

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents  
**From:** Board Office  
**Subject:** Proposed Curriculum Changes, University of Northern Iowa  
**Date:** April 12, 2004

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**Recommended Actions:**

- 1) Approve proposed curriculum revisions for the University of Northern Iowa's 2004-2006 general catalog.
  - 2) Approve the University of Northern Iowa's proposals to establish the following minors:
    - Undergraduate minor in Severe Disabilities
    - Undergraduate minor in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences
  - 3) Approve the University of Northern Iowa's request to terminate the following programs:
    - M.A. in Audiology
    - M.A. in Political Science
    - M.A. in Theatre
    - B.A. in Mental Disabilities: Moderate/Severe/Profound
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**Executive Summary:**

Request for approval of selected revisions

The University of Northern Iowa requests approval of proposed revisions for its 2004-2006 General Catalog. The curriculum change proposal for the addition of three new undergraduate majors is still under review and is not being recommended at this time. The proposals for two new minors, the termination of four programs, and the course changes are all recommended for approval.

ICEC and Board Office recommend approval of selected revisions

The Interinstitutional Committee on Educational Coordination (ICEC) and the Board Office have reviewed the revisions and recommend approval only for the items noted in the recommended action above. The request for three new programs will be brought back to the Board for action at a later date.

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**Background:**

62 new courses and 67 discontinued courses

**Summary of Curriculum Changes**

The curriculum change being requested calls for the addition of 62 new courses and the discontinuation of 67 courses.

Changes summarized on p. 3 of this memo

Table 1, on page 3 of this memo, summarizes proposed changes in the UNI 2004-2006 catalog.

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Two new minors	<b>Two New Minors</b> The proposed curriculum changes incorporate requests for approval of the following two minor programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Undergraduate minor in Severe Disabilities</li><li>▪ Undergraduate minor in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences</li></ul>
No new program costs for minors	The University reports that current departmental resources will be adequate to support projected enrollments in the new minors for the next three years.

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Termination of four programs	<b>Program Terminations</b> The proposed curriculum changes include requests for the termination of four programs. As required by Board policy ( <a href="#">Policy Manual §6.20</a> , Policy on Academic Program Termination and Reduced Admissions), suspension of admissions to the following three programs was authorized by prior Board action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ M.A. in Audiology</li><li>▪ M.A. in Theatre</li><li>▪ M.A. in Political Science</li></ul>
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Request to suspend admissions and terminate a program	The proposed curriculum changes also include a request for Board approval to suspend admissions to and terminate the B.A. degree program in “Mental Disabilities: Moderate/Severe/Profound” in the Department of Special Education. This request would constitute the first notification of the suspension of admissions to this program. The major in Mental Disabilities: Moderate/Severe/Profound is being dropped in favor of a minor in Severe Disabilities to align the program with new teacher licensure requirements.
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<b><u>Link to Strategic Plan:</u></b>	The proposed curriculum changes address the following objectives of the Board’s 2004-2009 Strategic Plan: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.1. Offer high-quality programs through ongoing program improvement for undergraduate, graduate, professional, and non-degree students and special school students.</li><li>1.2. Provide educational experiences that enhance the knowledge, abilities, opportunities, and personal incomes of individual Iowans through educational attainment.</li></ol>
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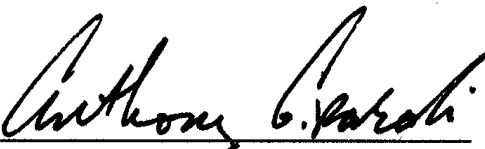
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**Table 1: Summary of Proposed Changes in the  
2004-2006 University of Northern Iowa Catalog**

	New Majors*	New Minors	Dis- continued Majors	Dis- continued Minors	New Courses	Dis- continued Courses
College of Business Administration	0	0	0	0	2	6
College of Education	0	1	1	0	12	13
College of Humanities and Fine Arts	0	1	2	0	15	17
College of Natural Sciences	3	0	0	0	15	12
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences	0	0	1	0	18	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>67</b>

\* New majors are not recommended for Board action at this time.

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