree requirements will be the same for the MFP degree as for the previous Plan C option. The MFP is 40 credit hours (34 credits of coursework and 6 credits of practicum that involves a 400-hour fieldwork experience).

Unlike the Plan A and Plan B options within the current Exercise Science specialization, the MFP degree is geared toward current and future practitioners of health fitness. Therefore, the coursework and practicum experiences are designed to meet the needs of students who do not wish to pursue a terminal degree in the profession. While students in the MFP program will be required to complete rigorous research training (research methods and statistics courses), the primary focus of the degree is to acquire advanced skills specific to a profession in a health fitness setting. In addition to some of the same courses that MS students take (i.e., Advanced Exercise Physiology, and Advanced Biomechanics), MFP students take courses in ECG interpretation and Health Psychology, as well as health- and wellness-related electives from other departments (e.g., Nutritional Epidemiology, Sociology of Health, etc.).

Purpose of Degree

The MFP degree aims to meet the needs of students who desire to or currently hold a position within the field of health fitness. Students seeking advanced training beyond the baccalaureate level may do so for career advancement, need for further training in the field, or are new to the field of health fitness but already have an undergraduate degree in another field of study. This degree would not replace the exercise science emphasis within the MS in Health and Human Movement but rather meets the needs of students who do not foresee pursuing a PhD or a career as a researcher. Student's extensive fieldwork (practicum) experience further ensures a practical benchmark for a career as a health-fitness professional. The lack of an independent research requirement, such as with the Plan A and Plan B, distinguishes the MHF degree as a professional degree rather than a research degree.

Institutional Readiness

All administrative structures are in place to support the MFP degree. The MFP degree replaces the MS Plan C specialization for Exercise Science so current faculty loads, teaching assignments, and role statements will remain unchanged.

Faculty

No additional faculty will be required for the MFP. The Exercise Science faculty members have previously taught the required courses for the degree as part of the Plan C option for the Corporate Wellness specialization within the MS Health and Human Movement degree.
Marketing and recruiting for the new degree option will be done along with the MS degree options within the HPER department.

**Staff**

The MFP will not require additional staff. Faculty will continue to advise students as in the previous Plan C option and current office support can meet the needs of the degree program.

**Library and Information Resources**

No additional library or information resources will be needed for this degree.

**Admission Requirements**

The admission requirements will reflect the requirements for the USU Graduate School and the MS degrees offered in HPER. These are a minimum GPA of 3.0, a score in the 40 percentile or greater on the GRE or MAT, and three satisfactory letters of recommendation.

**Student Advisement**

The current doctoral level Exercise Science faculty will share student advisement for the MFP program, similar to their duties for the current MS in Health and Human Movement program.

**Justification for Graduation Standards and Number of Credits**

The 40-credit requirement exceeds the 30 credit minimum for a master’s degree at Utah State University, provides a complete program of study with valuable practicum experience, and allows for a student to complete the degree program within the planned two-year period.

**External Review and Accreditation**

Currently there is not an accreditation process for a MHF degree.

**Projected Program Enrollment and Graduates; Projected Departmental Faculty/Students**

Based on previous Plan C enrollment, we expect five-ten students per year to be accepted into the MFP degree program.

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**Section III: Need**

**Program Need**

The MFP replaces our current Plan C option in the corporate wellness specialization of the MS in Health and Human Movement. This degree best meets the needs of many students who desire to work in the health-fitness field but do not need or plan to pursue a doctoral degree. Without a non-thesis option, many students who are interested in this field will not apply for graduate studies, as a research-oriented degree does not match their career goals. Based on our previous experience with the Plan C option, we expect to attract students who have undergraduate degrees in kinesiology, exercise science, or other health- and fitness-related majors. If a student desires research training in
preparation for doctoral study, the Plan A and Plan B options will still be available within the exercise science specialization.

**Labor Market Demand**

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We have had great success with Plan C students finding employment in health fitness-related jobs. We do not anticipate anything different by offering the professional MFP degree.

**Student Demand**

The Plan C non-thesis option has been popular among many MS Health and Human Movement students who seek professional preparation rather than research preparation. We expect this to be the same for the MFP degree. Students have found excellent employment and practicum placements. The quality of the students who have applied for the Plan C are generally excellent, and we expect the MFP will also attract a high caliber of student.

**Similar Programs**

Utah Valley University does not currently offer a graduate degree in this field. Weber State University offers a MS degree in Athletic Training. This is a substantially different degree program than “Fitness Promotion.” In the Weber State program, students are trained to care for athletic injuries (e.g., “sports medicine”). Southern Utah University offers a Master of Sports Conditioning and Performance. The focus on this degree is the training of coaches for the purpose of improving sports performance. The University of Utah offers a MS non-thesis option titled “Coaching Wellness” which has a similar aim/objective and coursework to the proposed Master of Fitness Promotion.

**Collaboration with and Impact on Other USHE Institutions**

No collaboration is planned or needed with other institutions in the USHE system.

**Benefits**

This new degree will best meet the needs of students who seek graduate study in fitness promotion to prepare for a profession in the field but do not desire or need to pursue doctoral study for their career aspirations. The emphasis on fieldwork (practicum) and relevant coursework will create a stronger health-fitness workforce for the state of Utah and beyond. The faculty will benefit by working on their own research rather than mentoring novice researchers. In addition, the department will benefit by graduating students in a timely fashion rather than have students who are not interested in research struggle through a research project. The university will benefit by an increase in qualified applications to a professional degree program.
Consistency with Institutional Mission

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Section IV: Program and Student Assessment

Program Assessment

The MFP program will strive to meet the highest possible professional and educational standards. The faculty meets regularly to access curriculum needs and possible changes. We also solicit input from fieldwork supervisors, employers, past graduates, current students, and faculty. Student application materials (e.g., MAT scores, GPA), student diversity, graduation rates, and application numbers will also be monitored.

Expected Standards of Performance

Students will be expected to maintain USU graduate school GPAs while in the MHF program. Students are expected to have excellent performance while enrolled in practicum hours. A post-practicum presentation is required and evaluated by a committee of MFP experts.

Section V: Finance

Budget

No additional budget is required or sought to provide the degree program.

Funding Sources

Existing resources within HPER, EEJCEHS and USU are sufficient to support the degree program.

Reallocation

No reallocation is required.

