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**REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HEALTH AND HUMAN
PHYSIOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Action Requested: Approve the request by the University of Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts in Health and Human Physiology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Council of Provosts and Board office staff reviewed the proposal and recommend approval.

Description of program. The Health and Human Physiology major is currently awarded with a BA (HHP BA). It has three tracks that students must choose from: Exercise Science, Health Promotion and Health Studies. It is the second largest major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS).

Reason for proposed termination. The Board of Regents recently approved a proposal to offer each of the tracks noted above as standalone majors: Exercise Science (BS), Health Promotion (BS), and Health Studies (BA). The creation of these new majors allows students to graduate with a degree that is reflective of their coursework in STEM (Exercise Science and Health Promotion), while allowing flexibility for those interested in health determinants and preventive and clinical health delivery (Health Studies). With the offering of these three new majors, the HHP BA major and its tracks will no longer be necessary.

Effect on current students. Beginning in fall 2022, students who are currently in the HHP BA will transition into the new major that corresponds to their current track unless they request to continue in their current HHP BA track. A student currently in the HHP BA Exercise Science track, for example, will be transitioned to the Exercise Science (BS). This transfer to the new major will not impact course work as each new major has the same curriculum as the corresponding HHP BA track. Any newly admitted student will choose one of the three new majors.

Application, Enrollment and Completion Trends. Any CLAS student may enroll in this program; no separate application process exists. Anticipated enrollments are not expected to change significantly since the university will offer the three new majors that correspond to the three tracks in this program.

	Enrollment	Completions
2022	950	246
2021	864	272
2020	895	268
2019	894	309
2018	921	253

Impact on resources. Since the students enrolled in this program will transfer into existing majors with no curriculum changes, there are no changes anticipated in cost.

Impact on workforce. This closure will not adversely impact state workforce needs since HHP BA tracks correlate with the new standalone majors.

Alternative programs. The following universities and colleges in Iowa all offer some related program in kinesiology, exercise science, wellness, and health promotion, most earned with the BS or offered as a certificate or minor. Additionally, as mentioned above, the University of Iowa

will continue to offer this program as three standalone majors instead of combined under one major with separate tracks.

Iowa State
University of Northern Iowa
Buena Vista University
Briar Cliff University
Central College
Clarke University
Coe College
Cornell College
Drake University
Grand View University

Iowa Wesleyan University
Loras College
Luther College
Mount Mercy University
St Ambrose University
Simpson College
University of Dubuque
Wartburg College
William Penn University

Effective date of termination. Upon approval by the Board of Regents.