

Terminate Academic Program: MAg, Master of Agriculture

BACKGROUND

Program Proposed Termination Date

Spring 2016

Program Description

Master of Agriculture (MAg)

Link to current catalog description of program:

<http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/MajorDetail.aspx?major=1060&college=01>

Link to full Curriculum Proposal System entry

<https://secure.oregonstate.edu/ap/cps/proposals/view/96773>

The current Master of Agriculture degree program (Mag) has low student enrollment and waning support across the College. The College of Agricultural Sciences' units will develop a new degree which addresses current agricultural science issues and provides graduate level training suited to current and future opportunities among global agriculture, food, health and resources professions. There are currently 5 students in the program. These students will be able to complete their course of study under the program and are expected to finish by June 2018. Since the program does not have any courses or exams specific to the program there will be no costs to ending applications and allowing these students to complete their degrees. No new applications to the program have been accepted as of January 2016.

Program Context

The Mag degree program was offered on-campus and administered by the College of Agricultural Sciences. The degree structure required students to select courses in three different areas of study, two of which must have been in the College of Agricultural Sciences. Mentoring and graduate committees were done by selected Graduate faculty housed within the chosen areas of study.

Program Financials

There is no budget for the Master of Agriculture degree program. Faculty advising MAg students and serving on committees did so to support their research agenda and as part of their service to department and college

RECOMMENDATION

All appropriate University committees and the OSU Faculty Senate have reviewed and support the proposed termination. On August 19, 2016, the Academic Strategies Committee reviewed the proposed termination and recommended that the Board approve the termination of the Master of Agriculture degree (MAg), effective Spring 2016, pending the approval of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.