Impact on Existing Budgets

No impact on existing budgets is required.
Section VI: Program Curriculum

All Program Courses

The MFP curriculum includes:

A. Required Graduate Core (14 credits):
   PEP 6300 Seminar: Human Movement (1 credit)
   PEP 6400 Advanced Exercise Physiology (4 credits)
   PEP 6800 Advanced Biomechanics (3 credits)
   PEP 6810 Research Methods in Health Sciences (3 credits)
   EDUC/PSY 6600 Research Design and Analysis I (3 credits)

B. Required MFP Specialization (15 credits)
   PSY 6470 Graduate Seminar in Health Psychology (3 credits)
   PEP 6450 ECG Interpretation, Exercise Benefits & Prescription (3 credits)
   PEP 6540 Neuromuscular Adaptations (3 credits)
   PEP 6500 Practicum – on campus (2 credits)
   PEP 6500 Practicum – remote site (4 credits)

C. MFP Electives (11 credits)
   PEP 5100 Fitness Assessment & Exercise Programs (4 credits)
   HEP 6000 Evaluating Health-Promotion Programs (3 credits)
   HEP 6100 Current Trends in Health Promotion (3 credits)
   NDFS 6200 Nutritional Epidemiology (2 credits)
   NDFS 6210 Public Health Nutrition (2 credits)
   NDFS 3020 Nutrition & Physical Performance (2 credits)
   SOC 6460 Sociology of Health (3 credits)

New Courses to Be Added in the Next Five Years

No new courses are expected at this time.

Program Schedule

For the MFP degree, the following schedule is recommended:

Fall Semester Year One (Total Credits: 10 credits)
   PEP 6300 Seminar: Human Movement (1 credit)
   PEP 6400 Advanced Exercise Physiology (4 credits)
   PEP 6810 Research Methods in Health Sciences (3 credits)
   NDFS 6200 Nutritional Epidemiology (2 credits)

Spring Semester Year One (Total Credits: 11 credits)
   PEP 6800 Advanced Biomechanics (3 credits)
   EDUC/PSY 6600 Research Design and Analysis I (3 credits)
   PEP 6450 ECG Interpretation, Exercise Benefits & Prescription (3 credits)
   PEP 6500 Practicum – on campus (2 credits)
Fall Semester Year Two (Total Credits: 10 Credits)
PEP 6540 Neuromuscular Adaptations (3 credits)
PEP 5100 Fitness Assessment & Exercise Programs (4 credits)
SOC 6460 Sociology of Health (3 credits)

Spring Semester Year Two (Total Credits: 9 Credits)
PSY 6470 Graduate Seminar in Health Psych (3 credits)
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(40 credits total)
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Request for Restructuring the
PhD Program in the Department of Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences

Executive Summary

The Department of Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences requests restructuring the PhD program as detailed in the attached R401-Abbreviated Template. The purpose of the restructuring is to become more competitive in our doctoral program by reducing the number of credit hours for completion of the PhD degree to a level more consistent with that of other similar programs at many land grant universities.

Reducing the required number of credits from the current 90 credits for the BS to PhD to 72, and from 60 to 42 in the MS and DVM to PhD will allow us to maintain our currently rigorous standards while attaining or approaching the lower credit hour requirements of competing institutions. This approach will further assist ADVS in attracting the best doctoral students, thereby growing our graduate programs as specified in our 5-year graduate program plan. No additional instructional, administrative, or financial resources will be needed to implement the proposed restructuring.

Kenneth L. White
Head
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: PhD in Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences (ADVS)
Currently Approved Title: PhD in Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences (ADVS)
School or Division or Location: College of Agriculture
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: AGRS
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Institution Submitting Proposal: *Utah State University*

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: *Agriculture*

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: *Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences (ADVS)*

Program/Administrative Unit Title: *Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences (ADVS)*

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 01. 09 (Animal Sciences)

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: *PhD in Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences*

Proposed Beginning Date: *January 1, 2013 (spring semester)*

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

_____________________________________  __________________________________
Kenneth L. White, Department Head  Noelle E. Cockett, Dean
Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences  College of Agriculture

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Mark R. KcLellan, Vice President of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies

Date:
Section I: Request

The Department of Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences (ADVS) requests to restructure its PhD program. For this degree program the current credit hour requirements are 90 for BS to PhD and 60 for MS to PhD for incoming students. ADVS proposes that the minimum credit hours be reduced to 72 credit hours for the BS to PhD, 42 for the MS to PhD, and 42 for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) to PhD. This is a reduction of 18 credit hours in each of the programs.

Section II: Need

Flexibility of curriculum and program design is at the core of the PhD programs offered by ADVS. The student and supervisory committee determine the type of courses required for the program of study. The PhD is awarded based upon a student's knowledge of study area, competency, skills, and cutting edge scholarly research in 1 of 4 specializations offered in ADVS (Animal Health and Disease, Animal Molecular Genetics, Animal Nutrition, and Reproduction and Development). Most PhD students in ADVS under the current program complete their degree within 5-6 years on a BS to PhD track and lessor time on an MS to PhD track. The DVM to PhD is a recent program resulting from the establishment of the USU School of Veterinary Medicine and average time to completion has not yet been determined. With the reduction in minimum credit hours to 42, it is anticipated that this degree program will take 2-3 years to complete. Assuming a full-time student takes a minimum of 6 credits per semester (F, S & Su) in a BS to PhD program, the proposed program of study could potentially be completed within 4-5 years instead of 5-6. The MS to PhD program with 42 credit hours could be completed in less than 3 years. Students that have earned the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) would be required to take 42 credits hours instead of 60. The reduction in credit hours in the PhD programs would only affect the number of dissertation credit hours (ADVS 7970) and not the number of regular class course hours necessary to establish the student's competency in a specialization. The regular class course hours are determined by the student and supervisory committee and are based upon the student's knowledge and skill set incumbent upon the specialization. Therefore, it is unlikely that students in the same specialization would complete their program of study in the same amount of time. The proposed change will not hinder the academic rigor of the PhD program; however, it will require a very active role of the supervisory committee in mentoring the student, particularly in the research component of the PhD program. Fewer credit hours will be required for the MS to PhD and DVM to PhD and will require even greater oversight of the student’s research activities. Students entering an MS or DVM to PhD program should be more mature, understand hypothesis-driven research, and have the skills for collecting, analyzing, and preparing manuscripts for publication. The MS and DVM to PhD of 42 course hours accelerates a student's completion of the PhD, particularly when a student continues the same specialization and at the same institution. Reducing the program credit hours puts the PhD student on a faster track, (in today's job market that often requires a post-doc experience to be competitive) and the reduction in minimum course hours will potentially shorten the time for entrance into a post-doc and/or profession field of work. The minimum number of credit hours required does not determine awarding a PhD; rather it is the mastery of knowledge of the selected specialization based upon written and oral examinations and the completion of body of original research via publications in peer-reviewed journals (typically, BS to PhD: 2-3 journal articles; and MS and DVM to PhD: 1-2).

Analysis of 21 other land grant universities (see Appendix) shows that 72 credits for a BS to PhD and MS and DVM to PhD of 42 credit hours in the Animal Sciences is a very reasonable expectation. Credit hours of the other land grant institutions had a mean value of 57.4 and a model value of 60. The Department of Biology at USU is in the process of restructuring two of its doctoral programs (Biology and Ecology) with a minimum 60 credit hours.
The minimum credit hours for the PhD as set forth in this proposal does not supersede the supervisory committee requiring a student to complete more than the minimum hours in his/her program of study.

