

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE BACHELOR OF THE ARTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the discontinuance of the BA in Special Education in the College of Education, effective fall term, 2022.

Background

Currently, we offer both a BA and BS in Special Education, with the sole difference that the BA requires two additional language courses. The language courses are not required for teacher certification (the purpose of the program). Running two separate programs complicates data tracking and program improvement, without practical or educational advantage. Students who are currently in the BA program will not have difficulty completing their programs as this change does not entail discontinuing any courses in the program. Because the programs are otherwise identical, students can also transfer into the BS program, regardless of whether they choose to complete the language courses.

Program Description

The BA in Special Education leads to elementary teacher certification for grades K-5 (all subjects), 6-8 (non-departmentalized), and K-12 special education (Cognitive Impairment). Undergraduate students graduate with a bachelor's degree in Special Education, generally take positions as classroom teachers.

Approvals

The discontinuance of this BA in Special Education was approved by the faculty in the Division of Teacher Education, the Dean of the College of Education, and the Provost.