

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR THE MAJOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH
IN THE ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION SECTION OF THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL
SCIENCES CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2016-2018***

Dean Linda Hicke in the College of Natural Sciences has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following changes to the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018*. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of *exclusive* interest to a single college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on February 4, 2016, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by February 17, 2016.



Hillary Hart, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curriculum | <input type="checkbox"/> an existing program | added to the inventory |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in admission requirements (external or internal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office) | |

4. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE

- a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? Yes No
- If yes, then how? We anticipate that there will be more students promoted into BS PBH, Option I, than admitted through the admission process. In previous years, students who were not admitted to BS in Public Health, Option I, pursued a biology degree. The change from a restricted admission process to a promotion to the major process may slightly decrease the number of students moving from Public Health entry-level into a biology major. There are no impacts anticipated outside of Natural Sciences.
- b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college? Yes No
- If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?
- c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college? Yes No
- If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.
- d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges? Yes No
- If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

If 4 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions. If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.

How many students do you expect to be impacted? N/A

Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, explain: No.

If yes, undergraduate studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? If yes, explain: No.

5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

Department approval date: January 8, 2016

College approval date: January 11, 2016

Dean approval date: January 11, 2016; David Vanden Bout, Associate Dean

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:**Admission and Registration****Admission-to-Major Requirements****The Major in Public Health The Bachelor of Science in Public Health, Option III**

To apply for admission to the public health degree program, the student must have earned a grade of at least *C* in Biology 311C and 311D or 315H; Chemistry 301 or 301H and 302 or 302H; and Mathematics 408C or 408N; and a grade of at least *B* in Public Health 317. To be competitive for admission, the student must have a grade point average of at least 2.75 in these six courses.

Applications are evaluated after the end of each fall and spring semester. Students whose applications are denied may reapply through the supplemental admission process the following semester. Admission decisions are based on the student's grade point average in the basic sequence courses, his or her University grade point average, and other factors; these factors include, but are not limited to, the difficulty of the student's course load, course repetitions, and proven mathematical ability. Students should consult advisers in the College of Natural Sciences Center for First Year Advising for information about the application process and application deadlines.

Students who plan to follow option II, public health honors, must be admitted to the Dean's Scholars Honors Program.

To apply for admission to option III, the student must already be admitted to option I. The option I student may apply for admission to option III upon completion of the fourth sixth semester with a grade point average of at least 3.40. The eligible option I student may apply to option III student follows and the Master of Public Health program following the admission schedule and policies of the School of Public Health at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston. The application is typically completed during the fifth semester of the Bachelor of Science in Public Health, Option I. Admission to option III requires approval by the Department of Molecular Biosciences at the University of Texas at Austin and the School of Public Health at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston at the Austin Regional campus.