Section III: Institutional Impact

ADVS anticipates the reduction of required credit hours toward the PhD will increase the ability to recruit and retain the best graduate students from around the country, because most competing programs at similar institutions of higher learning require fewer than 90 credits. ADVS expects that the recommended change will help the Department meet institutional goals as specified in their recently submitted 5-year Graduate Program Plan. The restructuring of the PhD will not affect existing administrative structures. ADVS does not anticipate any changes in faculty and staff to implement the proposed changes, although additional faculty and staff will be hired for the new USU School of Veterinary Medicine. Several of the new veterinary faculty will be directing graduate students and, therefore, will grow graduate student numbers in ADVS. Also the USU School of Veterinary Medicine will provide several new assistantships that will attract graduate students of the highest scholastic qualities.

Section IV: Finances

No additional costs are anticipated as a result of the proposed change. ADVS already receives more applications from qualified students than can be supported. By reducing the credits hours from 90 to 72 in the BS to PhD program and to 42 in the MS and DVM to PhD, ADVS will be able to grow the number of students in the graduate program by replacing students that cycle out more frequently with completed degree programs and by offering department assistantships on a more frequent basis.

Appendix

Other land grant institutions of Higher Education included in the analysis

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Clemson
Colorado State University
Iowa State University
Kansas State University
Mississippi State University
Montana State University
New Mexico State University
North Carolina State University
Oregon State University
Pennsylvania State University
University of Alaska
University of Arizona
University of Idaho
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Nevada-Reno
University of Vermont
University of Wyoming
Virginia Tech
Washington State University
West Virginia University
The Applied Economics Department (APEC) requests restructuring the PhD program as detailed in the attached R401-Abbreviated Template. The purpose of the restructuring is to become more competitive in our doctoral program by reducing the number of credit hours for completion of the PhD degree to a level more consistent with that of our neighboring land-grant institutions with similar programs.

By reducing the required number of credits from the current 90 credits for the BS to PhD program to 70, and from the current 60 credits for the MS to PhD program to 50, APEC will be able to maintain our current rigorous standards while attaining or more closely approaching the current lower credit hour requirements of a number of peer institutions. This approach will further assist APEC in recruiting the best doctoral students and helping those students complete their degree in an expeditious manner. These were goals set forth in the 5-year Graduate Program Plan recently completed by APEC. No additional instructional, administrative, or financial resources will be needed to implement the proposed restructuring.

Dillon M. Feuz
Head
The Department of Applied Economics requests to restructure its PhD program. For this degree program the current credit hour requirements are 90 for BS to PhD and 60 for MS to PhD for incoming students. APEC proposes that the minimum credit hours be reduced to 70 credit hours for the BS to PhD and to 50 for MS to PhD. This is a reduction of 20 credit hours from the BS to PhD and 10 credit hours from the MS to PhD, most of which were continuing graduate advising credits.

Section II: Need

The PhD in Economics in APEC is awarded based upon a student's knowledge of core economic theory and econometric techniques. In addition, study area competency is determined and scholarly research is conducted in two of four specializations offered in APEC: advanced theory and econometrics; environmental and natural resource economics; agricultural economics; and community/economic development. In the past, many of our PhD students have taken 5 years or longer to complete the PhD program. It is anticipated that with the proposed change in credit hours, most students will complete the BS to PhD program in 4 years and the MS to PhD program in 3 years. This faster track to PhD completion will require greater oversight of the student's research and assuring that students are completing all USU graduate forms in a timely manner. This increased and earlier supervision of students is in accordance with the 5-year Graduate Program Plan recently submitted by APEC. The awarding of a PhD is not based on the number of credits a student has taken; rather it is the mastery of knowledge that is determined by written and oral examinations and the completion of a body of original research (dissertation).

Analysis of four of our closest land grant institutions that offer a PhD in Economics, Table 1, indicates that 72 credits from BS to PhD is the norm. Three of the four institutions require 72 credits, while one of them requires 66 credits. It is less clear what each of these programs requires from the MS to PhD program, but it appears the 42 credits is the minimum, not shown in the table. It appears that there is some subjectivity in the credits counted for the MS program based on the courses completed for the MS degree. The ADVS department within the USU College of Agriculture is proposing to decrease the number of BS to PhD credits to 72 and the MS to PhD credits to 42.

Table 1. Credits Required by Neighboring Peer Land-Grant Universities for a PhD in Economic or Agricultural & Resource Economics from BS to PhD.

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Section III: Institutional Impact

APEC anticipates the reduction of required credit hours to obtain a PhD in Economics will increase our ability to recruit and retain the best students from around the country because most competing programs at similar land-grant institutions in the region also require fewer than 90 credits. This change will also help APEC meet the goals of the
recently submitted 5-year Graduate Program Plan. The change will not affect existing administrative structure. APEC does not expect any changes in faculty and staff to implement the proposed changes.

Section IV: Finances

No additional costs are anticipated as a result of the proposed change. APEC receives more qualified applications for the PhD than can be accepted in any given time frame. By reducing the credits from 90 to 70 for the BS to PhD program and from 60 to 50 for the MS to PhD program, APEC may be able to increase the number of funded graduate students as students should be able to finish their degree quicker and require a reduced amount of tuition award dollars.
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: PhD in Economics
Currently Approved Title: PhD in Economics
School or Division or Location: College of Agriculture
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Applied Economics
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code\(^1\) (for new programs): 00.0000
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 45.0601
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Items submitted will be reviewed by OCHE. If there are any issues, the proposal will be returned for clarification/correction. If no issues, the proposal will be returned with a note of approval and the request will be placed on the General Consent Calendar of the next Regents’ agenda.

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Program/Administrative Unit Title: Applied Economics (APEC)

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 45.0601

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: PhD in Economics

Proposed Beginning Date: January 1, 2013

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

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Dillon M. Feuz, Head
Applied Economics

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Noelle E. Cockett, Dean
College of Agriculture

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Mark R. McLellan, V.P. of Research
Graduate School Dean

Date:
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: PhD in Biological Engineering (no change from current title)
Currently Approved Title: PhD in Biological Engineering
School or Division or Location: College of Engineering
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Biological Engineering
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code1 (for new programs): 14.4501 (no change from current classification)
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 14.4501
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 08/27/12
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Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: College of Engineering

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Department of Biological Engineering

Program/Administrative Unit Title: PhD in Biological Engineering

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 14.4501

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: Doctor of Philosophy in Biological Engineering

Proposed Beginning Date: 08/27/12

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

Ronald C. Sims, PhD  H. Scott Hinton, Dean of College of Engineering
Department Chair  Dean or Division Chair

Career and Technical Education Director  Graduate School Dean

Council on Teacher Education  Date:
Section I: Request

The Department of Biological Engineering requests a reduction in the number of credits required for the doctoral degree in Biological Engineering. The current requirements are 90 credits for the students who enter with the BS degree, and 60 credits for those with an MS. We propose to reduce the required credits for the students who enter with a BS degree to 60 credits, and the students entering with MS to 36 credits.

