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Melissa:

The proposal from Engineering seems unlikely to have any effect on University Exploration or, for that matter, any other academic advising unit. It appears more related to residency and course work in ENG for purposes of accreditation.

The retention plan for Public Health will likely have a larger impact on Exploration, though it's hard to say how much. In terms of the lowest acceptable grade in any given course, the retention requirement (a grade of C- or higher) is less rigorous than the admission standard (which requires a grade of C or higher). The plan itself seems quite complicated, but that isn't our concern. We are glad to see they will allow a student a probationary term to try to get back on track, rather than just dismissing the student from the program (as, for example, Nursing does), which should lessen the impact on Exploration. The Environmental Public Health specialization involves considerably more math and science than the Public Health Sociology specialization, and if the college will permit students who are struggling (and who want to make the shift) to move from the one track to the other before reaching the point of disenrollment, that may help with retention to the college and lessen the need for students to seek a new major elsewhere.

Thanks very much for the opportunity to respond to these requests.

Best,

John

Admissions and Retention policy for the BSPH program

The Bachelor of Science in Public Health with interdisciplinary specializations in Public Health Sociology and Environmental Public Health requires a minimum GPA of 2.8 to be admitted to the major. Once admitted and matriculated into the major, students are required to meet academic criteria which are described below in the policy.

Rationale for Policy:

The primary goals of the BSPH program are to educate students in public health and prepare them for further study in graduate or professional school upon graduation. To be competitive in the application process for graduate or professional school, students must have an undergraduate minimum GPA that is close to 3.0. Our policy will, in summary, ensure that students graduate from this program with a GPA of 2.8 or higher and have better than average grades in all major courses.

Admissions:

The admissions process to the BSPH program is completed annually. Students who may be missing a prerequisite course, lacking a specific grade in a prerequisite course, or whose cumulative GPA is below a 2.8 can be admitted to the major on a conditional basis, and have to complete admissions conditions in order to be officially admitted to the major.

These students are required to meet admissions conditions by the end of summer term. Students in this category will get their academic record reviewed at the end of summer term by their academic advisor.

If the admission condition is not met due to a prerequisite course grade below a C-, the student will be notified that he/she has one semester to retake the course or they are at risk of Program Disenrollment.

If the admission condition placed on the student is due to a cumulative GPA below a 2.80 (after a minimum of 24 semester credits), the student has to bring their cumulative GPA up to a 2.80 or risk Program Disenrollment.

Retention:

Students admitted to the BSPH program are required to maintain a semester and cumulative GPA of 2.80 (after a minimum of 24 semester credits) or higher until they graduate from the University. Students are also required to earn at least a C- or higher in all courses comprising their major.

Students who do not maintain those academic standards can be placed on Program Action. The three levels of Program Action are: Program Warning, Program Probation, or Program Disenrollment. All students will be notified of Program Action and conditions associated with the Action via official university email.

Causes for Program Warning (not indicated on the permanent student record)

- A student with a *semester* GPA of below 2.80 (after a minimum of 24 semester credits) will be placed on Program Warning.
 - To be removed from Program Warning, students must have a semester GPA of 2.80 or higher the following semester of enrollment. If they do not earn a semester GPA of 2.80 or higher, they will be placed on Program Probation.
- A student earns a grade below C- in a core or specialization course
 - Students have one calendar year (12 months) in which to repeat the course and must earn a grade of C- or higher the next time they take it. If the student fails to complete the course within a year, and/or fails to earn a grade of C- or higher, the student will be placed on Program Probation.

Causes for Program Probation (indicated on the permanent student record)

- A student who earns a *cumulative* GPA below 2.80 (after a minimum of 24 semester credits) will be placed on Program Probation.
- A student earns below a 2.80 GPA semester and/or two or more causes of Program Warning occur in two out of three terms.
 - A student has two semesters following probation to bring their cumulative GPA up to a 2.80 or they are at risk of Program Disenrollment.
- Probationary status shall continue until either the requirements for removing probation have been achieved, or the student has been disenrolled from the College or dismissed from the University.
- Students who voluntarily leave the College while on Program Probation and who are subsequently permitted to reenroll in their program will resume their probationary status when they return.
- A student earns a grade below a C- in 2 core or specialization courses in one term
 - A student has two terms to repeat the 2 courses. If, after 12 months, the student has not earned above a C- in those courses, then they are at risk of Program Disenrollment

Causes for Program Disenrollment

1. A student is at risk of Program Disenrollment if he or she does not meet the conditions for removing Program Probation outlined in the letter of Program Probation.
2. A student at risk of Program Disenrollment if he or she incurs another reason for Program Warning or Program Probation while on Program Probation.
3. A student at risk of Program Disenrollment if he or she incurs two reasons for Program Probation in the same term.

A student who is disenrolled cannot register for BSPH core or specialization coursework.

Reinstatement to the Major

A student is ineligible for reinstatement to the major for two consecutive semesters following Program Disenrollment. To apply for reinstatement, the student must petition in writing for readmission to the major. The petition will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Studies Committee, which will decide whether or not to readmit the student.