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TO: President David Dooley
FROM: Bahram Nassersharif, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL titled, Joint Report of the Curriculum and Standards and Graduate Council Report #2019-20-3 to the Faculty Senate: Accelerated Bachelors/Masters Programs, is forwarded for your consideration.

2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on May 7, 2020.

3. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

4. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective May 28, 2020 three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; or (3) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum.

Bahram Nassersharif   May 7, 2020
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

  ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

a. Approved X .

b. Approved with Notification to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees____.

c. Disapproved____.

_____   __May 18, 2020_____
     Signature of the President   (date)

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE
May 7, 2020

Joint Report 2019-2020-3
Faculty Senate Curriculum and Standards Committee
and
Graduate Council

At the December 19, 2019, January 30, 2020, and February 27, 2020 meetings of the Curriculum and Standards Committee and the April 30, 2020 special meeting of the Graduate Council, the following matters were considered and are now presented to the Faculty Senate.

SECTION II
Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation
by the Faculty Senate

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:
Computer Science and Statistics Department: **(See Appendix A)**
ABM – BA/BS (CSC) / PSM
Changing CSF 102 to CSF 202 in the prerequisite course list for the ABM in Computer Science.

English Department:
ABM – BA / MA (English) **(See Appendix B)**
Creation of an English ABM program, non-thesis option only. Nine credits allowed for double counting.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES:
Nutrition and Food Sciences Department: **(See Appendix C)**
ABM - BS / MS (Nutrition)
Creation of a Nutrition and Food Sciences ABM program allowing for 7 credits to be double counted. Request 2 codes for ABM Dietetics and Nutrition at the undergraduate level.

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Appendix A

Notice of Change form

Revised 8/2016

Notice of Change for: CS BA to PSM ABM; CS BS to PSM ABM

Date: 8/2/2019

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. **Name of institution**
   University of Rhode Island

2. **Name of department, division, school or college**

   Department: Computer Science and Statistics
   College: Arts and Sciences

3. **Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.**

   Initiation date: Fall 2020
   First degree date: Spring 2021

4. **Intended location of the program**
   Kingston

5. **Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).**

   We are changing CSF 102 to CSF 202 in the prerequisite course list.

6. **If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog changes indicated in Track Changes.**

   ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S TO MASTER'S DEGREES

   Computer Science BA to Cyber Security Professional Science Master's Degree
   Computer Science BS to Cyber Security Professional Science Master's Degree

Students in the Computer Science BA and the Computer Science BS programs are eligible to apply for an Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Degree (CSABM) program to earn a Professional Science Master's Degree in Cyber Security.

All courses required by the Computer Science BA (or BS) and the Professional Science Master's in Cyber Security are required. Additional requirements under the CSABM program are listed below.

Prerequisites
Prior to application, students must receive a B or better in CSC 211, CSF ~~102~~ 202, CSF 432, or equivalent courses at the discretion of the department.

Applying for the CSABM
To apply for the CSABM program, students must have earned a minimum of 75 credits and have a 3.0 GPA. Students will be enrolled in CSABM program only after they have met the Graduate School admission requirements and have completed 90 undergraduate credits.

Admitted to CSABM – Prior to Receiving BA (or BS)
Once accepted to the CSABM program, prior to receiving their BA (or BS) in Computer Science, students must receive a B or better in two PSM required courses. Twelve credits may be double counted for both the Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. Only 500-level courses and 400-level courses designated for graduate credit are eligible to be double counted.

Admitted to CSABM – After Receiving BA (or BA)
After the BA (or BS) has been completed, the remaining PSM courses must be completed within two years of being encoded as an CSABM student.

7. **Signature of the President**

David M. Dooley (signature)

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David M. Dooley

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Appendix B

Notice of Change form

Revised 8/2016

Notice of Change for: Accelerated Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in English

Date: 9/1/19

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution
University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college

Department: English
College: Arts and Sciences

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.

Initiation date: May 2020
First degree date: May 2022

4. Intended location of the program: URI Kingston Campus

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).

N.B. This proposal is submitted concurrently with a proposed change to the undergraduate English major and assumes that the new undergraduate major will be approved and become active for undergraduate students matriculating in fall 2020.