Section II: Need

This credit requirement reduction is needed to make our Biological Engineering program competitive with other domestic institutions offering doctoral degrees in the field of biological engineering. A survey of credit requirements at 10 other domestic universities offering similar degrees in biological engineering shows an average of 60.5 credits for the PhD. The range of credit requirements of surveyed institutions (converted to semester credits when needed using a conversion rate of .6667) is 45 to 90 credits. Among the programs surveyed, only Virginia Tech has a requirement of 90 credits for the PhD from a BS degree. Interestingly, VT is also undergoing a program restructure at this time to reduce their credit requirement to be more in line and competitive with other institutions. Therefore, 60 credits for the PhD in Biological Engineering at Utah State University is reasonable and consistent with other institutions offering biological engineering.

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The coursework for the PhD degree in Biological Engineering consists of core courses determined by the student's major professor and the Biological Engineering Graduate Committee after analysis of each student's previous transcripts and research experience. The core courses are chosen to round out the individual student's advanced biological engineering education and to support their chosen research area. The remaining credits on the Programs of Study are dissertation research credits.

The Biological Engineering Department Graduate Committee in Fall 2011 approved the core graduate curriculum. The reduction in credit requirements that we are currently requesting through this Abbreviated R401 process will have no impact on the Biological Engineering approved core curriculum coursework. Students will register for fewer dissertation research credits. This will in no way impact the amount or quality of a student's research. Awarding the doctoral degree is not based on completion of a set number of credits. It is based on demonstrated subject mastery through written and oral examinations, the completion of a body of original research, and the requirement of a first-author, peer-reviewed publication.
It is expected that students entering the PhD program in Biological Engineering after completing the MS degree will have already taken many of the core courses, and therefore their research credit hours will be increased accordingly.

Current and proposed credit guidelines for the PhD in Biological Engineering:

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There will be no change to administrative structures. There will be no change in faculty or staff requirements. The academic requirements of this doctoral program will not be affected or changed.

Reducing our credit requirements for the PhD degree in Biological Engineering will aid our recruiting efforts and allow us to attract outstanding students. The reduction in credit requirements will support our strategic plans for increasing our doctoral student enrollment.

Section IV: Finances

There is no financial impact in the reduction of our credit requirements.
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: PhD in Ecology (no change from current title)
Currently Approved Title: PhD in Ecology
School or Division or Location: College of Natural Resources
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Environment and Society
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): 26.1301
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Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 08/26/13
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Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Environment and Society

Program/Administrative Unit Title: Environment and Society

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 26.1301

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: PhD in Ecology

Proposed Beginning Date: August 26, 2013 (fall semester)

Institutional Signatures:

Mark Brunson, Department Head
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Date: August 18, 2012
Program Request - Abbreviated Template
Utah State University
PhD in Ecology
08/17/2012

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Section II: Need

This change is requested to provide more flexibility for students and supervisory committees, and to maintain competitiveness with other Ecology programs within Utah State University as well as other universities. While many students may need to complete 60 credits or more beyond a Master’s degree before they are ready to earn the doctorate, others may find they are enrolling in unnecessary coursework or dissertation credits simply to reach the 60-credit threshold. We will stress that a shift to 30 semester-hours with MS, 60 without, is a minimum threshold but the decision about necessary coursework should rest largely with the supervisory committee, which is best-equipped to determine what an individual student needs to do to prepare for a doctorate in his/her specific subfield of ecology.

The Ecology degree at USU is unique in that it is offered by multiple departments across three departments. We believe it is important at the very least for the Ecology doctorate offered by Environment & Society to be aligned in its requirements with the programs in our College of Natural Resources sister departments, Watershed Science and Wildland Resources. Looking more broadly at competing programs across the nation, our requirement of 90 credits beyond the Bachelor’s degree is larger than that of most Land Grant universities. Analysis in Spring 2012 found that more than half of 21 peer universities require 60 credits or fewer for students without a Master’s degree, and only 2 required as many as 90 credits. We believe reducing our credit requirement will enhance recruitment into the degree.

Section III: Institutional Impact

We do not anticipate a negative impact on this institution. On the contrary, we expect that the proposed change can result in increased interest in this degree. The proposed change will not affect our administrative structures, faculty or staff demands, or academic requirements for the program.

Section IV: Finances

No additional costs or savings are anticipated as a result of this change. Currently more students are interested in this program than the department can support. If students are able to complete their degrees more quickly we may eventually be able to accept and graduate more students than we do currently.

Section V: Program Curriculum

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Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: College of Natural Resources

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Wildland Resources

Program/Administrative Unit Title: Wildland Resources

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 26.1301

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: PhD in Ecology

Proposed Beginning Date: August 26, 2013 (fall semester)

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

Michael R. Kuhns, Interim Department Head
Wildland Resources

Chris Luecke, Interim Dean,
College of Natural Resources

Mark R. McClellan, Vice President for Research
and Dean of Graduate Studies

Date: August 17, 2012
Program Request - Abbreviated Template  
Utah State University  
PhD in Ecology  
08/17/2012

Section I: Request

The Department of Wildland Resources proposes to restructure its PhD in Ecology. The current credit hour requirements are 60 credits for students entering with an MS degree and 90 credits for students without an MS degree. We propose reducing the required credit hours for both tracks by 30 credits, to 60 credits for students who enter with a BS and to 30 credits for students with an MS.

Section II: Need

This restructure is necessary to make the Department of Wildland Resources more competitive in recruiting Ecology PhD students. Most institutions require fewer credit hours for a PhD in ecology than the 90 beyond the bachelors that USU requires (see table below). The University of Utah has the only other PhD program in ecology (Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology) in Utah. They require completion of at least three full years (six semesters) at 9 credits a semester for a total of at least 54 credits beyond the BS, whether or not the student has a masters degree. Our proposed change will not affect the rigor of the Ecology PhD program. Additionally, it will not affect the core courses required for the PhD students, nor will it affect the effort required for their PhD dissertation projects. As a result of this proposed change, the students will be signing up for fewer dissertation or continuing advisement credits while still completing all the required coursework for the degree.

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Section III: Institutional Impact

The proposed program restructure may result in an increase in applications to the Wildland Resources Department's PhD program in Ecology. This change should not affect our administrative structures, nor will it change faculty or staff requirements, or required facilities. The required coursework will not change, and the academic requirements of the doctoral program will not be affected or changed.

