



WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
Low Enrollment Program Review
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Background

Amended Substitute House Bill 64, effective 9/29/2015, includes the following requirement for the review of low enrollment courses and programs:

ORC 3345.35 Course evaluation based on enrollment and performance.

Not later than January 1, 2016, and by the first day of January of every fifth year thereafter, the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education, as defined in section [3345.011](#) of the Revised Code, shall evaluate all courses and programs the institution offers based on enrollment and student performance in each course or program. For courses with low enrollment, as defined by the chancellor of higher education, the board of trustees shall evaluate the benefits of collaboration with other institutions of higher education, based on geographic region, to deliver the course.

In a correspondence dated Nov. 2, 2015, Chancellor John Carrey of the Ohio Department of Education provided the described the challenges of defining low enrollments for programs as follows:

*A single numerical definition for **low enrollment programs** is difficult because programs also contribute to institutions in multiple ways (e.g., institutional reputation, service to multiple student majors, regional need), and because programs themselves have widely varying contexts (accreditation and licensure requirements, pedagogical requirements) and costs (faculty, facility and equipment needs). Again, however, most colleges and universities have defined a minimum number of students required for each of their programs, with this minimum **threshold** differing within and across institutions based on institutional mission, student demand and availability of resources.*

Wright State’s Criteria for Low Enrollment Programs

As noted in the Chancellor’s correspondence, the significance and contribution of a program is more than the number of majors and graduates. However, the first step in the Wright State review of low enrollment programs considers the average number of graduates over the past three years. The following thresholds represent the first screening for low enrollment programs.

Ph.D. Programs: fewer than 5 graduates per year.
Masters Programs with fewer than 10 graduates per year.
Bachelor and Associate programs with fewer than 15 graduates per year.

The tabulation in the following section lists all degree programs that do not meet or exceed these thresholds.

After the initial screening, programs are evaluated based on alignment with the Wright State Strategic Plan, supporting the general education program, unique and specialized program offerings, nationally recognized for the quality or innovation, supporting regional development or needs. In addition, there are a number of programs that share the majority of their courses (e.g. BS in Computer Science, BA in Computer Science). If two degree programs share over 50% of their major courses, these are considered as a single program and are listed as course sharing in the tabulation.

Low Enrollment Tabulation

ASSOCIATE/BACHELORS-COLLEGE/PROGRAM	AVG. DEGREES 2012 - 2015	RECOMMENDATION
Associate Degree		
LAKE/ASSOCIATES/TECH		
Biological Sciences - AS	1	Being examined for possible termination
Chemistry - AS	0.33	Being examined for possible termination
Communication - AA	1	Being examined for possible termination
Earth and Environmental Sci-AS	1	Being examined for possible termination
Graphic Dsgn & Vis Media-AAB	10	Program has a healthy enrollment
History - AA	1	Being examined for possible termination
Information Technology - AAB	2	Being examined for possible termination
Liberal Studies - AA	2	Being examined for possible termination
Psychology - AA	3	Being examined for possible termination
Social Work - AA	4	Being examined for possible termination
Sociology - AA	0.33	Being examined for possible termination
Technical Study - ATS	7	Several ATS Degrees offered, graduate numbers higher
Baccalaureate Degree		
RAJ SOIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS		
Business Economics - BSB	8	Shares courses with BA in Economics
Financial Services - BSB	6	CFP licensure requirement, identified by state as high growth
International Business - BSB	10	Shares courses with other BSB majors
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES		
Career, Tech, Adult Ed - BSED	1	Students obtain licensure
Physical Education - BSED	13	Number of graduates proportionate to employment demands
Sign Language Interpreter - BS	4	Only bachelor's degree program in state
Wellness Studies - BSED	0.33	Alt graduation option for PE BSED who do not meet licensure reqs
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE		
Computer Science - BACS	13	Shares courses with BSCS
Engineering Physics - BSEP	4	Shares courses with BSEE
Industr + Systems Egr - BSISE	10	Strategic CECS investments in growth, graduates in high demand

