

Deactivation Proposal

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Policy Concentration - Floating

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Changes proposed by: Jonathan Hall

[Business & Public Policy Graduate Concentration](#)

Catalog Pages
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Proposal Type:

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13. Board of Trustees
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Approval Path

1. 01/23/23 4:56 pm
Deb Forgacs (dforgacs):
Approved for U Program Review
2. 01/23/23 5:17 pm
Nolan Miller (nmiller):
Approved for 1260 Committee Chair
3. 01/24/23 11:46 am
Louis Chan (l-
chan2): Approved for 1260 Head
4. 01/25/23 8:11 pm
Nerissa Brown (nerissab):

Approved for KM
Grad Committee
Chair

5. 02/01/23 3:23 pm
Susan Curtis
(smcurtis):
Approved for KM
Committee Chair
6. 02/01/23 4:00 pm
Brooke Elliott
(wbe): Approved
for KM Dean
7. 02/05/23 8:35 am
Chris Prom
(prom): Approved
for University
Librarian
8. 03/02/23 10:09
am
Allison McKinney
(agrindly):
Approved for
Grad_College
9. 03/08/23 2:16 pm
Brooke Newell
(bsnewell):
Approved for
Provost

History

1. Jun 20, 2019 by
Deb Forgacs
(dforgacs)

Concentration (ex. Dietetics)

This proposal is
for a:

[Phase Down/Elimination](#)

Administration Details

Official Program Name Business & Public Policy Concentration - Floating

Diploma Title

Sponsor College Gies College of Business

Sponsor Finance
Department

Sponsor Name [Louis Chan](#)

Sponsor Email l-chan2@illinois.edu

College Contact [Mark Peecher](#)

College Contact
Email

peecher@illinois.edu

College Budget
Officer

College Budget
Officer Email

List the role for rollbacks (which role will edit the proposal on questions from EPC, e.g., Dept Head or Initiator) and/or any additional stakeholders. Purpose: List here who will do the editing work if proposal needs rolled back. And any other stakeholders.

[Jonathan T Hall \(jthall@illinois.edu\) -Initiator](#)

Does this program have inter-departmental administration?
No

Proposal Title

Effective Catalog Term Fall 2023

Proposal Title (either Establish/Revise/Eliminate the Degree Name in Program Name in the College of XXXX, i.e., Establish the Bachelor of Science in Entomology in the College of Liberals Art and Sciences, include the Graduate College for Grad Programs)

Eliminate the concentration in Business & Public Policy in the Gies College of Business and the Graduate College

Does this proposal have any related proposals that will also be revised during the next 6 weeks? Consider Majors, Minors, Concentrations & Joint Programs in your department. Please know that this information is used administratively to move related proposals through workflow efficiently. Example: If you are revising the BS proposal and one related concentration within the next 6 weeks, "This BS proposal (key 567) is related to the Concentration A proposal (key 145)."

Program Justification

Provide a brief description of what changes are being made to the program.

We are ending the concentration due to lack of interest, and reallocating resources to areas of greater need.

Why are these changes necessary?

The concentration in Business and Public policy was created to serve Gies master's programs, and in particular, the master's programs in accountancy, which require students to complete a graduate concentration. While the concentration and courses initially had robust enrollment, over time interest in the area declined as students' interests turned more toward business analytics. Due to low enrollment and other teaching demands, the courses were phased out in 2017 and 2018. Following this, the courses in the concentration were deactivated as part of a reorganization of the department's course offerings. In total, over the past several years only 2-3 students have even inquired about the concentration. Since offering the concentration involves fielding a slate of elective courses that need not otherwise be offered, the decision was made to eliminate the concentration and reallocate resources to areas of greater need.

Instructional Resources

Will there be any reduction in other course offerings, programs or concentrations by your department as a result of this new program/proposed change?

No

Does this new program/proposed change result in the replacement of another program?

No

Does the program include other courses/subjects outside of the sponsoring department impacted by the creation/revision of this program?

Yes

Courses outside of the sponsoring department/interdisciplinary departments

Please attach any [BPP.pdf](#) letters of [Business and Public Policy Concentration NB.pdf](#) support/acknowledgement for any Instructional Resources consider faculty, students, and/or other impacted units as appropriate.

