

The Proposal for Discontinuation

The proposal for discontinuation should include the following information:

1. Name of administrator, department or group originating the proposal. Include the name of contact person(s).

Kinesiology – Undergraduate Curriculum & Standards Committee
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2. Name of the program.

Minor in Sport and Recreation

3. Name of the department(s) which administers the program.

Kinesiology

4. Rationale for discontinuation.

We are requesting to discontinue this minor because of a shift in the department focus away from sport and recreation management in favor of emphasis on health-related aspects of physical activity. This change in department has evolved over a ten year period in response to societal needs, job opportunities for our graduates, faculty turnover, and strategic planning goals that align our departmental mission better with that of the university.

One of the classes required in this minor (KIN 399: Sport and Recreation Management) course is not required by other programs in the department and is currently taught by a lecturer position. With 25 students currently enrolled in this minor and spread among freshman to senior level, KIN 399 is not viewed as sustainable for the department since not all of these students can enroll in the class in the same semester. Very few students other than those enrolled in this minor enroll in this course. For this reason, the department will continue to teach the course until students in the minor complete their program. Once all have finished their programs, the department will reassess whether we can and should continue to offer the course.

The students in this minor are also required to enroll in KIN 360: Sociology of Sport and Exercise. This is a class required of all Kinesiology and Health majors, but is currently under re-design to delete the sport component of the class in favor of more emphasis on societal factors in influencing physical activity in populations. This change reflects both the increased focus on physical activity health promotion within the major (Kinesiology & Health) and the expertise of our faculty. With this change in content of KIN 360, the class will be less appropriate as a requirement for the Sport and Recreation minor. Discontinuing

this minor will have the added benefit of freeing up a few seats for our majors in this and other over-filled required classes in the department.

5. Availability of similar programs at other Regent's institutions.

UNI does not offer similar minor; UI offers similar minor

6. Enrollment data for current and previous four years.

F16 enrollment is 25 students

F15 enrollment was 22

F14 enrollment was 3

F13 enrollment was 2

7. Information required by the Board of Regents:

NA