Section IV: Finances

No additional costs are anticipated as a result of this change. More qualified students are interested in this program than the department can currently support. We may be able to accept more students over time if this change results in students completing their degrees more quickly.

Section V: Program Curriculum –NA

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Proposed Title: MS and PhD in Wildlife Biology – Drop Specializations in Conservation Biology and Problem Wildlife Management
Currently Approved Title: MS and PhD in Wildlife Science
School or Division or Location: College of Natural Resources
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Wildland Resources
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): 26.1301
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 26.1301
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 08/26/13
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Program/Administrative Unit Title: Wildland Resources

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Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: MS and PhD in Wildlife Science – Drop Specializations in Conservation Biology and Problem Wildlife Management

Proposed Beginning Date: August 26, 2013 (fall semester)

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

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College of Natural Resources

Mark R. McClellan, Vice President for Research
and Dean of Graduate Studies

Date: September 5, 2012
Program Request - Abbreviated Template
Utah State University
MS and PhD in Wildlife Science
09/05/2012

Section I: Request

The Department of Wildland Resources proposes to restructure its MS and PhD in Wildlife Biology by dropping the existing specializations Conservation Biology and Problem Wildlife Management.

Section II: Need

This restructure is necessary to allow the Department of Wildland Resources to drop specializations that are not used by Wildlife Science MS and PhD students and faculty in the department. These specializations reflect subject areas that are handled instead under the department's Ecology MS and PhD degrees (Conservation Biology), or just do not reflect how we organize or describe our programs, and therefore are not used by anyone (Problem Wildlife Management). A Wildlife Management specialization already is available within our Wildlife Biology MS and PhD degrees that can be used by students wanting to show a management emphasis. This proposed change will not affect the rigor of the Wildlife Science MS or PhD programs or the courses taken. It will simplify our program marketing by dropping specializations that are not used.

Section III: Institutional Impact

The proposed program restructure will simplify and clarify the Wildland Resources Department's MS and PhD program in Wildlife Science. This change will not affect our administrative structures, nor will it change faculty or staff requirements, or required facilities. The required coursework will not change, and the academic requirements of the masters and doctoral program will not be affected or changed.

Section IV: Finances

No additional costs are anticipated as a result of this change.

Section V: Program Curriculum –NA

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Proposed Title: N/A
Currently Approved Title: N/A
School or Division or Location: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): N/A
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 51.0203
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Printed Name: Ray Coward, Executive Vice-President and Provost
**Institution Submitting Proposal:** Utah State University

**College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located:** Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services

**Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located:** Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education

**Program/Administrative Unit Title:** Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education

**Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code:** 51.0202; 51.0203

**Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded:**

**Proposed Beginning Date:** Fall semester 2013

**Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):**

Kim Corbin-Lewis, PhD  
Department Chair  

Beth Foley, PhD  
Dean or Division Chair

Mark McLellan, PhD  
Graduate School Dean

Francine Johnson,  
Council on Teacher Education
The Department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education, in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, requests discontinuation of the MS-Plan C Option in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education.

MS degrees are research degrees and will require the MS Plan A or B Option. Effective Fall 2013, all incoming graduate students during the 2013-2014 academic year, not anticipating completion of a research degree, will be accepted into the graduate program to complete a MA Plan C Option. Students currently in program will complete the master’s degree as specified when accepted to the Department of Communicative Disorders & Deaf Education graduate program.

Section II: Need

This change will maintain the integrity of the MS as the research degree in the discipline of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education.

Section III: Institutional Impact

This proposed change will have no effect on enrollment since the MA degree holds the same value nationally and is often the degree of choice when COMDDE is located in Colleges of Arts and Letters. We have no affiliations with other departments or programs that would be affected by the removal of the MS Degree - Plan C Option. No change in faculty, staff, physical facilities or equipment would occur. This is primarily an administrative change.

Section IV: Finances

This will have no financial cost or benefit.
Institution Submitting Request: *Utah State University*

Proposed Title: *NA*

Currently Approved Title: *MS Health and Human Movement, Health Education specialization, Plan C option*

**School or Division or Location:** *Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services*

**Department(s) or Area(s) Location:** *Health, Physical Education and Recreation*

**Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code**1 (for new programs): *NA*

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Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Program/Administrative Unit Title: MS Health and Human Movement, Health Education specialization, Plan C option

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 51.0001

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: NA

Proposed Beginning Date: 07/01/2013

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

________________________________   _____________________________________
Department Chair                   Dean or Division Chair

_______________________________
Graduate School Dean

Date:
Section I: Request

The Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services at Utah State University, requests discontinuation of the MS Health & Human Movement, Health Education specialization, Plan C option.

Currently the MS Plan C health education specialization within the HPER department resembles a professional degree because it does not require a research component and as such best fits under the category of a professional master’s degree. The MS HHM degree will continue to offer a Plan A and B Health Education specialization thesis option.

Section II: Need

While the MS Plan C option in Health Education has been a successful addition to our graduate program, USU suggests that professional degrees, such as the Plan C, better fit under the category of a professional master’s degree. Therefore, the HPER department has submitted a R401 application for this Plan C to be renamed Master of Health Promotion.

Section III: Institutional Impact

Faculty who teach in the graduate program will not be impacted by the discontinuation of the Plan C option of the Health Education specialization. The HEP courses taught by HPER faculty are required for the Plan A option in health education and will continue to be taught. In addition, upon approval of the Master of Health Promotion degree, these same courses will be offered in the new degree program.

The HPER department currently has four PhD level faculty members who are approved to teach in the graduate program and chair graduate committees. These faculty members will continue to teach in the undergraduate and graduate health education programs once the Plan C is discontinued. The faculty will continue to serve on graduate committees within the department, college and university. The faculty will continue to conduct research and honor service commitments per their individual role statements. No change in role statements will be made based on the discontinuation of the MS Health and Human Movement Health Education specialization Plan C option.

Section IV: Finances

We anticipate no additional costs nor savings associated with the elimination of the MS Health and Human Movement Health Education specialization Plan C option.
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: N/A
Currently Approved Title: N/A
School or Division or Location: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education
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Printed Name: Ray Coward, Executive Vice-President and Provost
Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education

Program/Administrative Unit Title: Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 51.0202
Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: N/A

Proposed Beginning Date: Fall semester 2013

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

Kim Corbin-Lewis, PhD
Department Chair

Beth Foley, PhD
Dean or Division Chair

Mark McLellan, PhD
Graduate School Dean

Francine Johnson,
Council on Teacher Education

Date:
Section I: Request

The Department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education, in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, requests discontinuation of the specialization “audiology” under the MA, MS, MEd, and AuD degrees in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education.

The specialization was necessary to differentiate the discipline of study when all three departmental divisions had a master’s degree (Audiology, Deaf Education, Speech-Language Pathology). There is no longer a master’s degree option in audiology since the change to entry-level clinical doctorate (AuD). Additionally, a specialization of “audiology” in the discipline-designated degree AuD (doctor of Audiology) is redundant.

