

HENDRIX

PROPOSED REVISION FOR MAJOR OR MINOR

Deadline for Area approval: 21 October 2011

Proposer: Mark Sutherland and Victoria Evans

Date: Oct. 3., 2011

Department/Program: Kinesiology

Area: Social Science

Check appropriate boxes:

- ☒ New major/minor/related changes
- ☐ Change in major
- ☐ Change in minor

Proposed change—one sentence summary:

We are proposing to add a minor in Public Health to be housed in the Kinesiology Department

Proposed subject code:

Proposed catalog copy for requirements:

The diverse issues encountered in Public Health make the minor appropriate for students majoring in Biology, Politics, Psychology, Sociology and other disciplines. This minor is not available to students who major in Allied Health. The minor consists of five required courses and one elective distributed as follows:

- Required Courses

BIOL 2XX Microbes and Human Health w/BIOL 340-L

OR

BIOL 340 Microbiology (with lab)

KINE 235 Introduction to Public Health

KINE 340 Epidemiology

KINE 265 Theory of Health Behavior

OR

POLI 235 Public Policy

PSYC 290 Statistics

OR

BUSI 250 Principles of Statistics

OR

MATH 215 Statistical Analysis

- Elective Courses

KINE 260 Nutrition

KINE 265 Theory of Health Behavior

PHIL 225 Ethics and Medicine

POLI 235 Public Policy

PSYC 351 Health Psychology

SOCI 380 Medicine and Culture

Rationale within departmental and collegiate context and based on assessment results:

Public Health has recently become a subject of great interest among Hendrix students and citizens across the state of Arkansas and the nation. This awareness of the importance of public health was long overdue. Hendrix College has begun to address this interest by the hiring of a faculty member to teach public health courses, and by the implementation of a joint program with the College of Public Health at UAMS to draw more students into this academic arena. We feel that the next logical step in this progression is the implementation of a minor in Public Health. Enrollment patterns and discussion with students inside and

outside the Allied Health program, and even discussions with prospective students, has shown that interest in this area is both wide and deep.

Due to the diverse backgrounds and career goals of students entering the public health arena, the minor draws on courses from 4 different majors. A background in public health can be useful for students with an equally wide array of career goals include medicine, law, psychology, nursing, public planning, sociology and many others.

In parallel to this major, we will also be planning to offer a public health track within the allied health major, hence the exclusion of students majoring in allied health from taking this minor.

Proposers are welcome to attach additional documentation for more complex proposals, such as the addition of a major or minor.

Approval Chain (type name and date of approval)

Department chair: Mark Sutherland

Area chair: Allison Shutt, 10/25/11