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4. 10/10/19 1:40 pm
Kathy Martensen (kmartens): Approved for Provost

History

1. Feb 18, 2019 by
Deb Forgacs
(dforgacs)

Proposal Type

Proposal Type:
Major (ex. Special Education)

This proposal is
for a:

Revision

Proposal Title

This proposal is a companion to the Proposal to rescind the restructuring of College of Veterinary Medicine PhD programs into a single doctoral program named "Comparative Biomedical Sciences" and to continue the existing PhD programs in Comparative Biosciences and Pathobiology. migration

Official Program VMS - Pathobiology, PhD
Name

Banner/Codebook
Name
PHD: VMS-Pathobiology -UIUC

Corresponding PhD Doctor of Philosophy
Degree

Program Code: 10KS5216PHD

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EP Control **EP.20.28**
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Effective Date:

Effective Catalog Term	Spring 2020	
Sponsor College Department	Veterinary Medicine	
Sponsor Department	Pathobiology	
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Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Academic Level Graduate

Will you admit to
the concentration
directly?

Is a concentration
required for
graduation?

CIP Code 512505 - Veterinary Pathology and
Pathobiology.

Program Description and Justification

Justification for proposal change:

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The proposal to unify all CVM PhD programs into a single doctoral program

was based on two main factors: 1) a recommendation by an internal university wide review of all PhD programs conducted in 2013; and 2) the anticipated merger of the Department of Comparative Biosciences and the Department of Pathobiology into one basic science department. The departmental merger proposal was placed on the Senate Consent Agenda for April 3, 2017 but withdrawn from voting, despite being supported by 82% of faculty in the college and the majority of faculty in all three departments when the document was submitted. This development led the college to re-examine the proposed department merger and delayed implementation of the College wide PhD program. A delay in passing the state budget during the same time period created challenges as to how best to staff a College wide PhD program and delayed development of appropriate recruiting materials for a College wide PhD program, including web site development. Permission was

therefore obtained in November 2017 from the Senate Educational Policy Committee Chair to delay the phase-down of the PhD programs in the Department of Comparative Biosciences and the Department of Pathobiology until Fall, 2020.

The college now requests to eliminate the proposed restructuring of College of Veterinary Medicine PhD programs into a single doctoral program named "Comparative Biomedical Sciences" and requests that we continue the existing PhD programs in the Department of Comparative Biosciences and the Department of Pathobiology. Faculty in the Department of Pathobiology voted unanimously last month (vote announced at Department faculty meeting on September 25, 2019) in support of this request. Similarly, faculty in the Department of Comparative Biosciences voted unanimously on September 23, 2019 in support of this request. Discussion at the last College Executive Committee meeting on September 26, 2019 was also supportive of this request. The Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine chairs the College Executive Committee meetings and is communicating the request on their behalf.

JUSTIFICATION:

The college is increasing the number of PhD students enrolled and anticipates PhD enrollment to continue to increase. From AY14 through AY19, the Department of Comparative Biosciences increased the number of PhD students from 8 to 17 (dmi item, #4107). During the same time period, the Department of Pathobiology increased the number of PhD students from 14 to 22, whereas the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine decreased the number of PhD students from 1 to 0 due to the closure of its departmental PhD program. College faculty also act as the major adviser for a number of additional PhD students enrolled in interdisciplinary programs.

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An additional justification is that an internal university wide review of all PhD programs has been replaced with Academic Program Reviews of departments. The Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine was reviewed in April 2015, the Department of Pathobiology was reviewed in April 2018, and the Department of Comparative Biosciences will be reviewed in November 2019.

Is This a Teacher Certification Program?

No

Will specialized accreditation be sought for this program?

No

Admission Requirements

Desired **Spring 2020** ~~Fall 2018~~
Admissions Term

Provide a brief narrative description of the admission requirements for this program. Where relevant, include information about licensure requirements, student background checks, GRE and TOEFL scores, and admission requirements for transfer students.

N/A migration

Describe how critical academic functions such as admissions and student advising are managed.

N/A migration

Enrollment

Describe how this revision will impact enrollment and degrees awarded.

See attached

Estimated Annual Number of Degrees Awarded

Year One Estimate migration 5th Year Estimate (or when fully implemented)

migration

What is the matriculation term for this program?

Fall

Delivery Method

This program is available:

Face-to-Face

Other than certification via the students' degree audits, is there any additional planned mechanism to award/honor successful completion of the minor?

No

Budget

Are there budgetary implications for this revision?

No

Will the program or revision require staffing (faculty, advisors, etc.) beyond what is currently available?

No

Additional Budget Information

See attached

Attach File(s)

Resource Implications

Facilities

Will the program require new or additional facilities or significant improvements to already existing facilities?

No

Technology

Will the program need additional technology beyond what is currently available for the unit?

No

Non-Technical Resources

Will the program require additional supplies, services or equipment (non-technical)?

No

Resources

Faculty Resources

Please address the impact on faculty resources including any changes in numbers of faculty, class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratios, etc. Describe how the unit will support student advising, including job placement and/or admission to advanced studies.

