Dean Linda A. Hicke in the College of Natural Sciences has filed with the Secretary of the Faculty Council the following proposal to change the Textiles and Apparel (TXA) degree program in the College of Natural Sciences chapter in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020. On May 4, 2017, the TXA and College Course and Curriculum Committees approved the proposal; and on September 20, 2017, Associate Dean David Vanden Bout, on behalf of Dean Hicke, approved it. The Secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the proposal on December 14, 2017, and forwarded it 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 the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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 March 8, 2018.

Alan W. Friedman, Secretary of the General Faculty and Faculty Council
The University of Texas at Austin
Arthur J. Thaman and Wilhelmina Doré Thaman Professor of English and Comparative Literature

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN TEXTILES AND APPAREL DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES SECTION IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2018-2020

Type of Change  ☒ Academic Change  
☐ Degree Program Change (THECB form required)

Proposed classification  ☐ Exclusive  ☒ General  ☐ Major

1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT LINDA DICKENS, DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT, TO DETERMINE IF SACSCOC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.

- Is this a new degree program?  Yes ☐  No ☒
- Is this program being deleted?  Yes ☐  No ☒
- Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus?  Yes ☐  No ☒
- Will courses in this program be delivered electronically?  Yes ☐  No ☒

2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE:

Options I and II
Reduce hours from 126 to 120 hours.
Reason: Sufficient elective hours to allow for a reduction to 120 hours, enabling students to complete their degrees in a more timely manner.

Reduce overall numbers of upper division coursework outside School of Human Ecology from twelve to nine hours.
Reason: This will allow more flexibility in elective classes and allow students to graduate in a more timely manner. We are also routinely approving this petition.

Option II, Merchandising and Consumer Science
Add ECO 301 as an option for the ECO requirement. ECO 301 is a good alternative to ECO 304K.
Reason: We are also routinely approving this petition.

Option III, Textiles and Apparel Honors
Change six hours from Fine Arts or Liberal Arts to six hours from Fine Arts and Liberal Arts.
Reason: In practice, the Dean's Scholars Program allows students to take 6 hours from a single college or a mixture of six hours from both colleges. The change will synch catalog copy to advising practice and eliminate the need for petitions.

Special Requirements
Standardize language regarding requirements to graduate with Dean's Scholars degree options.
Reason: Since the honors options were added at different times as new BS degrees were created, language began to differentiate between degrees. The Dean's Scholars steering committee voted to establish standard language for all of its options.

3. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES (Please check all that apply)
   ☒ Courses in other colleges  ☐ Courses in proposer’s college that are frequently taken by students in  ☐ Flags
4. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE

a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, then how would you do so?

The original legislation stated that Dean's Scholars must choose 6 hours from either the College of Liberal Arts (COLA) or the College of Fine Arts (COFA). In practice, students are allowed to count 6 hours from one of the colleges, or a mixture from the colleges. This change will eliminate the need for petitions in situations where students choose to take a mixture of COLA and COFA coursework. In a constant state, the Dean's Scholars Program has approximately 200 majors. There is no way to predict how this change will impact the College of Fine Arts and the College of Liberal Arts. Specific courses are not prescribed and the change is to match catalog language to current advising practice. Making an estimate, perhaps 10 seats per year distributed across all courses in both colleges may be impacted. Because the number of seats across both colleges is estimated to be so small, the College of Fine Arts and the College of Liberal Arts were not formally consulted for permission to make this change.

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?

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:

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?

Note: THECB Semester Credit Hour Change Form required, download from URL: http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/DocFetch.cfm?DocID=2419&format=doc

If yes, explain:

5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

Department approval date: May 4, 2017

College approval date: May 4, 2017

Dean approval date: September 20, 2017
PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN TEXTILES AND APPAREL

