

Education and Student Affairs Committee
Board of Regents, State of Iowa

Subject: University of Iowa Proposed Course Changes

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Recommended Action:

Approve the University of Iowa's proposed course changes.

Executive Summary:

The University of Iowa has submitted proposed course changes for approval by the Board of Regents. The University's proposal consists of changes made in course offerings since the Spring of 2003. The proposed course changes represent the continuing response of the University to the changing educational needs of students, changing disciplinary emphases, and the academic vitality of faculty.

Background:

Course changes occur each year

Net decrease of 27 courses

Some decreases a result of budgetary constraints

ICEC and Board Office recommend approval

Summaries provided in Tables 1 and 2

Each year the University of Iowa submits a request to the Board to approve course changes, including the addition and elimination of courses, and changes in department numbers, course numbers, course titles, and semester hours. Since June 2003, the university has added 324 courses to the curriculum and eliminated 351, resulting in a net decrease in active courses of 27. The University reports that a portion of the decrease is attributable to budgetary constraints, particularly in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, but that the elimination of any given course always occurs for sound educational reasons.

The Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination (ICEC) and the Board Office have reviewed the revisions and recommend approval of the proposed changes.

The university's Health Colleges increased their course offerings by a total of 27 courses. The university's other colleges decreased the number of courses by 54. A summary of trends in the addition and elimination of courses since 2001-2002 is provided below in Table 1. A summary of the current proposal for course changes by college is provided in Table 2.

	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
new courses	327	235	324
course eliminations	335	327	351
net result on active courses	-8	-92	-27

**Table 2: Summary of Course Changes by College
March 2003 to March 2004**

	New	Dept. Number Changes	Course Number Changes	Title Changes	Sem Hr Changes	Drop	Net Result on Active Courses
Health Colleges							
Dentistry	0	0	0	0	0	3	-3
Medicine	29	33	0	7	20	11	+18
Nursing	1	0	0	0	0	16	-15
Pharmacy	10	0	2	5	2	3	+7
Public Health	20	6	1	2	2	0	+20
Total	60	39	3	14	24	33	27
Other Colleges							
CLAS	181	52	60	53	42	229	-48
Business	14	6	0	7	3	10	+4
Education	15	1	0	9	1	26	-11
Engineering	13	0	17	5	1	19	-6
Graduate	3	0	0	4	2	15	-12
Law	25	0	0	0	6	14	+11
Univ. College	13	50	0	5	0	5	+8
Total	264	109	77	79	55	318	-54
Grand Total	324	148	80	93	79	351	-27

Link to Strategic Plan:

The proposed curriculum changes address the following objectives of the Board's 2004-2009 Strategic Plan:

- 1.1. Offer high-quality programs through ongoing program improvement for undergraduate, graduate, professional, and non-degree students and special school students.
- 1.2. Provide educational experiences that enhance the knowledge, abilities, opportunities, and personal incomes of individual Iowans through educational attainment.

Regent Exhibit Book

Details about the course changes at the University of Iowa are available in the Regent Exhibit Book.