Program Regulation and Assessment

Plan to Assess and Improve Student Learning

Illinois Administrative Code: 1050.30(b)(1)(D) Provision is made for guidance and counseling of students, evaluations of student performance, continuous monitoring of progress of students toward their degree objectives and appropriate academic record keeping.

List the program's student learning outcomes. Each outcome should identify what students are expected to know and/or be able to do upon completing this program.

NA

Describe how, when, and where these learning outcomes will be assessed.

Describe here:

Identify faculty expectations for students' achievement of each of the stated student learning outcomes. What score, rating, or level of expertise will signify that students have met each outcome? Provide rating rubrics as necessary.

Explain the process that will be implemented to ensure that assessment results are used to improve student learning.

Program

Description and

Requirements

Attach Documents

Is the career/profession for graduates of this program regulated by the State of Illinois?

No

Program of Study

Baccalaureate degree requires at least 120 semester credit hours or 180 quarter credit hours and at least 40 semester credit hours (60 quarter credit hours) in upper division courses" (source: <https://www.ibhe.org/assets/files/PublicAdminRules2017.pdf>). For proposals for new bachelor's degrees, if this minimum is not explicitly met by specifically-required 300- and/or 400-level courses, please provide information on how the upper-division hours requirement will be satisfied.

Catalog Page Text - Overview Tab

Description of program for the catalog page. This is not official content, it is used to help build the new catalog page for the program. Can be edited in the catalog by the college or department.

Statement for
Programs of
Study Catalog

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 12 hours from the following list:		12
FIN 536	Banking and Financial Regulation	
FIN 571	Money and Banking	
FIN 572	The Finance of Mergers and Acquisitions	
FIN 573	Applications of Investment Banking Concepts	
FIN 574	Microeconomics for Business	
FIN 575	Course FIN 575 Not Found	
FIN 576	Course FIN 576 Not Found	
FIN 577	Course FIN 577 Not Found	
FIN 578	Course FIN 578 Not Found	

Code Title Hours

Total Hours 12

Other Requirements

Grad Other Degree Requirements

Requirement

Description

In addition to the concentration requirements, students must also complete the requirements of their major degree.

Program Relationships

Corresponding

Program(s):

Corresponding Program(s)
Accountancy, MAS
Accountancy, MS (on campus & online)
Business Administration, MS
Finance, MS
Technology Management, MS

Program Features

Academic Level Graduate

Is This a Teacher Certification Program?

No

Will specialized accreditation be sought for this program?

No

Additional concentration notes (e.g., estimated enrollment, advising plans, etc.)

Delivery Method

This program is available:

On Campus - Students are required to be on campus, they may take some online courses.

Enrollment

List the prerequisites including course titles and number of credit hours for each prerequisite course, and whether or not these prerequisites count in the total hours required for the minor.

Phase Down/Elimination Enrollment

Does this program No
currently have
enrollment?

Describe how this revision or phase down/elimination will impact enrollment and degrees awarded. If this is an elimination/phase down proposal include the plans for the students left in the program.

There are no students in the concentration. There will be no impact to enrollment or degrees awarded.

Number of Students in Program (estimate)

Year One Estimate

5th Year Estimate (or when
fully implemented)

Budget

Will the program or revision require staffing (faculty, advisors, etc.)
beyond what is currently available?

No

Additional Budget
Information

Attach File(s)

Financial Resources

How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal?

Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources?

No

Attach letters of
support

Is this program requesting self-supporting status?

No

Faculty Resources

Please address the impact on faculty resources including any changes in numbers of faculty, class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratios, etc.

NA

Library Resources

Describe your proposal's impact on the University Library's resources, collections, and services. If necessary please consult with the appropriate disciplinary specialist within the University Library.