Section II: Need

A specialization in audiology is no longer associated with any departmental master’s degree. As well, a specialization of “audiology” for the AuD degree is redundant. All students currently in the program are pursuing the AuD. All future audiology students will be pursuing the AuD.

Section III: Institutional Impact

This proposed change will have no effect on enrollment since the AuD, a clinical doctorate which became entry level, has been in place and has enrolled students. We have no affiliations with other departments or programs that would be affected by the removal of the audiology specialization in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education. No change in faculty, staff, physical facilities or equipment would occur. This is primarily an administrative change.

Section IV: Finances

This will have no financial cost or benefit.
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: NA
Currently Approved Title: MS Health and Human Movement, Corporate Wellness specialization, Plan C option
School or Division or Location: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code1 (for new programs): NA
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Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Program/Administrative Unit Title: MS Health and Human Movement, Corporate Wellness specialization, Plan C option

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 51.0001

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: NA

Proposed Beginning Date: 07/01/2013

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

________________________________   _____________________________________
Department Chair                              Dean or Division Chair

_______________________________
Graduate School Dean

Date:
The Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services at Utah State University, requests discontinuation of the MS Health & Human Movement, Corporate Wellness specialization, for Plans A, B, and C.

Currently the MS Plan C Corporate Wellness specialization within the HPER department resembles a professional degree because it does not require a research component and as such best fits under the category of a professional master's degree.

While the MS Plan C option in Corporate Wellness has been a successful addition to our graduate program, USU suggests that professional degrees, such as the Plan C, better fit under the category of a professional master's degree. Therefore, the HPER department has submitted a R401 application for this Plan C to be renamed Master of Fitness Promotion.

Faculty who teach in the graduate program will not be impacted by the discontinuation of the Plan C option of the Corporate Wellness specialization. The courses taught by HPER faculty are required for the Plan A and B options in the MS Health and Human Movement Exercise Science specialization and will continue to be taught.

The HPER department currently has four PhD level faculty members who are approved to teach in the graduate program and chair graduate committees. These faculty members will continue to teach in the undergraduate and graduate health education programs once the Plan C is discontinued. The faculty will continue to serve on graduate committees within the department, college and university. The faculty will continue to conduct research and honor service commitments per their individual role statements. No change in role statements will be made based on the discontinuation of the Plan C in Corporate Wellness. Graduate students will be able to select from the remaining specializations within the MS Health & Human Movement degree.

We anticipate no additional costs nor savings associated with the elimination of the MS Health and Human Movement Corporate Wellness specialization Plan C option.
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: MS and PhD in Forestry – Drop Specializations in Forest Biology and in Forest Economics and Policy
Currently Approved Title: MS and PhD in Forestry
School or Division or Location: College of Natural Resources
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Wildland Resources
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for new programs): 26.1301
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 26.1301
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 08/26/13
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Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: College of Natural Resources

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Wildland Resources

Program/Administrative Unit Title: Wildland Resources

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 26.1301

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: MS and PhD in Forestry – Drop Specializations in Forest Biology and in Forest Economics and Policy

Proposed Beginning Date: August 26, 2013 (fall semester)

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

Michael R. Kuhns, Interim Department Head
Wildland Resources

Chris Luecke, Interim Dean,
College of Natural Resources

Mark R. McClellan, Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies

Date: September 5, 2012
Section I: Request

The Department of Wildland Resources proposes to restructure its MS and PhD in Forestry by dropping the existing specializations in Forest Biology and in Forest Economics and Policy.

Section II: Need

This restructure is necessary to allow the Department of Wildland Resources to drop specializations that are redundant or are not used by Forestry MS and PhD students and faculty in the department. Forestry graduate students are who are interested in forest biology are getting Ecology MS and PhD degrees with a focus on Forest Ecology (an R401-5 has been filed that will recognize this focus by creating a specialization in forest ecology within our Ecology MS and PhD degrees). Forest economics and policy is not an area of emphasis in the Wildland Resources Department – we have no faculty in these areas in our department. Therefore we propose to drop the Forest Economics and Policy specialization because it is not used. Our proposed change will not affect the rigor of the Forestry MS or PhD programs or the courses taken. It will simplify our program marketing by dropping a specialization that is not used (Forest Biology), and will clarify our program marketing by dropping a specialization that is not available (Forest Economics and Policy).

Section III: Institutional Impact

The proposed program restructure will simplify and clarify the Wildland Resources Department's MS and PhD program in Forestry. This change will not affect our administrative structures, nor will it change faculty or staff requirements, or required facilities. The required coursework will not change, and the academic requirements of the masters and doctoral program will not be affected or changed.

Section IV: Finances

No additional costs are anticipated as a result of this change.

Section V: Program Curriculum –NA

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Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: MS and PhD in Range Science – Drop Specializations in Game-Range Management, International Range Management, Range Rehabilitation, and Range Resource Economics
Currently Approved Title: MS and PhD in Range Science
School or Division or Location: College of Natural Resources
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Wildland Resources
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): 26.1301
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 26.1301
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Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: College of Natural Resources

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Wildland Resources

Program/Administrative Unit Title: Wildland Resources

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 26.1301

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: MS and PhD in Range Science – Drop Specializations in Game-Range Management, International Range Management, Range Rehabilitation, and Range Resource Economics

Proposed Beginning Date: August 26, 2013 (fall semester)

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

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Mark R. McClellan, Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies

Date: September 5, 2012
Section I: Request

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Section II: Need

This restructure is necessary to allow the Department of Wildland Resources to drop specializations that are not used by Range Science MS and PhD students and faculty in the department. These specializations reflect subject areas that are no longer available in the department (Range Resources Economics), are handled under the department's Ecology MS and PhD degrees (Range Rehabilitation), or just do not reflect how we organize or describe our programs, and therefore are not used by anyone (Game-Range Management and International Range Management). An R401-5 has been filed that will make a Range Ecology specialization available within our Ecology MS and PhD degrees, which will make it easier to highlight a range focus within our MS and PhD degrees in Ecology. The proposed change will not affect the rigor of the Range Science MS or PhD programs or the courses taken. It will simplify our program marketing by dropping specializations that are not used (Game-Range Management and International Range Management), and will clarify our program marketing by dropping a specialization that is not available (Range Resources Economics).

Section III: Institutional Impact

The proposed program restructure will simplify and clarify the Wildland Resources Department's MS and PhD program in Range Science. This change will not affect our administrative structures, nor will it change faculty or staff requirements, or required facilities. The required coursework will not change, and the academic requirements of the masters and doctoral program will not be affected or changed.

Section IV: Finances

No additional costs are anticipated as a result of this change.

