

Materials linked from the May 29, 2020 Curriculum Council agenda.

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Subject: Undergraduate agronomy option change - CPS comment follow-up

Hi Belinda,

Sorry I haven't gotten back to you sooner; the major option requirements thing triggered a HUGE discussion among our curriculum committee, and we wanted to be sure to have a cogent response and direction moving forward.

Here's the deal: the agronomy proposal was intended to update that major option so it could be delivered online (which has already been agreed upon and approved, courses developed, etc). To accomplish that goal, we made the changes listed in the CPS proposal, which included updating the major requirement section to better align with the soils option. The idea that the major requirements should be the same across the different options (agronomy, soils, PBG) had not occurred to us as such.

However, over the course of this academic year, we have been looking at long term enrollment in our major, time to complete, and course scheduling -- to identify areas of the major that are roadblocks for both potential and current students. Aligning the major requirements across options dovetails nicely with what we've been working on. To fully realize that alignment seems like it might be an additional process, though. We would need to make changes to the soils option, and I'm not sure about PBG (I understand you have been corresponding with our advisor, Stefan Seiter about that?). Since PBG is shared with Horticulture, can we have different major requirements than they do?

We really need to make the agronomy option available for online delivery, as we have current majors waiting to switch into it. Can we do that, and then make a separate proposal (or set of proposals?) to finish cleaning up the major requirements / options? As it stands now, the major requirements for agronomy and soils (with current proposal) will have the same general science core, orientation, ecology, WIC, orientation sections.

Either way, I've attached what we intend to do for the major requirements shared between agronomy and soils (and PBG if allowed). We're agreed on the major core, but might make some additions for the option-specific courses. The most prominent changes are in Agricultural Science (making these requirements be primarily lower-division courses that set our students up for the major option they chose, and pushing those more specific upper-division courses to the option reqs), moving the Technology and Capstone sections to the option requirements, since the Technology course is different across all three options, as is the capstone (or lack thereof), and unifying the biology, chemistry, and math requirements across the board. Clear as mud? 😊

If it is possible to move forward with the current proposal, that would be ideal. If not, back to the drawing board is okay, too.

Thanks,
Adam

From: Sykes, Belinda <belinda.sykes@oregonstate.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:23 AM
To: Swift, Michele - COB <michele.swift@bus.oregonstate.edu>; Lindsley, Adam Edward <Adam.Lindsley@oregonstate.edu>
Subject: Re: Undergraduate agronomy option change - CPS comment follow-up

Hi Adam

I wanted to follow up about the changes to the Agromomy Option. We're running out of time for your changes to get into the 2020-2021 Catalog. The deadline was May 1 for Curriculum Council approval but if you can resubmit asap in the next day or so, we might be able to squeeze it in.

If the major core as listed in the proposal is not valid for all three options (ie, if the major core requirements change from option to option), you can leave them in there. We just need clarification because at the moment it is a little hard to distinguish major requirements from option requirements.

Thanks,
Belinda

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Subject: Re: Undergraduate agronomy option change - CPS comment follow-up

Hi Adam

The biggest issue we have at the moment is that the Crop & Soil Science major currently has no specific requirements which is not great for transparency and compliance. The Catalog entry is blank.

Part of our confusion is that 'Major Core' is listed in the requirements for two of the three options but is not actually listed on the CSS major page. Can you confirm that the major core as listed for Agronomy and Soil Science option does not apply to PBG? Here is what it currently displays as:

Major Core	
General Science Core	
Select one of the following options:	
Option A: Principles of Biology	
BI 211	*PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY
BI 212	*PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY

Are there any courses (or blocks of courses) that are shared between the three options?

Thanks for helping clarify.

Kind regards,
Belinda

From: Sykes, Belinda <belinda.sykes@oregonstate.edu>
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Subject: Re: Undergraduate agronomy option change - CPS comment follow-up

Hi Adam

I am going to look over your proposal (and check the requirements) before I reply. I will be in touch asap!

Thanks,
Belinda

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From: Swift, Michele - COB <michele.swift@bus.oregonstate.edu>
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Subject: RE: Undergraduate agronomy option change - CPS comment follow-up

Hi Lindsley,

I've copied Belinda Sykes on this email as she's our resident CIM/catalog expert and can better answer your question.

Best,
Michele

From: Lindsley, Adam Edward <Adam.Lindsley@oregonstate.edu>
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Subject: Undergraduate agronomy option change - CPS comment follow-up

Hi Michele,

I thought I had resubmitted this already, but it turns out I have not. I am trying to get our Agronomy major option update (here: <https://secure.oregonstate.edu/ap/cps/proposals/view/105704>) out the door, and have a question about your comments, copied below:

The Curriculum Council requests that you address the following -

- 1) Please remove the major requirements and only list the option requirements. With the transition to CIM we are working on removing duplication and only listing option requirements with the option.
- 2) Please remove SOIL 475 from the list of general electives. The course has been dropped.

I have done the 2nd one, but the 1st was a significant part of the proposal: the major core requirements are currently different between our soil options and the agronomy option, and we were trying to change agronomy to be in line with the other ones. Should I leave that in or will it be automatically addressed in the CIM? Your advice would be appreciated very much.

Thanks,

Adam Lindsley