NA

EP Documentation

EP Control Number EP.23.048

Attach
Rollback/Approval
Notices

This proposal No
requires HLC
inquiry

DMI Documentation

Attach Final
Approval Notices

Banner/Codebook Business and Public Policy
Name

Program Code: 5467

Minor Code	Conc Code	5467	Degree Code	Major Code
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Senate Approval
Date

Senate
Conference
Approval Date

BOT Approval
Date

IBHE Approval
Date

HLC Approval
Date

DOE Approval
Date

Effective Date:

Attached
Document

Justification for
this request

Program Reviewer
Comments

Brooke Newell (bsnewell) (10/05/22 7:28 am): Rollback: Email sent to Jonathan Hall. Please revise the effective date, respond to all questions in the Program Justification (some newly added), and review response in the Phase Down section.

Brooke Newell (bsnewell) (12/05/22 3:14 pm): Rollback: Email sent to Jonathan and Lorena

Brooke Newell (bsnewell) (01/26/23 6:13 am): Per request by Nolan Miller, added Letter of Support from Nerissa Brown to CIM P record

Key: 786

From: "Brown, Nerissa" <nerissab@illinois.edu>
Date: January 25, 2023 at 8:12:51 PM CST
To: "Miller, Nolan H" <nmiller@illinois.edu>
Cc: "Nicholas, Lorena K" <lorenan@illinois.edu>
Subject: Re: Phase Down/Elimination of Business and Public Policy Concentration

Thanks Nolan! I approve of this elimination. I approved it in CIM and copying Lorena who is monitoring the CIM flow to Ed Pol.

Best, Nerissa

From: Miller, Nolan H <nmiller@illinois.edu>
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 7:58 PM
To: Brown, Nerissa <nerissab@illinois.edu>
Subject: Fwd: Phase Down/Elimination of Business and Public Policy Concentration

Hi Nerissa,

This is the outstanding email you have from me. I have approvals from various graduate academic directors and the chairs/heads of all three departments. It is now with you in CIMP for approval as the grad committee chair, which, if you approve, I assume will be sufficient for the record as it goes to Ed Pol. Of course, if you want to attach an email saying you approve it, that would be great, but I don't think we need it since you're in the workflow. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Nolan

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Miller, Nolan H" </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=25B0C1394D0E48FF81BD77FAECB9681A-NMILLER>
Date: December 7, 2022 at 9:56:00 AM CST
Subject: Phase Down/Elimination of Business and Public Policy Concentration

Hi Nerissa,

We have begun the process of eliminating the BPP graduate concentration. This concentration was created around a decade ago +/- for students in the Accounting masters programs who needed to do a concentration. For a while, demand was strong, but eventually they all gravitated toward taking the analytics concentration. Currently, the BPP concentration is not listed among the possible concentrations for MAS. We then repurposed the faculty to teach required courses in MSF and MSBA, and the course numbers were repurposed for the new iMBA courses we are offering. For the past several years there have been no students in the concentration.

As part of the formal phase down/elimination process, we are reaching out to you in your role as associate dean of graduate programs as well as the program directors for the various masters programs in Accountancy, Business Administration, and Finance to inform them and get their input.

If you have any questions, please let me know. If you are ok with the change, please reply to this email saying so and I'll include it in the submission.

Thanks,

Nolan



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From: [Torelli, Carlos Javier](#)
To: [Miller, Nolan H](#)
Cc: [Hall, Jonathan T](#)
Subject: RE: elimination of Business and Public Policy graduate concentration
Date: Monday, January 23, 2023 2:10:17 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Nolan

I checked with my team and the answer is that you can eliminate this program.

Best

Carlos

Carlos J. Torelli
Anthony J. Petullo Professor of Business Administration
Head of the Department of Business Administration
Gies College of Business
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

From: Miller, Nolan H <nmler@illinois.edu>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 4:08 PM
To: Torelli, Carlos Javier <ctorelli@illinois.edu>
Cc: Hall, Jonathan T <jthall@illinois.edu>
Subject: elimination of Business and Public Policy graduate concentration

Dear Carlos,

In the past, the finance department offered a graduate concentration in Business and Public Policy that was available to masters students in your department. However, due to changing program requirements, decreased student interest, and the need to reassign faculty to courses with higher demand, we are eliminating the concentration. In recent years, there has been little interest in this program from students, and none from BA students as far as I know.