The Department of English currently offers a BA in English (120 credits) and an MA in English (30 credits). This proposal for an Accelerated Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts (ABM) in English anticipates that students will be able to obtain both degrees by taking 141 credits in 5 years. The integrity of this English ABM proposal centers on the strong traditions and record of the Portfolio (non-thesis) option in the MA degree, which requires substantial revision of written work with

development of a strong scholarly voice and methodology, and reflection by the student on his/her intellectual and professional development.

Application to the English ABM program will be open only to enrolled English undergraduates who have completed at least 75 credits. Students meeting this and the requirements outlined below may apply for admission to the English MA program through the URI Graduate School in the normal way. There will be no GRE requirements for any ABM students. Generally, a 3.5 overall GPA will be required to enter the program. The English Department Graduate Admissions Committee will make determinations of approval or denial of students into the MA program. At the point that admitted students achieve 90 credits (and have maintained necessary GPA prerequisites) they can matriculate into the ABM program and will be coded as ABM students.

To complete the English ABM program, students complete all requirements for both the BA in English and the MA in English, with 2 exceptions.
Exception 1: ABM students will be permitted to double count a total of 9 credits toward the dual degrees.
Exception 2: ABM students must take 3 credits of ENG 394 or ENG 395 Independent Study with a member of the English Department faculty as part of the English BA, and may not double count these credits with the English MA.

The specific double counting arrangements are as follows:
Students must take 3 graduate courses in their senior year: ENG 510/511 Introduction to Professional Study I and II, ENG 514 History of Critical Theories, and one other 5XX or 6XX seminar. These 3 courses will count toward both the BA and the MA. They may be substituted, as appropriate, for courses listed as satisfying the following categories required for the undergraduate English BA major:

1. ENG 510/511: Elective.

2. ENG 514: Ways of Thinking.

3. Third graduate-level seminar: Representation Matters; Earlier Literary Histories; Later Literary Histories; English Capstone; Elective. The appropriate category for this seminar will be determined through consultation with the instructor and the Director of Graduate Study, and be implemented through a curriculum modification.

In the fall of their senior year students must also take 3 credits of ENG 394 or ENG 395 Independent Study as an elective in the BA English major, with a member of the English Department faculty. This course will train students in graduate writing and research. It counts toward the BA only, and may not be counted in the 30 credits required for an MA degree. At the end of the senior year students will thus have completed the minimum requirements for an undergraduate major in English. This requirement facilitates coordination of a 4-credit undergraduate curriculum with a 3-credit graduate curriculum.

In their fifth year students take the remaining 5 courses required for the MA and complete the 6-credit non-thesis Portfolio.

In addition to the double-counted credits, ABM students may take additional graduate-level (5XX and 6XX) English courses as an undergraduate student and count them towards the MA in English. These courses fall under the "advanced standing" rule whereby the course would be counted toward the MA, but not counted toward the BA.

ABM students may complete only the non-thesis option of the English MA program.

Generally, ABM students should take credits at URI for the MA portion of their programs. Exceptions to the rule must be approved by the English Director of Graduate Studies or the Chair of English. Under no circumstances may ABM students apply more than 6 credits taken outside URI to the MA portion of their programs. ABM students must complete a Program of Study and submit it to the Graduate School before their last semester as ABM students. Typically, this would be during the first semester of the fifth year. The Chair of English and the English Director of Graduate Studies will coordinate the ABM program.

The MA portion of the English ABM is not eligible for University funding in the form of fellowships or a Graduate Teaching Assistantship.

	Examples of ABM Student Progress through the English MA Program					
	DC = Double Counted			NB: ENG 510 + ENG 511 = 3 credits		
	Grad Credits taken as an Undergraduate			Grad Credits taken as a Graduate Student		
Student	Fall Senior Year	Spring Senior Year	Summer	Fall Grad Year	Spring Grad Year	Total
Elizabeth	ENG 510 (DC); ENG 514 (DC)	ENG 511 (DC); ENG 5XX or 6XX (DC)	3 grad credits	6 grad credits; 3 credits ENG 595	6 grad credits; 3 credits ENG 595	30
Bingley	ENG 510 (DC); ENG 514 (DC)	ENG 511 (DC); 3 credits ENG 5XX or 6XX (DC); 3 credits 5XX or 6XX		6 grad credits; 3 credits ENG 595	6 grad credits; 3 credits ENG 595	30

Jane	ENG 510 (DC); ENG 514 (DC)	ENG 511 (DC); ENG 5XX or 6XX (DC)		9 grad credits; 3 credits ENG 595	6 grad credits; 3 credits ENG 595	30

6. If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog changes indicated in Track Changes.

English

M.A., A.B.M., M.A./M.L.I.S., Ph.D.

