

Brothers, Sheila C.

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To: Bird-Pollan, Jennifer; Brothers, Sheila C.; Ett-Mims, Joanie; Woolery, Stephanie L.
Cc: Bennett, Rick
Subject: SIGNIFICANT CHANGE MS: Plant Pathology
Attachments: Plant Pathology Non-Thesis Option.pdf

Proposed Significant Change to MS: Plant Pathology

This is a recommendation that the University Senate approve the significant change to the MS: Plant Pathology, in the Department of Plant Pathology within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Rationale: The proposal is to add a Plan B (non-thesis) option to the existing MS program in Plant Pathology. The student's advisor will work with the student to develop a plan of study with an emphasis in a major area of plant pathology and breadth of study in other areas. The non-thesis option entails 30 hours of coursework and concludes with a four-hour written exam administered by the student's advisory committee. It is believed that a coursework-focused master's program will provide additional exposure and training without the research emphasis of a Plan A option, will be suitable for working students, and help the program maintain an appropriate number of graduates.

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CHANGE MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM FORM

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

College:	CAFE	Department:	PPA
Current Major Name:	Plant Pathology	Proposed Major Name:	Plant Pathology
Current Degree Title:	MS	Proposed Degree Title:	Master of Science Non-Thesis Option
Formal Option(s):	n/a	Proposed Formal Option(s):	n/a
Specialty Fields w/in Formal Option:	n/a	Proposed Specialty Fields w/in Formal Options:	n/a
Date of Contact with Institutional Effectiveness ¹ :	n/a		
Bulletin (yr & pgs):	n/a	CIP Code ¹ :	26.0305
Today's Date:	September 26, 2019		
Accrediting Agency (if applicable):	n/a		
Requested Effective Date:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semester following approval.		OR <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Date ² :
Dept. Contact Person:	Rick Bennett	Phone:	257-3901
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2. CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

		<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1.	Number of transfer credits allowed (Maximum is Graduate School limit of 9 hours or 25% of course work)	n/a	9
2.	Residence requirement (if applicable)	n/a	n/a
3.	Language(s) and/or skill(s) required	n/a	n/a
4.	Termination criteria	n/a	n/a
5.	Plan A Degree Plan requirements ³ (thesis)	n/a	n/a
6.	Plan B Degree Plan requirements ³ (non-thesis)	n/a	<i>new Plan B option. 30 credit hours required</i>
7.	Distribution of course levels required (At least one-half must be at 600+ level & two-thirds must be in organized courses.)	n/a	<i>15 credits at 600+</i>
8.	Required courses (if applicable)	n/a	<i>PPA500, PPA770, PPA609, PPA640, PPA650</i>
9.	Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)	n/a	n/a
10.	Final examination requirements	n/a	<i>Student will take a four hour written exit exam after</i>

¹ Prior to completing out this form, you MUST contact Institutional Effectiveness, which can provide you with the CIP (OSPIE@l.uky.edu or 257-1962).

² Program changes are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No changes will be made effective until all approvals are received.

³ If there is only one plan for the degree, plans involving a thesis (or the equivalent in studio work, etc.) should be discussed under Plan A and those not involving a thesis should be discussed under Plan B.