As part of the process, we are reaching out to stakeholders to inform them of the change and see if they have any concerns. This concentration was an available option for students in the old MS Business Administration, which was suspended in 2020, and MSTM. I have already reached out to James Noonan as MSTM Academic Director, and he has said he has no objection. There has been some discussion within the Senate Education Policy Committee about how to handle approvals in cases where there is both an academic director and an EO for the department in which the program resides. Accordingly, I am reaching out to you to ask for your acknowledgement/support for the elimination of this program. A brief reply to this email letting me know that you have conferred with the relevant people in your department and support the change sufficient. We will then include it with the materials we send to the senate as we go through the elimination process.

Of course, feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Best,

Nolan



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From: [Miller, Nolan H](#)
To: [Hall, Jonathan T](#)
Subject: FW: Elimination of Business and Public Policy graduate concentration
Date: Monday, January 23, 2023 2:47:22 PM

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From: Donohoe, Michael P <mtonohoe@illinois.edu>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 5:08 PM
To: Miller, Nolan H <nmiller@illinois.edu>
Subject: Re: Elimination of Business and Public Policy graduate concentration

Hi,

Thank you for reaching out and the background information. I support the elimination as does the MAS program staff. Thank you.

Michael Donohoe
Head and Professor of Accountancy

On Jan 20, 2023, at 4:59 PM, Miller, Nolan H <nmiller@illinois.edu> wrote:

Thanks, Michael. For the record, would you respond again with your full name and adding that you're head of the department of accountancy?

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From: Donohoe, Michael P <mtonohoe@illinois.edu>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 4:44 PM
To: Miller, Nolan H <nmiller@illinois.edu>
Subject: Re: Elimination of Business and Public Policy graduate concentration

Hi,

Thank you for reaching out and the background information. I support the elimination as does the MAS program staff. Thank you.

Michael

On Jan 20, 2023, at 3:45 PM, Miller, Nolan H <nmiller@illinois.edu> wrote:

Dear Michael,

I'm writing regarding the Business and Public Policy graduate concentration, which we are in the process of eliminating. This concentration was started some years ago to serve students in the Accountancy MS programs. However, since that time program requirements have changed, student interest has waned, and we have had to reassign faculty to teach other high-priority courses. In the past few years there has been very little interest in the concentration, and none from ACCY students as far as I know.

As we begin the formal process of ending the concentration, we are reaching out to involved units/programs to inform you of the change and see whether you have any concerns. There is some discussion in the Senate Education Policy Committee about how best to do this in situations where there are graduate programs with academic directors that live within departments. Accordingly, I have already reached out to Justin Leiby (MAS) and Rachel Schwartz (in person MSA), and they have indicated their support. The concentration courses were never offered in an online format, so iMSA is not a concern.

Please respond to this email letting me know whether or not you support the elimination. Your response will be forwarded to the Senate as we go through the elimination process.

Thanks,

Nolan

<IMAGE001.PNG>

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From: [Miller, Nolan H](#)
To: [Hall, Jonathan T](#)
Subject: FW: Elimination of Business and Public Policy Graduate Concentration
Date: Friday, December 9, 2022 3:00:56 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Noonan, James R <jnoonan2@illinois.edu>
Sent: Friday, December 9, 2022 1:08 PM
To: Miller, Nolan H <nMiller@illinois.edu>
Subject: Re: Elimination of Business and Public Policy Graduate Concentration

Thanks, Nolan. I understand, I am ok with the change, and I have no questions.

Best,

James Noonan
Academic Director, MSTM

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 9, 2022, at 8:14 AM, Miller, Nolan H <nmiller@illinois.edu> wrote:

Dear James,

We have begun the process of eliminating the Business and Public Policy graduate concentration, which was an available option for students in BA master's programs. This concentration was created around a decade ago +/- for students in the Accounting master's programs who needed to do a concentration. For a while, demand was strong, but eventually they all gravitated toward taking the analytics concentration. Currently, the BPP concentration is not listed among the possible concentrations for MAS. We then repurposed the faculty to teach required courses in MSF and MSBA, and the course numbers were repurposed for the new iMBA courses we are offering. For the past several years there have been no students in the concentration, and I don't recall a BA student ever doing the concentration in the past.

