

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

September 1, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mark Largent, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education
and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Joy Speas, University Curriculum Administrator

RE: Request for a New Linked Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture,
Food and Natural Resources Education and Master of Arts Degree in
Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Undergraduate
Education (UCUE)

The request referenced above is being sent to the University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) in accordance with the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*, 4.4.

UCUE Response Requested:

Please ask the committee to consider the request referenced above and provide consultative commentary. Please mail the related materials referenced under the heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to the committee members.

After receiving the committee's consultative response, the Provost will make a determination to forward or not to forward the request to the University Committee on Curriculum for its approval of curriculum and degree requirements.

If you have any questions, please call me at 5-8420.

Thank you.

Attachments:

1. Request to Establish a New Academic Program form dated April 4, 2022: Linked Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education and Master of Arts Degree in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education and attachments.



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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

1. Request to establish a Linked **Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education** and **Master of Arts Degree in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education** in the Department of Community Sustainability. The University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) will consider this request at its September 1, 2022 meeting. The University Committee on Graduate Studies (UCGS) will consider this request at September 19, 2022 meeting.

Per University policy:

A candidate for a Linked Bachelor's-Master's Degree from Michigan State University may request the application of up to 9 credits toward the master's program for qualifying 400-level and above course work taken at the undergraduate level at Michigan State University or an external accredited institution. The number of approved credits, not to exceed 9, are applied toward the credit requirement of the master's degree. Credits applied to the Linked Bachelor's-Master's Program are not eligible to be applied to any other graduate degree program.

- a. Add the following statement in the Department of Community Sustainability:

LINKED BACHELOR'S-MASTER'S DEGREE IN AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education
Master of Science Degree in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education

The department welcomes applications from Michigan State University Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education undergraduate students in their junior and senior year. Admission applications must be made at least one and a half semesters prior to graduation to allow admission before the final semester as an Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education undergraduate. Admission to the program requires a minimum undergraduate grade-point average of 3.5 and an approved program of study for the Master of Arts degree in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education at the time of admission. Admission to the Linked Bachelor's-Master's program allows the application of up to 9 credits toward the master's program for qualifying 400-level and above course work taken at the undergraduate level at Michigan State University or an external accredited institution. The number of approved credits, not to exceed 9, including at least one CSUS course at the 800-level, are applied toward the credit requirement of the master's degree. Credits applied to the Linked Bachelor's-Master's program are not eligible to be applied to any other graduate degree program.

Effective Fall 2023.



View a Program

Joy Speas, RO

Tuesday, 6/7/2022

Program Name: Agriculture, Food, and
Natural Resources Education Linked
Degree: LINKBSMA Sequence Number: 1

Program Request ID: 4717

Effective Dates: Fall 2023 - Open Status: Interim Initial Action: New

Requested Date: 2/21/2022 3:24:09 PM

1. Department/School/College:

02241 Department of Community Sustainability

2. Name of Program:

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education Linked

3. Name of Degree:

LINKBSMA

4. Type of Program:

5. Effective Start Semester:

Fall 2023

6. Target student audience for the program:

AFNRE Undergraduates

7. Enrollment:

What is the expected enrollment per year: 5

What is the minimum enrollment acceptable: 2

8. Source of budget for the program:

To align academic planning and curricular change, ALL requests for NEW funds must be included in the College's annual planning letter. Provost approval of new funds and the effective date for the new program must align. If funding is not approved, then the program request will not be forwarded to Faculty Senate.

Internal reallocation

If new funds, was this request included in the College's annual planning letter? Indicate yes or no. If no, then this is a department or college fund reallocation (If the program is implemented, no additional resources are required.).

9. Projected Costs as compared to other programs in unit:

Same

10. Staff requirement:

How many additional staff will be required: 0

Who will provide the primary instruction. Describe any external linkages(industry, government, etc.):

Aaron McKim, CSUS, Buddy McKendree, CSUS, Michael Everett, CSUS, Mark Forbush, CSUS, Matt Raven, CSUS, Tiffany Rogers-Randolph, CSUS

11. Will additional equipment be required:

Approximate cost: 0

Source of funding:

12. Will additional library materials be required:

Approximate cost: 0

Source of funding:

13. Will additional space be required:

Type:

Approximate amount:

14. If the program requirements contain a named concentration, do you wish for the concentration to be noted on the student's transcript?:

No

15. Detailed Description:

The department welcomes applications from Michigan State University students in their Junior and Senior year. Admission application must be made at least 1 ½ semesters before graduation to allow admission before their final semester as Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education undergraduates. MSU graduate program admission criteria and an approved Master of Arts Degree Program of Study at the time of admission. Admission to the Linked BS/MA Program allows nine (9) credits of coursework to be counted towards both the BS and MA programs including at least one (1) Community Sustainability course at the 800 level.

16. Are there admissions requirements for this program?:

Grade or grade-point average requirements and if so in which course(s), portfolio requirement, audition, essay, etc. If there are not admission requirements other than those required by the University policy indicate "none".

Students must meet the minimum requirements for graduate admission as set forth by MSU.

DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: Department of Community Sustainability
3/4/2022 1:11:53 PM by Michael Everett for Rebecca Jordan, Chairperson

SIGNOFFS STATUS

No Response by: College of Education

COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
4/4/2022 3:24:09 PM by Dorcia Chaison for Kelly Millenbah, Associate Dean

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TEACHER CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

The agriculture, food and natural resources education disciplinary major leading to the Bachelor of Science degree is available for teacher certification. Students who complete the requirements for the agriculture, food and natural resources education major, the requirements for teacher certification, and a minimum of 4000 hours of recent and relevant work experience are recommended for a career and technical endorsement in agricultural education.

An agriculture, food and natural resources education disciplinary minor is available for teacher certification. Students who elect the agriculture, food and natural resources education disciplinary major or the agriscience disciplinary minor, must contact the Department of Community Sustainability.

For additional information, refer to the statement on *TEACHER CERTIFICATION* in the *Department of Teacher Education* section of this catalog.

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GRADUATE STUDY

The Department of Community Sustainability offers Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs in Community Sustainability (CSUS) and Sustainable Tourism and Protected Area Management (STPAM). A Master of Arts degree in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education (AFRNE) is also available.

Graduate programs in the Department of Community Sustainability provide students the opportunity to create individualized programs that draw from several complementary areas of scholarship. These areas include: community food and agricultural systems; natural resources and the environment; tourism and recreation systems; education and civic engagement; and international development. Today's communities face complex problems due to ongoing changes to our environmental, social and agricultural/food systems. To aid in meeting these challenges, students' programs are designed to provide a thorough grounding in integrative, applied research based on multiple paradigms, disciplines and methods.

Master's and doctoral students in the department may choose either the CSUS or STPAM degree. Master of Science students in the CSUS or STPAM degrees select either the Plan A (research-based) or Plan B (project-based) degree. A student may not earn a master's degree in both programs. Students in the graduate degree programs are eligible for a number of graduate certificates or specializations. See those lists at <https://reg.msu.edu/AcademicPrograms/Default.aspx>.

Students who are enrolled in Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs in the Department of Community Sustainability may elect specializations in resource economics. For additional

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information, refer to the statement on
*Interdepartmental Graduate Specializations in
Resource Economics*.

Students who are enrolled in Master of Science
degree programs in the Department of Community
Sustainability may elect a Specialization in
Environmental Toxicology. For additional information,
refer to the *Graduate Specialization in Environmental
Toxicology* statement.