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**Program Deletion Proposal Form**

**[ ] Undergraduate Curriculum Council**

**[X] Graduate Council**

Signed paper copies of proposals submitted for consideration are no longer required. Please type approver name and enter date of approval.

Please note that this proposal requires Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) approval

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Virginie Rolland | 2/28/2022 |   **Department Curriculum Committee Chair** | |  |  | | --- | --- | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Enter date |   **COPE Chair (if applicable)** |
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1. **Contact Person** (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

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1. **Title of program**

Master of Science in Education—Biology

1. **Number of students still enrolled in program**

2

1. **How will students in the deleted program be accommodated?**

Graduate biology courses to complete their degree will still be offered with their typical regularity. These courses service MS and MA biology students.

1. **Last semester and year for graduation**

Summer 2023.

1. **Last semester for new admissions?**

Fall 2021. No new admissions to the program will be accepted.

1. **When will written notification providing deletion information be sent to enrolled students? (In the notification, include semester and year of the last award and how student will be accommodated.)**

Spring 2022. Upon approval of this request, students will be notified. They will be accommodated by receiving biology content courses that are for graduate students. There will be no change to their curriculum.

1. **Provide documentation of written notification to students currently enrolled in program.**

Sample notification:

Dear Student: On account of low enrollment over the past several years, the Master’s of Science Education degree with a Biology emphasis is being terminated. You will still be able to enroll in the classes required to complete this degree, in part because none of the classes required for completion are being removed from the department’s curriculum (i.e., these courses support other degrees offered by this department). Be advised, however, that the statute of limitations still applies and you will need to complete this degree plan within the next six (6) years..

1. **Please provide a short justification for why this program is being deleted.**

During the period spanning from FA18-FA21, the enrollment in this program had averaged 2 or fewer students. Low enrollment in recent years seems to be because most in-service teachers are not pursuing MSE degrees as their preferred form of professional development. There are other options at A-State (e.g., MAT) and non-traditional licensure that provide more straightforward options. Also, due to limited biological sciences personnel, instructors are not available to schedule courses at convenient times for full-time employed teachers (e.g., after 1700 h, to support students in this program)..

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions** |
| **Please visit** [**http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot**](http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot) **and select the most recent version of the bulletin. Copy and paste all bulletin pages this proposal affects below. Please include a before (with changed areas highlighted) and after of all affected sections.**  **\*Please note: Courses are often listed in multiple sections of the bulletin. To ensure that all affected sections have been located, please search the bulletin (ctrl+F) for the appropriate courses before submission of this form.** |

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~~Program of Study for the Master of Science in Education Degree~~

~~in Biology~~

**~~ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS~~**

~~Students seeking admission into the Master of Science in Education degree program in Biology must meet the admission requirements of Graduate Admissions and the specific program requirements. In addition, applicants for the M.S.E. program in Biology will be evaluated by the department for aca­demic qualification based upon their undergraduate academic record, score on the Graduate Record Examination, and letters of reference. Specific requirements include:~~

~~1. A minimum of 18 undergraduate hours in the biological sciences and an undergradu­ate grade point of 2.75 or greater (on a 4.0 scale). Students judged to be deficient in some areas of undergraduate preparation may be assigned certain undergraduate prerequisite courses.~~

~~2. A recommended GRE combined verbal and quantitative score of 290.~~

~~3. Three letters of reference.~~

~~4. A statement of educational objectives and career goals.~~

~~5. A valid teaching certificate based on a four-year teacher education program.~~

~~Applicants not meeting all of the above departmental criteria may be admitted on a conditional basis.~~

~~Biology~~

~~Master of Science in Education~~

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| **~~University Requirements:~~** | |
| ~~See Graduate Degree Policies for additional information (p. 47)~~ | |
| **~~Professional Education Core Courses:~~** | ~~Sem. Hrs.~~ |
| ~~ELFN 6763, Philosophies of Education OR~~  ~~PSY 6513, Advanced Educational Psychology~~ | ~~3~~ |
| ~~ELFN 6773, Introduction to Statistics and Research~~ | ~~3~~ |
| ~~Select one of the following:~~  ~~ELCI 6063, Curriculum Management~~  ~~ELCI 6423, Middle School Curriculum~~  ~~ELCI 6523, Secondary School Curriculum~~  ~~ELFN 6763, Philosophies of Education~~ *~~(if not taken previously)~~*  ~~PSY 6513, Advanced Educational Psychology~~ *~~(if not taken previously)~~* | ~~3~~ |
| ~~Sub-total~~ | ~~9~~ |
| **~~Program Requirements:~~** | ~~Sem. Hrs.~~ |
| ~~Three Biological Science electives, exclusive of Independent Study, Seminar, and Thesis.~~ | ~~-~~ |
| ~~Electives~~ | ~~-~~ |
| ~~Sub-total~~ | ~~21~~ |
| **~~Total Required Hours:~~** | ~~30~~ |

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