

Summary of Suspension and Termination of Programs Graduate-Level Curriculum Proposals-2018 Curriculum

On August 21 The Graduate College Curriculum Committee (GCCC) reviewed:

1. Suspension for MA in Spanish degree program, and
2. Termination of the Post-professional Masters of Science degree/Master of Science in Athletic Training.

The entire packet was approved (pending any changes noted in GCCC minutes) by the Graduate College.

Summary of MA in Spanish (including optional Spanish-Teaching emphasis)

Program is being suspended tentatively for two years.

Justification:

Student applications and enrollment decreased considerably during last three years. i.e. Spring 2016 received only one student application. As of Spring 2017, applications were not accepted. Students enrolled in the Spanish emphasis track amounted to three in the last decade.

External reviewers of MA Spanish noted several problems with the implementation of this program, namely low enrollments and uneven distribution of the coursework.

Faculty is requesting to suspend the program to improve recruitment/interest and revise curriculum. There have been discussions to reinvigorate the MA program by changing the mode of delivery of instruction, such as an on-line program and/or a blended version, and by additionally offering a graduate certificate in Spanish.

There are going to be departmental staffing changes within the next two years and the faculty anticipate the hiring of a new faculty member in Spanish to assist with the MA Spanish program redesign.

Summary of MS in Athletic Training (Post Professional Masters of Science Degree) (Termination)

Program is being terminated due to the need to meet standards with accrediting bodies.

Justification:

The National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Directors and Commissioners of the CAATE (accrediting body) has established new regulations for the professional degree in athletic training at the masters level. Due to this newly established accreditation requirements, the Post Professional Masters of Science in Athletic Training needs to be discontinued. The current undergraduate program will transition

to a professional masters degree program. With the new mandated change, students who wish to become certified by the Board of Certification (BOC) and practice as an athletic trainer, must complete a Professional Master's Degree in Athletic Training (M.A.TR.). Due to these changes, the Post Professional Masters of Science Degree is no longer viable.