Section V: Program Curriculum –NA

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Proposed Title: PhD in Wildlife Biology (no change from current title)
Currently Approved Title: PhD in Wildlife Biology
School or Division or Location: College of Natural Resources
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Wildland Resources
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code\(^1\) (for new programs): 26.0709
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 26.0709
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Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: College of Natural Resources

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Wildland Resources

Program/Administrative Unit Title: Wildland Resources

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 26.0709

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: PhD in Wildlife Biology

Proposed Beginning Date: August 26, 2013 (fall semester)

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

Michael R. Kuhns, Interim Department Head
Wildland Resources

Chris Luecke, Interim Dean,
College of Natural Resources

Mark R. McClellan, Vice President for Research
and Dean of Graduate Studies

Date: August 17, 2012
Program Request - Abbreviated Template  
Utah State University  
PhD in Wildlife Biology  
08/17/2012  

Section I: Request  

The Department of Wildland Resources proposes to restructure its PhD in Wildlife Biology. The current credit hour requirements are 60 credits for students entering with an MS degree and 90 credits for students without an MS degree. We propose reducing the required credit hours for both tracks by 30 credits, to 60 credits for students who enter with a BS and to 30 credits for students with an MS.

Section II: Need  

This restructure is necessary to make the Department of Wildland Resources more competitive in recruiting PhD students in Wildlife Biology. Fewer credit hours are required for a PhD in wildlife at most institutions than the 90 beyond the bachelors that USU's Wildlife Biology PhD requires (see table below). BYU has the only other PhD program in wildlife (Wildlife and Wildlands Conservation) in Utah. They require a minimum of 54 credits beyond the bachelors or 36 credits beyond the masters for a PhD, so they require considerably less than USU. Our proposed change will not affect the rigor of our PhD program in Wildlife Biology. Also, it will not affect the core courses required for the PhD students, nor will it affect the effort required for their PhD dissertation projects. As a result if the proposed change, students will be signing up for fewer dissertation or continuing advisement credits while still completing all of the required coursework for the degree.

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Section III: Institutional Impact  

The proposed program restructure may result in an increase in applications to the Wildland Resources Department's PhD program in Wildlife Biology. This change should not affect our administrative structures, nor will it change faculty or staff requirements, or required facilities. The required coursework will not change, and the academic requirements of the doctoral program will not be affected or changed.
Section IV: Finances

No additional costs are anticipated as a result of this change. More qualified students are interested in this program than the department can currently support. We may be able to accept more students over time if this change results in students completing their degrees more quickly.

Section V: Program Curriculum –NA

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Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: N/A
Currently Approved Title: N/A
School or Division or Location: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for new programs): N/A
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 51.0202
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): N/A
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Signature                                      Date: mm/dd/year

Printed Name: Ray Coward, Executive Vice-President and Provost
Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education

Program/Administrative Unit Title: Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 51.0202
Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: N/A

Proposed Beginning Date: Fall semester 2013

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

Kim Corbin-Lewis, PhD  Department Chair
Beth Foley, PhD  Dean or Division Chair

Mark McLellan, PhD  Graduate School Dean

Francine Johnson,  Council on Teacher Education

Date:
The Department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education, in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, requests discontinuation of the EdS in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education.

The EdS was an intermediary degree between a MS and doctoral degree for individuals in the specialization of audiology. Since the Doctor of Audiology (AuD) is now the entry-level degree nationally, the EdS is obsolete.

Section II: Need

While the EdS has been on the books for many years, there are no students in the program nor have there been in over 15 years. We would like to remove this degree since it is no longer a recognized degree in audiology within the field of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education.

Section III: Institutional Impact

This proposed change will have no effect on enrollment since the AuD, a clinical doctorate which surpasses the EdS in academic achievement, is entry-level for audiologists. We have no affiliations with other departments or programs that would be affected by the removal of the EdS Degree in Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education. No change in faculty, staff, physical facilities or equipment would occur. This is primarily an administrative change.

Section IV: Finances

This will have no financial cost or benefit.
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: n/a
Currently Approved Title: MA, MS in Geography
School or Division or Location: College of Natural Resources
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Environment and Society
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): n/a
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 26.1301
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Date:
Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: College of Natural Resources

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Environment and Society

Program/Administrative Unit Title: Environment and Society

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 45.0701

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: MA, MS in Geography

Proposed Beginning Date: August 26, 2013 (fall semester)

Institutional Signatures:

Mark Brunson, Department Head
Environment and Society

Chris Luecke, Interim Dean,
College of Natural Resources

Mark R. McClellan, Vice President for Research
And Dean of Graduate Studies

Date: August 18, 2012
The Department of Environment and Society proposes to eliminate the Master of Arts degree in Geography as well as the six specializations within the Master of Science degree in Geography:

- Climatology/Climatic Change/Atmospheric Modeling;
- Geographic/Environmental Education;
- Physical Geography/Ecology;
- Remote Sensing/Geographic Information Systems/Automated Cartography;
- River Processes/Fluvial Geomorphology;
- Rural Development/Land Use Planning/Land Use Analysis.

Section II: Need

The MA in Geography was created when the program was administered within the History Department in what was then the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, and the degree's structure and purpose reflected the academic culture of that College. When the program and faculty moved to the College of Natural Resources more than 20 years ago, the MA was retained as an option for students who wished to market themselves for social science or humanities positions. However, it has been many years since a graduate student pursued the MA, as our MS in Geography fits better with the faculty makeup and academic approach in the College of Natural Resources.

While the MS program has continued to thrive in the years since geography moved to Natural Resources – first in the Department of Geography and Earth Resources and since 2002 in the Department of Environment and Society – the program and its faculty have continued to evolve. The specializations reflect the interests of the faculty of Geography and Earth Resources upon its establishment. None of those individuals now teaches or directs graduate students in Environment and Society, the interests of current faculty do not match the specialization structure, and many of the required courses no longer exist. Accordingly, no student has earned an MS degree within a specialization in the past five years. To better reflect our current capacities, and to underscore the flexibility that today's students need, we propose to offer the MS in Geography without specializations.

Section III: Institutional Impact

No student has completed the MA in Geography since the Environment and Society Department was established, and it has been at least five years since an MS with specialization has been completed. Thus there is no impact on current students. On the contrary, eliminating the specializations may increase our ability to attract students as it will underscore the flexibility of the program and eliminate any impression that we only have expertise in the areas of specialization. No change in staffing, course offerings, or administrative structures will result from these changes.

Section IV: Finances

No financial impacts are anticipated from this proposal, as neither the MA nor the MS specializations are currently used by students.

