

Academic Program and Curriculum Updates

2026-2027 Catalog | Campuswide Update Guide

High-level academic changes in the 2026-2027 University Catalog are summarized below. Employees who maintain University webpages, forms, publications, systems, or communications should review materials in their areas and update information as appropriate. Routine course-level changes are not included.

Review and update, as applicable

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">University webpages and program listingsAdmissions applications, inquiry forms, and CRM communicationsRecruitment materials and communications | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Digital advertising and marketing campaignsAdvising resources and student communicationsAccreditation, licensure, state-authorization, and internal University information |
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College and Academic-Unit Changes

- The College of Education and Human Sciences was renamed the Spencer College of Education and Human Sciences.
- A Department of Health Professions was established within the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions.
- A Center for Teaching and Learning was established in the Division of Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management.
- The Department of Entertainment Industry was renamed the David and John Briggs Family Department of Entertainment Industry

Degree Program Addition

- A Master of Science in Occupational Therapy was added.

Programs No Longer Accepting New Students

Stop recruiting or directing prospective students to the offerings below. Preserve current-student and teach-out information, as applicable, until Academic Affairs confirms that it may be archived or redirected.

Closed degree programs

- The AS in Culinary Arts was closed.
- The BA and BS in Physics were closed.
- The BA and BS in Communication Arts were closed.
- The BS in Sustainability was closed.
- The BS in Instructional Technology and Design was closed.
- The MS in Family and Community Services was closed.

Inactivated degree programs and teacher-certification options

- The BS in Health and Fitness was inactivated. Its Fitness Management and Health Promotion concentrations are now offered through the BS in Exercise Science.
- The French, German, and Physics teacher-certification options within the BSEd in Secondary Education were inactivated.

Discontinued program arrangement

- The Joint Curriculum Two Degrees Program combining the MBA and MS in Family and Community Services was discontinued.

Degree Type or Designation Change

- The BS option in Art was eliminated; the BA in Art remains available.

Concentration Additions

- The BS in Engineering Technology added an option in Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Engineering Technology
- The BA and BS in Geography added concentrations in Sustainability and Professional Geography.
- The BFA in Cinematic Arts and Theatre added a concentration in Musical Theatre.
- The BS in Exercise Science added concentrations in Fitness Management and Health Promotion.

Minor Additions and Changes

- A minor in Entertainment Industry was added.
- A minor in Finance was added.
- The Computer Information Systems minor was divided into two versions: one for BBA majors and one for students pursuing non-BBA degrees.

Track, Option, Emphasis, and Pathway Changes

- An accelerated master's pathway (AMP) in History was added.
- An accelerated master's pathway (AMP) in Instructional Technology and Design was inactivated.
- The Training and Development concentration (Track B) in the MS in Instructional Technology and Design was renamed Workforce Learning and Professional Development.
- The MAEd in Collaborative Special Education was renamed to identify two pathways: Collaborative Teacher K-6 and/or 6-12 - Advanced Path and Collaborative Teacher K-6 and/or 6-12 - Initial Path.

Certificate and Micro-Credential Additions

- An undergraduate Certificate in AI in Education was added.
- An undergraduate Certificate in Business and Sustainability was added.
- A Micro-Credential in AI Applications in Business was added.

Certificate Inactivations

- Certificates in Dining/Restaurant Supervision, Kitchen Supervision, and Banquet and Event Supervision were inactivated.
- Certificates in Biological Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Power Generation Engineering, and Engineering Management were inactivated. These concentration areas in the Bachelor of Engineering remain active.

Implementation guidance

- Use the exact program and academic-unit titles shown above when updating materials.
- For renamed or reorganized offerings, replace legacy titles and coordinate webpage redirects or archived documents as needed.
- For closed or inactive offerings, remove prospective-student recruitment and application references, but retain current-student and teach-out information until the responsible academic unit and Academic Affairs approve its removal.

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