Summary of Undergraduate-Level Curriculum Proposals Related to New Majors/Programs Only – **2017-18 Curriculum**

On August 24, 2016 the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) reviewed and approved the following new programs and new and/or edited courses associated with each program for their university wide implications:

1. PHYSICS-BA - Physics
2. TECH-BAS – Technology
3. MANBUSORG-BAS – Managing Business Organizations

Additionally, for the MANBUSORG-BAS, the UCC reviewed and approved ten, new associated courses which include: BUS 3025, BUS 3030, BUS 3035, BUS 3050, BUS 3065, BUS 3070, BUS 4040, BUS 4045, BUS 4055.

Please see the UCC meeting minutes from 8/24 for the entire discussion of these curriculum proposals. Additionally, for program specific detail, please view the proposals and attachments in Leepfrog. Directions for Leepfrog access are given at the end of the document.

Summary of Programs and their associated courses:
1. **BA – Physics** - The proposed BA program is envisioned as way for students in a primary major to gain physics knowledge and training (beyond a minor) that will complement and enhance learning in their primary major. This new program will make it easier for students to take on physics as a second major. In addition, reintroduction of the BA in Physics will increase both enrollment and retention within the program.
    a. 42 hour major that utilizes **all existing courses**
        - 18 hours of PHYSICS course,
        - 8 hours of MATH courses,
        - 7 hours of PHYSICS electives above the 3000-level and
        - 9 hours of elective courses (must be majors level) from various science and math departments including: Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Computer Science, Earth and Environmental Science, Mathematics, Physics and Technology
    b. Costs – no additional costs are anticipated

2. **TECH-BAS – Technology BAS**
    a) Degree completion program offered online and targeted to working adults who will be offered 2 courses per semester for progress through their major; currently offered online courses are being utilized for the program
    b) Justification/Purpose – The Department of Technology currently offers a BA in Technology Management, an online degree completion program; the third cohort is being offered this year with an average cohort size of 16-18 students. Thus, there is

already interest for this type of online degree program.   Importantly, a need to develop sustainable transfer pathways to a baccalaureate degree for students who have obtained an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. The BAS Technology program was identified as a need by the Department's Executive Advisory Board, Department faculty, and current and former students.

c) 60 hours coursework at UNI needed to complete 120 hour major
- LAC 23-24 credit hours
- BAS Professional Communications courses - 6 credits hours
- MAJOR: 37* credit hours – this includes 10 hours LAC courses that double count for the major

   *For all majors at UNI, total number of required hours for major is noted for transparency; this number will include double counted LAC courses

d) Costs – The program will be run through the Division of Continuing Education and Special Programs and a new cohort will proceed as long as there is sufficient revenue from tuition expenses to cover program costs.

3. **MANBUSORG-BAS – BAS in Managing Business Organizations**
   a) Degree completion program offered online and targeted to working adults who will be offered 2 courses per semester for progress through their major;
   b) Justification/Purpose - To offer educational opportunities to those students who have completed an AAS degree and have several years of work experience in a field relevant to this degree. The next career step for such students is likely to be in a position that includes managerial responsibilities and requires a four-year degree. These students are often place- bound and need to take online classes while remaining a full-time employee.
   c) 60 hours coursework at UNI needed to complete 120 hour major
   - LAC 23-24 credit hours
   - BAS Professional Communications courses - 6 credits hours
   - MAJOR: 33* credit hours – this includes 3 hours for an LAC course that double counts for the major

      *For all majors at UNI, total number of required hours for major is noted for transparency; this number will include double counted LAC courses

   c) 10 new courses associated with this program: BUS 3025, BUS 3030, BUS 3035, BUS 3050, BUS 3065, BUS 3070, BUS 4040, BUS 4045, BUS 4055.

   d) Costs - The program will be run through the Division of Continuing Education and Special Programs and a new cohort will proceed as long as there is sufficient revenue from tuition expenses to cover program costs.

How to look up these proposed programs and courses in the Leepfrog system:

To find <u>programs</u> go to: https://nextcatalog.uni.edu/programadmin/.

For the following programs do the following:

1) **PHYSICS-BA:** you can type in *BA and that will bring to a list of all BA programs, scroll down to the PHYSICS-BA; after selection you will see the program and any associated documents that were uploaded with it (i.e. justifications, consultations, etc.)
2) **TECH-BAS and MANBUSORG-BAS:** you can type in *BAS and that will bring you to these programs and associated documents that are associated with it

To find <u>courses</u> go to: https://nextcatalog.uni.edu/courseadmin/

For all courses in a particular department type "*prefix code", ex. *TECH, *BUS

More detailed instructions can be found at http://www.uni.edu/provost/sites/default/files/pdf-files/Lf-curr-entr-tuts/Navigation%20in%20Leepfrog%20Curriculum%20System.pdf

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