See attached migration

Library Resources

Describe your proposal's impact on the University Library's resources, collections, and services. If necessary please consult with the appropriate disciplinary specialist within the University Library.

See attached migration

Instructional Resources

Will there be any reduction in other course offerings, programs or concentrations by your department as a result of this new program/proposed change?

No

Does this new program/proposed change result in the replacement of another program?

No

Does the program include other courses/subjects impacted by the creation/revision of this program?

No

Financial Resources

How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal?

a) Additional staff and dollars needed:

Since this is a continuation of existing programs, there will be no effect on staffing or resource allocation.

b) Internal reallocations (e.g., change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.):

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e) Impact on computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.:

Since computer, laboratory, and equipment use will be supplied by the supporting faculty and their departments, there is unlikely to be an impact on these resources imposed by a continuation of existing programs. migration

Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources?

No

Attach letters of support

Will an existing tuition rate be used or continue to be used for this program?

Yes

Program Regulation

Describe how the program is aligned with or meets licensure, certification, and/or entitlement requirements, if applicable.

Briefly describe the plan to assess and improve student learning, including the program's learning objectives; when, how, and where these learning objectives will be assessed; what metrics will be used to signify student's achievement of the stated learning objectives; and the process to ensure assessment results are used to improve student learning.

n/a migration

Is the career/profession for graduates of this program regulated by the State of Illinois?

No

Program of Study

"Baccalaureate degree requires at least 120 semester credit hours or 180 quarter credit hours and at least 40 semester credit hours (60 quarter credit hours) in upper division courses" (source:

<https://www.ibhe.org/assets/files/PrivateAdminRules2017.pdf>). For proposals for new bachelor's degrees, if this minimum is not explicitly met by specifically-required 300- and/or 400-level courses, please provide information on how the upper-division hours requirement will be satisfied.

All proposals must attach the new or revised version of the Academic Catalog program of study entry. Contact your college office if you have questions.

Revised programs [**VetMed Proposal.pdf**](#)

Attach a side-by-side comparison with the existing program AND, if the revision references or adds "choose-from" lists of courses students can select from to fulfill requirements, a listing of these courses, including the course rubric, number, title, and number of credit hours.

Catalog Page Text

Catalog Page Text: Description of program for the catalog page. This is not official content, it is used to help build the catalog pages for the program. Can be edited in the catalog by the college or department.

Statement for Programs of Study Catalog

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
<u>PATH 524</u>	Biostatistics	4
<u>PATH 590</u>	Seminar	2
<u>PATH 599</u>	Thesis Research (0 min. applied toward degree)	0
Elective hours outside of PATH and within the Graduate College		12
Total Hours		64

Other requirements1

Grad Other Degree Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Teaching experience is required	
Communicative skills requirements	
Masters degree required for admission to Ph.D.?	No, but Masters-level requirements must be met (32 hours min.)
Qualifying Exam required	No
Preliminary Exam required	Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense required	Yes
Dissertation deposit required	Yes
Minimum GPA:	3.0

1 For additional details and requirements, refer to the department's graduate degree requirements and the [Graduate College Handbook](#).

EP Documentation

Attach
Rollback/Approval
Notices

DMI Documentation

Attach Final
Approval Notices

Attached
Document

Justification for
this request

Program Reviewer
Comments

Key: 581

Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE:

Proposal to eliminate the proposed restructuring of College of Veterinary Medicine PhD programs into a single doctoral program named “Comparative Biomedical Sciences” and to continue the existing PhD programs in the Department of Comparative Biosciences and the Department of Pathobiology.

SPONSORS:

Dennis French, Head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine, 333-5310, ddfrench@illinois.edu; Carol Maddox, Interim Head of the Department of Pathobiology, 333-9039; maddox@illinois.edu; Uwe Rudolph, Head of the Department of Comparative Biosciences, 333-2506, urudolph@illinois.edu; Peter Constable, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Chair of the College Executive Committee, 300-1744, constabl@illinois.edu.

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DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: August 2020.

CLEARANCES:

Signatures

10/3/19

Dennis French, Head, Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine

Date

10/3/2019

Uwe Rudolph, Head, Department of Comparative Biosciences

Date

10/3/2019

Carol Maddox, Interim Head, Department of Pathobiology

Date



Peter Constable, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine

10/3/2019

Date

Graduate College Representative:

Date

From: [Park, Rachel L](#)
To: [Constable, Peter D](#)
Subject: Dept. of Pathobiology Vote to Eliminate the combined CVM Ph.D Program
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:56:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

The Department of Pathobiology performed an electronic vote to eliminate the combined CVM Ph.D. Program.

The results were:

14 – Yes votes and 0 – No votes to eliminate the combined CVM Ph.D. Program.

The vote was conducted for one week, and results announced on the September 25, 2019, department's faculty meeting.

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Date: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:07:37 PM
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The Department of Comparative Biosciences met on September 23, 2019, and voted unanimously in favor of eliminating the combined CVM Ph.D. Program.

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