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			<i>completing 30 graded graduate credits.</i>
11.	<p>Explain whether the proposed changes to the program (as described in sections 1 to 10) involve courses offered by another department/program. <u>Routing Signature Log must include approval by faculty of additional department(s).</u></p>		
	<p>Students may take courses numbered as 4xxG, 500, and 600 in other departments with approval of the Advisory Committee and DGS.</p>		
12.	<p>List any other requirements not covered above?</p>		
	<p>This petition is to initiate a Master of Science Non-Thesis Option. During the first semester, the student will be assigned an advisor selected from the faculty in PPA with interests consistent with those of the student. Working with the faculty advisor, the student will complete a Program of Study having the depth and breadth to satisfy the requirements of the degree: The Program of Study should have, (1) an emphasis in a major area of plant pathology, and (2) a breadth of study in other areas of plant pathology such as biotechnology, molecular and cytological studies. During the student's first term of enrollment, the Program of Study must be submitted to the major professor for approval. By the beginning of his or her last semester, the student working with the faculty advisor, should submit faculty names to the DGS for final approval to form an advisory committee who will administer the exit exam. The DGS must approve all Advisory Committee members. This four-person committee is chosen from members of the graduate faculty in PPA with one member from outside the department who have agreed to serve. This committee will continue to advise the student and will administer the exit exam before the degree is awarded. Non-thesis (Plan B) Master's students in PPA must fulfill the general requirements as outlined by the Graduate School. Thirty (30) credit hours are required for the degree and students must pass a written exit exam in the last semester. The coursework requirements follow those set out by the Graduate School.</p> <p>At least 20 credit hours must be graded graduate level courses (courses other than research or residency courses and that have a set meeting time), and at least 15 hours must be at the 600-700 level. For the in-depth requirement of the degree, students are required to take a minimum of 20 credits in 500 or above level courses in PPA or related programs such as IPSS, ENTO, etc. Of these, one credit hour must be taken as graduate seminar in PPA770 or a relevant offering in another department with approval of the DGS. The exit exam will be at the end of the coursework, administered by the three person advisory committee to ensure the student is sufficiently familiar with scholarship in her/his chosen area of specialty.</p>		
13.	<p>Please explain the rationale for changes. If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.</p>		
	<p>The Department of Plant Pathology proposes to offer a primarily coursework non-thesis Master of Science degree, also called a "Plan B" Master's, designed for students seeking additional exposure and training in sub-disciplines within plant pathology without the emphasis placed on original research by the current thesis M.S. degree.</p> <p>The PPA non-thesis master's degree option primarily involves academic course work followed by a written examination during the final semester of enrollment. The structured research component of the M.S. degree with thesis is not present in the non-thesis Plan B option. Since this option does not involve laboratory research, this degree track is suitable for working students. Students entering the Plan B Master's program will develop a curriculum based on their own interests, advice from a faculty advisor, the list of available classes, and the Graduate School guidelines for a non-thesis M.S. degree. Through this degree program, students can develop additional technical skills, expand their understanding in any of the major areas of plant pathology, and prepare themselves for additional educational opportunities or an upgrade in their employment position.</p> <p>The typical length of time for completion of an M.S. non-thesis degree while enrolled as a part-time student is anticipated to be approximately six to eight semesters. The student will take a four-hour written exam after completing 30 graded graduate credits.</p>		

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Signature Routing Log

General Information:

Proposal Name: PPA MS Plan B

Proposal Contact Person Name: Rick Bennett Phone: 7-3901 Email: rick.bennett@uky.edu

INSTRUCTIONS:

Identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal; note the date of approval; offer a contact person for each entry; and obtain signature of person authorized to report approval.

Internal College Approvals and Course Cross-listing Approvals:

Reviewing Group	Date Approved	Contact Person (name/phone/email)	Signature
DGS	04/29/2019	Rick Bennett / 7-3901 / rick.bennett@uky.edu	
PPA faculty	04/29/2019	/ /	
Chair	04/29/2019	Chris Schardl / 218-0730 / chris.schardl@uky.edu	
Associate Dean for Instruction	10/11/2019	Carmen Agouridis / 7-3469 / carmen.agouridis@uky.edu	
Graduate curriculum committee		/ /	

External-to-College Approvals:

Council	Date Approved	Signature	Approval of Revision ⁴
Undergraduate Council			
Graduate Council	12/19/19	Roshan Nikou	
Health Care Colleges Council			
Senate Council Approval		University Senate Approval	

Comments:

This is a new non-thesis Plan B degree option.

