

ADD, CHANGE OR DELETE UNIT, PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, OR ACADEMIC POLICIES

Complete this form consistent with the instructions in Academic Policy 1622.20. Use the form to add, change, or delete a program or unit or to change program policies. Proposed additions and changes must be consistent with Academic Policies 1100.40 and 1621.10 and any other policies which apply.

SECTION I: Approvals

Department / Program Chair _____ Date Submitted _____

Graduate Council Chair _____ Date _____

College Dean _____ Date _____

Faculty Senate Chair _____ Date _____

Honors College Dean _____ Date _____

Provost _____ Date _____

Core Curriculum Committee _____ Date _____

Board of Trustees Approval/Notification Date _____

University Course and Programs Committee _____ Date _____

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Approval/Notification Date _____

SECTION II: Profile Data - Required Information and Name Change InformationAcademic Unit: Major/Field of Study Minor Other Unit Law/ LL.M. Program PolicyLevel: Undergraduate Graduate Law Effective Catalog Year 2014

Program changes are effective with the next available catalog. See Academic Policy Series 1622.20

Current Name LL.M. Program in Agricultural & Food LawCollege, School, Division LAWDepartment Code LAWWCurrent Code (6 digit Alpha) AGLWLM

Proposed Code (6 digit Alpha) _____

Prior approval from the Office of the Registrar is required.

 Interdisciplinary ProgramCIP Code 22.9999

Prior assignment from Office of Institutional Research is required.

Proposed Name _____

When a program name is changed, enrollment of current students reflects the new name.

SECTION III: Add a New Program/Unit

For new program proposals, complete Sections II and VII and use as a cover sheet for a full program proposal as described in 'Criteria and Procedures for Preparing Proposals for New Programs in Arkansas.' ADHE
http://www.adhe.edu/divisions/academicaffairs/Pages/aa_academicproposals.aspx

Program proposal uses courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

SECTION IV: Eliminate an Existing Program/Unit

Code/Name _____ Effective Catalog Year _____

No new students admitted to program after Term: ____ Year: _____

Allow students in program to complete under this program until Term: ____ Year: _____

SECTION V: Proposed Changes to an Existing Program or Program Policies

Insert here a statement of the exact changes to be made: We propose a distance education track for obtaining a degree in the LL.M. Program in Agricultural & Food Law.

Check if either of these boxes apply and provide the necessary signature:

- Program change proposal adds courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____
- Program change proposal deletes courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

Check all the boxes that apply and complete the required sections of the form:

- Change of Name and Code (Complete only sections I, II, V and VII.)
- Change Course Requirements: (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Delivery Site/Method (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Total Hours (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change in Program Policies

SECTION VI: Justification

Justify this change and state its likely effect on any other degree program (including those outside the school or college). Identify any program or program components (other than courses) to be eliminated if this program is implemented. (Program and course change forms must also be submitted for such related changes.)

There is increasing demand for distance education opportunities in the specialized LL.M. Program market. Many law schools are developing new LL.M Programs with online courses and expanding their face-to-face LL.M. Programs to incorporate distance education. We anticipate that the demand for distance education will continue to expand in the future.

The LL.M. Program in Agricultural & Food Law is the only LL.M. Program in the United States that offers the LL.M. degree in this area of study. As was reported by our external reviewers in our Program Review last year, "Agricultural and Food Law is a developing area of law and is needed not only locally and nationally, but globally as well. The University of Arkansas program is ideally positioned to be a leader in this field and currently has that status."

Because we draw our students from a national and international market, our Program is particularly affected by the demand for distance education. We are currently losing talented applicants because they cannot relocate to Fayetteville for our face-to-face classes. Distance education offers not only growth opportunities, but will be necessary to maintain our leadership position in the developing marketplace.

We propose the development of a distance track for the LL.M Program in Agricultural & Food Law that will integrate our face-to-face delivery with distance education opportunities. This will allow us to increase the size of our enrollment while maintaining or increasing our high standards of admission. It will allow us to provide a greater range of classes and experiences to our students. And, it will allow our face-to-face students to interact and network with fellow-students throughout the U.S. and international countries who would not otherwise be able to attend our Program.

With the assistance of the UA Global Campus, our distance course offerings will offer a fully integrated classroom experience, taking advantage of state-of-the-art technology for synchronous video conferencing and the full range of interactive online educational experiences.

SECTION VII: Catalog Text and Format

In the box below, insert the current catalog text which is to be changed, with changes highlighted with the color yellow. Include all proposed changes identified in Section V. Only changes explicitly stated in Section V will be considered for approval by the University Course and Programs Committee, the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate. If you are proposing a new program, give proposed text with all of the elements listed below. If you are proposing modified text, include these elements as appropriate.

Include the following elements, in order, in the catalog text for proposed undergraduate program(s) or program changes:

- State complete major/program name
- Briefly define or describe the major/program or discipline.
- Identify typical career goals or paths for graduates. (Optional)
- State admission requirements (if any) for entry or entry into upper/advanced level of major/program.
- Identify location in catalog of university, college/school, and department/program requirements which the student must meet in addition to hours in the major, but do not restate these requirements.
- State course requirements in the major and any allied areas, giving number of hours and specific courses; specify electives or elective areas and give numbers of hours and courses in elective pools or categories; identify any other course requirements.
- State any other requirements (required GPA, internship, exit exam, project, thesis, etc.).
- Identify name and requirements for each concentration (if any).
- Specify whether a minor or other program component is allowed or required and provide details.

- State eight-semester plan requirements

For minors, state requirements in terms of hours, required courses, electives, etc.

For graduate program/units, include elements (as needed) parallel to those listed for undergraduate programs above.

For Law School program/units, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

For centers, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

The only modification proposed to the current catalog is the insertion of the following paragraph at the end of the description of the Program:

The LL.M. Program now offers both face-to-face courses and distance education courses, utilizing state-of-the-art technology and carefully crafted online educational opportunities. Students enrolled can earn their LL.M. degree taking either type of course or a combination of courses, creating a seamless educational experience.

The current catalog text, with the above stated insertion highlighted, is attached as a separate document.

SECTION VIII: Action Recorded by Registrar's Office

PROGRAM INVENTORY/DARS

PGRM _____ SUBJ _____ CIP _____ CRTS _____

DGRE _____ PGCT _____ OFFC&CRTY VALID _____

REPORTING CODES

PROG. DEF. _____ REQ. DEF. _____
 Initials _____ Date _____

Distribution

Notification to:

- (1) College (2) Department (3) Admissions (4) Institutional Research (5) Continuing Education (6) Graduate School
 (7) Treasurer (8) Undergraduate Program Committee

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