{no change}

Prescribed Work Common to All Options

{no change}

Prescribed Work for Each Option

Option I: Apparel, Functional, and Technical Design

3. Mathematics 408C, 408N or Statistics and Data Sciences 332
4. One of the following: Mathematics 316, Statistics and Data Sciences 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, or Educational Psychology 371
5. Chemistry 301 or 301H, 302 or 302H, and 204; and Biology 311C
6. The following textiles and apparel courses:
   a. Core Courses: Textiles and Apparel 301, 205, 105L, 313, 214K, 214L, 328, 331, 260L, and 260M; and two of the following courses: Textiles and Apparel 325L, 325M, and 327
7. Thirty-six [36] semester hours of upper-division coursework, of which at least eighteen [18] must be within at least [12] nine must be outside the School of Human Ecology. At least twenty-one [21] semester hours of upper-division coursework must be taken in residence at the University
8. Enough additional coursework to make a total of [426] 120 semester hours

Option II: Merchandising and Consumer Sciences

In addition, students following the merchandising option must complete the following degree-level requirements. In some cases, courses that fulfill degree-level requirements also meet the requirements of the core.

3. Mathematics 408C, 408N, or Statistics and Data Sciences 332
4. One of the following: Mathematics 316, Statistics and Data Sciences 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, or Educational Psychology 371
5. Chemistry 301 or 301H, 302 or 302H, and 204; and Biology 311C
6. Economics 301 or 304K
7. The following textiles and apparel courses:
   a. Core courses: Textiles and Apparel 301, 205, 105L, 313, 214K, 214L, 328, 331, 260L, and 260M; and two of the following courses: Textiles and Apparel 325L, 325M, and 327
8. Thirty-six [36] semester hours of upper-division coursework, of which at least eighteen [18] must be within and at least [9] nine must be outside the School of Human Ecology. At least twenty-one [21] semester hours of upper-division coursework must be taken in residence at the University
9. Enough additional coursework to make a total of [426] 120 semester hours

Option III: Textiles and Apparel Honors

3. Mathematics 408C, 408N, or Statistics and Data Sciences 332
4. Breadth Requirement: An approved calculus course and an approved statistics course (one of these must be honors); Chemistry 301H and 302H; Biology 315H and 325H. Credit earned by examination may not be counted toward this requirement.
5. A section of Undergraduate Studies 302 or 303 that is approved by the departmental honors adviser
6. A section of Rhetoric and Writing 309S that is restricted to students in the Dean’s Scholars Honors Program.

7. Textiles and Apparel 105L, 205, 327, 328, 260L, and 260M

8. Twenty-two \([22]\) semester hours selected from the three streams of textiles and apparel courses with at least three semester hours in each of the streams: apparel, technical, and functional design; merchandising and consumer science; and textile conservation and museum studies, as well as Human Development and Family Sciences 322 with consent of the honors adviser.

9. Six hours of textiles and apparel, including Textiles and Apparel 379H. In all cases, students will be required to conduct research and write a thesis. In some cases, this thesis will be accompanied by a portfolio of work.

10. Six additional semester hours from biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, mathematics or physics. Courses designed for non-science majors may not be counted toward this requirement.

11. Six semester hours of coursework \([in]\) from the College of Liberal Arts \([ac]\) and/or the College of Fine Arts.

12. Thirty-six \([36]\) semester hours of upper-division coursework. At least twenty-one \([21]\) semester hours of upper-division coursework must be taken in residence at the University.

13. Twelve \([12]\) additional semester hours of coursework approved by the departmental honors adviser.

14. Enough additional coursework to make a total of 120 semester hours.

**Option IV: Textile Conservation and Museum Studies**

\(\{\text{no change}\}\)

**Special Requirements**

Students must fulfill both the University's General Requirements for graduation and the college requirements. They must also earn a grade of at least C- in each mathematics and science course required for the degree, and a grade point average in these courses of at least 2.00. More information about grades and the grade point average is given in the General Information Catalog.

To graduate under Option III, students must remain in good standing in the Dean’s Scholars Honors Program, must submit an honors thesis approved by the departmental honors adviser, \(\{\text{earn grades of at least A- in the departmental research and thesis courses described in requirement 8 above}\}\) and must present their research in an approved public forum, such as the college’s annual Undergraduate Research Forum. More information about the Undergraduate Research Forum is available at https://cns.utexas.edu/.

**Order and Choice of Work**

\(\{\text{no change}\}\)