⁴ Councils use this space to indicate approval of revisions made subsequent to that council's approval, if deemed necessary by the revising council.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019, FACULTY MEETING OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

ATTENDING: Christopher Schardl (Chair), Rick Bennet, Carl Bradley (by audio link from Princeton), Mark Farman, Nicole Gauthier, Lou Hirsch, Aardra Kachroo, Pradeep Kachroo, Peter Nagy, Paul Vincelli (Faculty), Erica Fealko (Graduate Student), Shirley Harris, Deshay Jones (Office Staff), and Alfred Byrd (Technical Staff and Recording Secretary)

The Chair, delayed by technical issues in establishing the link with Princeton and noting that Mostafa Rahnama could not attend the meeting as representative of Post-Doctoral Scholars because of a dental emergency, **called the meeting to order** at 1:11 P. M.

MINUTES

RB made and MF seconded a MOTION to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (November 3, 2018) as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcoming Deshay Jones. The Chair welcomed Deshay Jones as a newly hired Assistant Administrative Assistant filling the position that Cheryl Kaiser vacated to take the department's Administrative Support Associate position.

Submitting Staff Reviews. The Chair pointed out that staff self-evaluation reviews should be done and turned over to supervisors and that the reviews need to be submitted to CLS and SH for feedback by Friday. Be aware of a new category, Professional Development/Other Goals. Staff should note and list meetings, classes, on-line courses, etc. that would fit this description.

RULES OF PROCEDURE AND STRUCTURES OF COMMITTEES

The Chair submitted to the Faculty a draft of the Rules of Procedure and Structures of Committees (attached). This requires a vote of approval by the Faculty, but could not be approved today, as it must first be approved by the Provost. The Chair pointed out to the Faculty changes that Lisa Collins had made in the document so that it would conform to current standards within CAFE and the University.

The Chair also pointed out amendments that he had made to the document:

RE Budget: He will keep the Faculty informed of the passage of the University budget, which has not yet arrived after seven months into the current fiscal year, and of changes to the budget. The Faculty no longer has power to vote on approving the budget under the current procedure.

RE Extension Coordinator: PV and CB approved the Chair's proposed addition to describe this position.

RE Faculty Meeting: The Chair will announce the date, time, and location of Faculty meetings at least one day, and preferably one week, in advance.

RE Town Halls: The Town Hall meeting is to be eliminated. Faculty meetings will be open so that any Department member may attend them. The date, time, and location of the Faculty meeting should be posted by PPAALL-L listserv at least a week in advance.

LV raised the question whether the “official transcript” required for Adjunct Faculty is mandatory or optional. She further asked whether an unofficial transcript would fulfill the requirement. The Chair promised to check with Lisa Collins for answers to LV’s questions, and to check whether lecture-series faculty can be on a graduate committee with permission.

It was the sense of the Faculty without objection that appointments of Adjunct Faculty shall be for three years with a vote for renewal at the end of that term.

NON-THESIS M.S. DEGREE OPTION

At the Chair’s request, RB presented a proposal (attached) for a non-thesis M.S. degree option and a 4 + 1 option. These, are meant to address the decline in the number of M.S. candidates in the Department and the prospect that the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) will shut down the Department’s master’s program if it cannot sustain three M.S. awards per year.

In response to discussion among the Faculty, RB modified the non-thesis option

1. to require 17 credit-hours within PPA courses numbered 600-700, of which two credit-hours can be from PPA 770, representing one seminar a year over two academic years,
2. to require both an oral and a written component to a candidate’s exit exam, and
3. to add “crop management” to the list of emphases.

AK made, and NG seconded, a MOTION to empower the Director of Graduate Studies to make a proposal for the degree programs in the attached document. The motion passed unanimously.

ASSOCIATE DEAN OF INSTRUCTION

At the Chair’s request, MG addressed a notification from Dean Nancy Cox that Larry Grabau is stepping down as Associate Dean of Instruction in CAFE and is entertaining nominations for his successor. Currently, the top candidates for the position are Tammy Stephenson from Dietetics and Brian Lee from Landscape Architecture. The new associate dean will matter greatly in the development of the non-thesis and 4 +1 master’s options and ADT programs. MG recommended Tammy Stephenson for the position, but would be open to being nominated for it himself.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned without objection at 2:48 P. M.