Materials Sci + Egr - BSMSE	5	Shares courses with BSME
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS		
African Afri/Amer Studies - BA	1	Interdisciplinary program, courses shared
Anthropology - BA	9	Program in combined department, supports GE
Art - BA	3	Shares courses with ART BFA
Art History - BA	3	Shares courses with ART BFA
Classical Humanities - BA	2	Program in combined department, supports GE
Dance - BFA	8	Program in combined department, supports other TDMP majors
Design/Technology - BFA	8	Program in combined department, supports other TDMP majors
Economics - BA	4	Shares courses with BS in RSCOB
French - BA	7	Program in combined department, supports college requirement
Geography - BA,BS	6	Program in combined department, supports GE
German - BA	1	Program in combined department, supports college requirement
Latin - BA	0.33	Program in combined department, supports college requirement
Modern Languages - BA	1	Major eliminated
Motion Pictures - BA	5	Program in combined department, deliberately elite
Motion Pictures - BFA	8	Program in combined department, deliberately elite
Music - BA	3	Shares courses with other MUS programs
Music Education - BM	12	Shares courses with other MUS programs
Music History + Lit - BM	0.33	Shares courses with other MUS programs
Music: Performance - BM	7	Shares courses with other MUS programs
Philosophy - BA	4	Program in combined department, supports GE
Religion - BA	5	Program in combined department, supports GE
Social Science Education - BA	14	Interdisciplinary program, courses shared
Spanish - BA	14	Program in combined department, supports college requirement
Theatre Studies - BA	5	Program in combined department, supports other TDMP majors
Urban Affairs - BA, BS	6	Program in combined department, supports GE
Women's Studies - BA	2	Interdisciplinary program, courses shared in multiple departments
LAKE/ASSOCIATES/TECH		
Technical & App Studies - BTAS	9	A new degree that is experiencing healthy growth
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & MATH		
Biological Sciences - BA	5	Shares courses with BS
Chemistry - BA	2	Shares courses with BS
Clinical Lab Science - BSCLS	9	Limited by # of practicum slots
Earth + Environmental Sci - BA	5	Shares courses with BS

Earth + Environmental Sci - BS	13	Shares courses with BA
Environmental Sciences - BS	1	Coded incorrectly; belongs with concentration
Mathematics - BA	1	Shares courses with BS
Physics - BA, BS	5	Enrollment increasing
Statistics - BS	3	

MASTERS/DOCTOR	AVG. DEGREES 2012 - 1015	RECOMMENDATION
Master's Degree		
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES		
Advanced Studies - MED	3	Shares courses with other ME programs
Classroom Teacher - MA, MED	4	Recently approved, non-licensure program
Counseling - MRC	6	Transitioning to new national accrediting standards
Education Leadership - MA	1	Shares courses with EL MED
Educational Technology - MED	6	Shares courses with ET MED
Multi-Age - MED	9	Shares courses with MA MMU
Principalship - MED	5	Redesigned for online offering
Reading - MED	8	Shares courses with licensure program
Sport Management - MA	2	New program: establish metrics
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE		
Egr Innov and Entrprnship-MEIE	5	Innovative program shares courses with RSCoB
Materials Sci + Egr - MSMSE	4	Shares courses with MSME
Renewable & Clean Energy-MSEG	4	Joint program with UD and AFIT, shares courses with MSME
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS		
Humanities - MH	8	Interdisciplinary program, courses shared in multiple departments
International +Comparative Polit-MA	9	Interdisciplinary program, courses shared in multiple departments
Music - MM	8	Change in course delivery modality: online version in development
WSU-MU Social Work - MA	7	New program; enrollment increasing each year
BOONSHOFT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE		
Aerospace Medicine - MS	7	
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & MATH		
Applied Math - MS	1	
Bio Sci: Enviro Sciences - MS	0.3	Program is no longer active
Biochem + Molec Biology - MS	2	Enrollment is increasing; grads should follow
Earth Science - MST	3	

Human Factors/Ind Psych - MS	5	Students in PhD program can leave with an MS
Interdisc Science + Math - MST	2	
Mathematics - MS	3	
Physics - MS	6	
Physiology + Neuroscience - MS	3	Shares resources & courses with Anatomy program

Next Steps

Programs identified as low enrollment that do not provide unique educational opportunities or provide necessary courses for general education, licensure, or accreditation will be reviewed through the academic review process for fiscal sustainability and growth opportunities.