Section V: Program Curriculum

Not applicable to this request.
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: PhD in Forestry (no change from current title)
Currently Approved Title: PhD in Forestry
School or Division or Location: College of Natural Resources
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Wildland Resources
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): 03.0501
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 03.0501
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 08/26/13
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Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: College of Natural Resources

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Wildland Resources

Program/Administrative Unit Title: Wildland Resources

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 03.0501

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: PhD in Forestry

Proposed Beginning Date: August 26, 2013 (fall semester)

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

Michael R. Kuhns, Interim Department Head
Wildland Resources

Chris Luecke, Interim Dean,
College of Natural Resources

Mark R. McClellan, Vice President for Research
and Dean of Graduate Studies

Date: August 17, 2012
Section I: Request

The Department of Wildland Resources proposes to restructure its PhD in Forestry. The current credit hour requirements are 60 credits for students entering with an MS degree and 90 credits for students without an MS degree. We propose reducing the required credit hours for both tracks by 30 credits, to 60 credits for students who enter with a BS and to 30 credits for students with an MS.

Section II: Need

This restructure is necessary to make the Department of Wildland Resources more competitive in recruiting students for the PhD in Forestry. No other PhD program in forestry is available in Utah. Fewer credit hours are required for a PhD in forestry at most institutions than the 90 beyond the bachelors that USU’s Forestry PhD requires (see table below). Our proposed change will not affect the rigor of our Forestry PhD program. Additionally, it will not affect the core courses required for the PhD students, nor will it affect the effort required for their PhD dissertation projects. As a result of this proposed change, the students will be signing up for fewer dissertation or continuing advisement credits while still completing all the required coursework for the degree.

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Section IV: Finances

No additional costs are anticipated as a result of this change. More qualified students are interested in this program than the department can currently support. We may be able to accept more students over time if this change results in students completing their degrees more quickly.
Section V: Program Curriculum –NA

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Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: Plan B Option, Health Education Specialization
Currently Approved Title: NA
School or Division or Location: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education & Human Services
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Health, Physical Education & Recreation
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): 51.0001
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): NA
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 07/01/2013
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**College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located:** Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services

**Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located:** Health, Physical Education & Recreation

**Program/Administrative Unit Title:** Plan B Option, Health Education Specialization, MS Health & Human Movement

**Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code:** 51.0001

**Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded:** Master of Science

**Proposed Beginning Date:** 07/01/2013

**Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):**

Department Chair

Dean or Division Chair

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Graduate School Dean

__________________________________

**Date:**
Section I: Request

The Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at Utah State University proposes a new Plan B option within the Health Education specialization of the Master of Science in Health and Human Movement degree with student admissions to start for Summer Semester 2013. The new degree program will meet the needs of students who wish to pursue a degree that will not require a traditional thesis project. The current MS in Health and Human Movement Health Education specialization also offers a Plan A thesis option.

Section II: Need

Students enrolled in this specialization may only need to complete a thesis project if they are intending to pursue research opportunities or perhaps doctoral studies. Otherwise the project as described by the School of Graduate Studies to fulfill the requirement for the Plan B may be quite appropriate for students seeking alternate professional opportunities.

Section III: Institutional Impact

As with the current MS in Health and Human Movement Health Education specialization Plan A thesis option, the same institutional resources will be sufficient to support the proposed option.

Section IV: Finances

This proposed option will not place any additional financial impact on the institution.

Section V: Program Curriculum

All Program Courses

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN HEALTH & HUMAN MOVEMENT
HEALTH EDUCATION - PLAN B (Paper Option)
(31 semester credits)

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**Degree to be completed within six years from date of first course**

**New Courses to Be Added in the Next Five Years**

None

**Program Schedule**

For the Plan B Option, the following schedule is recommended:

**Fall Semester Year One (Total Credits: 9 credits)**
- HEP 6100: Current Trends in Health Promotion (3 credits)
- HEP 6800: Seminar in Health Behavior (3 credits)
- EDUC 6570: Intro to Psych. And Educ. Research (3 credits)

**Spring Semester Year One (Total Credits: 10 credits)**
- HEP 6000 Program Evaluation for Health Education (3 credits)
- EDUC 6600 Research Design and Analysis I (3 credits)
- PEP 5100 Fitness Assessment and Exercise Programs [Elective example] (4 credits)

**Fall Semester Year Two (Total Credits: 6-8 credits)**
- MGT 6500 Managing Individuals and Groups 3 [Elective example] (3 credits)
- NDFS 6200 Nutritional Epidemiology 2 cr
- Elective Credit (1-3 credits)
Spring Semester Year Two (Total Credits: 6 Credits)
HEP 6970 Thesis Elective (3 credits)
HEP 6600 Fieldwork in Health Education (3 credits)
Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University
Proposed Title: PhD in Range Science (no change from current title)
Currently Approved Title: PhD in Range Science
School or Division or Location: College of Natural Resources
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: Department of Wildland Resources
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): 01.1106
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): 01.1106
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Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:
I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

Signature __________________________________ Date: MM/DD/YEAR

Printed Name: ____________________________

¹ CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55.
Institution Submitting Proposal: Utah State University

College, School or Division in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: College of Natural Resources

Department(s) or Area(s) in Which Program/Administrative Unit Will Be Located: Wildland Resources

Program/Administrative Unit Title: Wildland Resources

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 01.1106

Certificate, and/or Degree(s) to Be Awarded: PhD in Range Science

Proposed Beginning Date: August 26, 2013 (fall semester)

Institutional Signatures (as appropriate):

Michael R. Kuhns, Interim Department Head
Wildland Resources

Chris Luecke, Interim Dean,
College of Natural Resources

Mark R. McClellan, Vice President for Research
and Dean of Graduate Studies
Date: August 17, 2012
Section I: Request

The Department of Wildland Resources proposes to restructure its PhD in Range Science. The current credit hour requirements are 60 credits for students entering with an MS degree and 90 credits for students without an MS degree. We propose reducing the required credit hours for both tracks by 30 credits, to 60 credits for students who enter with a BS and to 30 credits for students with an MS.

Section II: Need

This restructure is necessary to make the Department of Wildland Resources more competitive in recruiting students for the PhD in Range Science. No other PhD program in range science is available in Utah. Most institutions across the nation require fewer credit hours for a PhD in range science than the 90 beyond the bachelors that USU's Range Science PhD requires (see table below). Our proposed change will not affect the rigor of our PhD program. Also, it will not affect the core courses required for the PhD students, nor will it affect the effort required for their PhD dissertation projects. As a result of the proposed change, students will register for fewer dissertation or continuing advisement credits while still completing all of the required coursework for the degree.

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Section III: Institutional Impact

The proposed program restructure may result in an increase in applications to the Wildland Resources Department's PhD program in Range Science. This change should not affect our administrative structures, nor will it change faculty or staff requirements, or required facilities. The required coursework will not change, and the academic requirements of the doctoral program will not be affected or changed.

Section IV: Finances

No additional costs are anticipated as a result of this change. More qualified students are interested in this program than the department can currently support. We may be able to accept more students over time if this change results in students completing their degrees more quickly.
Section V: Program Curriculum –NA

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