401.874.4663 uri.edu/english/graduate-program/
Faculty: Associate Professor Williams, *chair*; Professor Davis, *director of graduate studies*. Professors Betensky, Cappello, Faflik, Gititi, Mandel, Riley, Trimm, and Walton; Associate Professors Barber, Covino, Eron, Jones, Karno, Kusz, Nikitas, and Rojas; Assistant Professor Mok. Professors Emeriti Arakelian, Burke, Cuddy, Donnelly, Dvorak, Hills, Leo, Shamoon, and Stein.

Master of Arts
Admission requirements: a B.A. in English or the equivalent, with a grade point average of B (3.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better in all English courses. Applicants will be accepted for September admission only. A writing sample of 20 pages maximum is required. Nonnative speakers of English must have a TOEFL score of 95 or above in order to be considered for admission, and the University minimum must be met on each of the four sections of the exam; see uri.edu/graduate-school/apply/international-applicants/. For more detail regarding admission see: uri.edu/english/m-a-admission/
Program requirements: 30 credits, including ENG 595 (master's project) or ENG 599 (master's thesis). ENG 510, 511, and 514 are required.

A.B.M.—Accelerated Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in English
Application requirements: Enrolled undergraduate English major at URI, GRE not required. 75 completed credit hours required for application; 90 completed credit hours required for enrollment. Overall 3.5 GPA required to enroll. Applicants must apply in the spring of their junior year, by the June 15 deadline.
Program requirements: A.B.M. students must complete a Program of Study and submit it to the Graduate School before the start of their last semester as an A.B.M. student and must follow the Graduate School timetable for graduation. Nine credits may be double counted for the A.B.M. Degrees. With appropriate planning, A.B.M. students can obtain the B.A. and M.A. degrees with a total of 141 credits rather than 150 credits. Only 500- and 600-level courses are eligible to be double counted. A.B.M. students must double count ENG 510 (1.5 credits) and ENG 511 (1.5 credits), ENG 514 (3 credits), and one other 500- or 600-level ENG course (3 credits). Double-counted courses apply to the requirements of the English B.A. as follows: ENG 510/511: Elective; ENG 514: Ways of Thinking; Third 500- or 600-level ENG course: Representation Matters; Earlier Literary Histories; Later Literary Histories; English Capstone; Elective. The appropriate category for this seminar will be determined through consultation with the instructor and the Director of Graduate Study, and be implemented through a curriculum modification. In the fall of their senior year students must also take 3 credits of ENG 394 or ENG 395 Independent Study with a member of the English Department faculty. This course counts as an Elective in the B.A. only, and may not be counted in the 30 credits required for an M.A. degree. In their fifth year students take the remaining 5 courses required for the M.A. and complete the 6-credit non-thesis Portfolio. A.B.M. students may complete only the non-thesis option for the English M.A. A.B.M. students must get approval of the English Director of Graduate Studies or the Chair of English to use credits earned outside URI to be counted toward the M.A. portion of the A.B.M.

M.A. in English and M.L.I.S. Cooperative Program
By proper selection of course work, a student may simultaneously earn the degree of Master of Arts in English and Master of Library and Information Studies.

Admission requirements: Requirements listed for English and library science. Applicant must apply and be accepted in both programs. The application for each program must indicate English/library and information studies as the field of specialization.
Program requirements: Students must submit individual programs of study for the 36-credit M.L.I.S. program and the 30-credit M.A. in English. The integrated pursuit of the two degrees makes it possible for six credits of appropriately selected course work from one program to serve as electives in the other, and for six credits of course work to be applied in the opposite direction. Thus, when planned and taken jointly, the two programs can be completed with a total of 54 credits rather than 66. Students must complete at least 30 credits in librarianship and at least 24 credits in English.