As part of the formal phase down/elimination process, we are reaching out to the associate dean of Gies graduate programs as well as the program directors for the various master's programs in Accountancy, Business Administration, and Finance to

inform them and get their input.

If you have any questions, please let me know. If you are ok with the change, please reply to this email saying so (with your program director title) and I'll include it in the submission.

Thanks,

Nolan

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From: [Miller, Nolan H](#)
To: [Hall, Jonathan T](#)
Subject: FW: Elimination of Business and Public Policy graduate concentration
Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 12:42:38 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Jonathan,

Please add to CIMP for BPP elimination.

Thanks,

Nolan

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From: Leiby, Justin <jleiby2@illinois.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 11:10 AM
To: Miller, Nolan H <nmiller@illinois.edu>
Subject: RE: Elimination of Business and Public Policy graduate concentration

Hi Nolan,

Thank you for reaching out about this and informing us about the change. I completely understand the decision to wind down this program and hope that the process works smoothly for you.

Justin

From: Miller, Nolan H <nmiller@illinois.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:44 AM
To: Leiby, Justin <jleiby2@illinois.edu>; Schwartz, Rachel <rschwartz@illinois.edu>
Subject: Elimination of Business and Public Policy graduate concentration

Dear Justin and Rachel,

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Thanks,

Nolan



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To: [Hall, Jonathan T](#)
Subject: FW: Elimination of Business and Public Policy graduate concentration
Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 12:38:34 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Jonathan,

Please add the email below to CIMP for BPP elimination.

Thanks,

nm

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From: Schwartz, Rachel <rschwart@illinois.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 12:00 PM
To: Miller, Nolan H <nmiller@illinois.edu>
Cc: Leiby, Justin <jleiby2@illinois.edu>
Subject: RE: Elimination of Business and Public Policy graduate concentration

Dear Nolan,

MSA has no objections to eliminating the BPP concentration.

Best,

Rachel

Rachel Schwartz, Ph.D.
Academic Director, MSA Program
Department of Accountancy
217.333.0975 | rschwart@illinois.edu

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From: Miller, Nolan H <nmiller@illinois.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 10:44 AM
To: Leiby, Justin <jleiby2@illinois.edu>; Schwartz, Rachel <rschwart@illinois.edu>
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To: [Hall, Jonathan T](#)
Subject: FW: Elimination of BPP Graduate Concentration
Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022 11:23:34 AM
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From: White, Tiffany <tbwhite@illinois.edu>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 11:23 AM
To: Miller, Nolan H <nmiller@illinois.edu>
Subject: Re: Elimination of BPP Graduate Concentration

Hi Nolan,
Thanks for this explanation. In my capacity as Academic Director of the MSM program, I approve of this change.

Best,

TBW

Tiffany Barnett White, PhD
Associate Professor of Business Administration and Advertising
Bruce and Anne Strohm Faculty Fellow
Academic Director, Gies MS in Management Program
Faculty Athletics Representative, Illinois Athletics
University of Illinois
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tbwhite@illinois.edu



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From: Miller, Nolan H <nmiller@illinois.edu>
Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 9:58 AM
To: White, Tiffany <tbwhite@illinois.edu>
Subject: Elimination of BPP Graduate Concentration

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We have begun the process of eliminating the BPP graduate concentration, which was an available option for students in BA masters programs. This concentration was created around a decade ago +/- for students in the Accounting masters programs who needed to do a concentration. For a while, demand was strong, but eventually they all gravitated toward taking the analytics concentration. Currently, the BPP concentration is not listed among the possible concentrations for MAS. We then repurposed the faculty to teach required courses in MSF and MSBA, and the course numbers were repurposed for the new iMBA courses we are offering. For the past several years there have been no students in the concentration, and I don't recall a BA student ever doing the concentration in the past.

As part of the formal phase down/elimination process, we are reaching out to the associate dean of Gies graduate programs as well as the program directors for the various masters programs in Accountancy, Business Administration, and Finance to inform them and get their input.

If you have any questions, please let me know. If you are ok with the change, please reply to this email saying so (with your program director title) and I'll include it in the submission.

Thanks,

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