

# UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

## Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. A [checklist](#) is available to assist in the preparation of a proposal. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

**Submitted by:** Jeffrey J Fuhrmann phone number 831-1371

**Department:** Plant and Soil Sciences email address fuhrmann@udel.edu

**Date:** 1/5/2012

**Action:** curriculum change

(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

**Effective term** 12S

(use format 04F, 05W)

**Current degree** MS (thesis option)

(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

**Proposed change leads to the degree of:** MS (thesis option)

(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

**Proposed name:** n/a

Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit  
(if applicable)

### Revising or Deleting:

**Undergraduate major / Concentration:** n/a

(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

**Undergraduate minor:** n/a

(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

**Graduate Program Policy statement change:** change of course requirements

(**Must attach** your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

**Graduate Program of Study:** n/a

(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

**Graduate minor / concentration:** n/a

**Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.**

**List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?**

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the [Course Challenge](#) list. If there are no new courses enter “None”)

None

**Supply support letter from the Library, Dean, and/or Department Chair if needed**  
(all new majors/minors will need a support letter from the appropriate administrator.)

n/a

**Supply a resolution for all new majors/programs; name changes of colleges, departments, degrees; transfer of departments from one college to another; creation of new departments; requests for permanent status. [See example of resolutions.](#)**

n/a

**Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: <http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>**

n/a

**Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:**

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

None

**Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):**

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

The proposed curriculum change is to require graduate student participation in departmental seminar series, so as to ensure exposure to the full breadth of research topics inherent to the plant and soil sciences. The use of research credits towards degree requirements is also standardized.

**Program Requirements:**

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.) [See example of side by side.](#)

**ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION:** (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dean of College \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary, Faculty Senate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Senate Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ Date to be Effective \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar \_\_\_\_\_ Program Code \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Provost \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Trustee Notification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_