Doctor of Philosophy
The Ph.D. program stresses faculty/student mentoring. Admission is competitive and based mainly on academic merit, demonstrated capability to do research, and the match of research interests between the applicant and faculty in indicated or developing areas of specialization.

Admission requirements: M.A. in English or equivalent. Although grades are not the only criterion, applicants having less than a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale) have a low probability for admission. Applicants will be accepted for September admission only. The GRE test is required. A writing sample of 20 pages maximum is required. Nonnative speakers of English must have a TOEFL score of 95 or above in order to be considered for admission, and the University minimum must be met on each of the four sections of the exam; see uri.edu/graduate-school/apply/international-applicants/. For more detail regarding admission see: uri.edu/english/ph-d-admission/
Program requirements: 72 credits—30 credits approved for M.A. work; 24 credits of course work plus 18 credits of dissertation research. ENG 510, 511, and 514 are required. Candidates must pass comprehensive exam; a dissertation and an oral defense are required. Core dissertation committee must include faculty in area of specialization. Interdisciplinary study is encouraged, including coursework in other departments. A limited number of 500- and 600-level courses in other departments and programs may be used for program credit if approved as part of the student's program of study before the courses are taken. (In some cases, a research tool may be required by a student's doctoral committee in consultation with the director of graduate studies.)

Financial Aid
All requests for Teaching Assistantships must be expressed in an additional, separate letter included with the application packet.

7. **Signature of the President**

David M. Dooley

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Appendix C
Notice of Change form

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Notice of Change for: Accelerated BS-MS Degree in Nutrition

Date: August 28, 2019

A.   PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. **Name of institution**
    University of Rhode Island

2. **Name of department, division, school or college**

    Department: Nutrition and Food Sciences
    College: Health Sciences

3. **Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.**

    Initiation date: Fall 2020
    First degree date: Spring 2021

4. **Intended location of the program**

    Kingston campus

5. **Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).**

    The Department is requesting two changes to our existing Accelerated BS-MS Program (ABM) in Nutrition. First, we are requesting to double count up to 7 credits for the BS and MS degrees, reflecting the newest University requirements that allows up to 12 credits to

be double counted for the two degrees. Second, we are requesting limited catalog language edits to change the BS completion time period from 7 semesters to 4 years because of the newest structure of the ABMs.

Administratively, we are also requesting two PeopleSoft codes for our ABM - one ABM in Dietetics and one ABM in Nutrition – to reflect the two options of our undergraduate degree. We are requesting two codes because the Dietetics option is an accredited program that requires that we provide documentation of enrolled students at various points in their academic careers. This documentation will be difficult to produce if students from both options are enrolled in one ABM.

6. **If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog changes indicated in Track Changes.**

   <u>CURRENT ABM CATALOG LANGUAGE</u>
   The Accelerated B.S.-M.S. Program in Nutrition allows students to complete a bachelors degree and a masters degree in 5 years. Students will complete their B.S. degree by the end of the fall semester of their senior year, and then complete the M.S. degree requirements over the next 3 semesters. The B.S. degree requirements are the same as for students completing the degree over four years; the M.S. degree requirements are the same as for students completing the degree over two years. The M.S. program includes a thesis that allows students to gain experience in the research process. Please see the M.S. Program admission and program requirements in the Graduate Program Descriptions section of this catalog and visit the department website (https://web.uri.edu/nfs/) for more information.

   <u>PROPOSED ABM CATALOG LANGUAGE</u>
   The Accelerated B.S.-M.S. Program in Nutrition allows students to complete a bachelors degree and a masters degree in 5 years. Students will complete their B.S. degree by the end of their senior year, and then complete the M.S. degree requirements in the fifth year. The B.S. degree requirements are the same as for students completing the degree over four years; the M.S. degree requirements are the same as for students completing the degree over two years. Students may double count up to 7 credits for the BS and MS degrees. The M.S. program includes a thesis that allows students to gain experience in the research process. Please see the M.S. Program admission and program requirements in the Graduate Program Descriptions section of this catalog and visit the department website (https://web.uri.edu/nfs/) for more information.

7. **Signature of the President**

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David M. Dooley

Approved by NFS, 1-10-20, Cathy English, Department Chair