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Educational Programs: All: Academic program coordination

For each major in a degree program, the institution assigns responsibility for program coordination, as well as for curriculum development and review, to persons academically qualified in the field. In those degree programs for which the institution does not identify a major, this requirement applies to a curricular area or concentration.

Judgment

Compliant Non-Compliant Not Applicable

Compliance Report Narrative

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For each major, curricular area, or concentration, Angelo State University assigns responsibility for program coordination and for curriculum development and review to persons academically qualified in the field.

PROGRAM COORDINATION

Degree programs at ASU are housed within the academic departments, and primary responsibility for program coordination rests with the department chairpersons. Academic department chairpersons are tenured or tenure-track faculty with several years of experience in higher education and suitable academic credentials. Some multidisciplinary departments also have academically qualified program coordinators that oversee areas or programs within the department.

Department head was a permanent position. Starting in fall 2012, department chairpersons will be appointed for three-year terms by the provost and vice president for academic affairs on the recommendation of the dean of the appropriate college. The chairperson, in cooperation with the faculty, is responsible for supervising activities of the department, scheduling classes, assisting in faculty evaluations, preparing budget requests, initiating appointment recommendations, developing the curriculum, and supervising assessment activities ([ASU OP 06.01, Academic Deans and Department Chairpersons](#); note that until spring of 2012, when the new OP 06.01 went into effect, chairpersons were department heads with unlimited terms).

Several colleges and departments at ASU were reorganized in the summer of 2011, resulting in the merging of some departments and the elimination of others as separate units. The chairs of those departments that were eliminated and merged were given the title "Program Director" and have secondary responsibility over the program areas that were part of their former departments. For example, the Department of Modern Languages was merged with English to create the Department of English and Modern Languages. Dr. Karen Cody, former chair of the Department of Modern Languages, is now the Modern Languages Program Director. These coordinators are listed beneath the department chairpersons in the section below entitled "Academic Program Leadership."

ASU has several interdisciplinary degree programs, including the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS); the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Interdisciplinary Studies, with various teaching concentrations; the BS in Food Animal Science and Marketing; and the BS in Natural Resource Management. The requirements for these various degree programs are distributed among the units responsible for the content in each major. See, for example, the degree requirements for the BS in Interdisciplinary Studies in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction ([ASU Undergraduate Catalog 2011–2012, p. 137](#)). The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) degree is under the umbrella of the College of Arts and Sciences and is composed of three minors, rather than a single major. The responsibilities for the various minors fall to the appropriate departments ([ASU Undergraduate Catalog 2011–2012, pp. 348–349](#)). The Master of Arts in Multi-Disciplinary Studies, overseen by the Graduate College, has been eliminated and will be taught out by August 31, 2015.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

ASU faculty and administrators approve each academic program and its curriculum. Proposals for curricular change and new degree programs originate at the faculty level and are reviewed by faculty

committees in accordance with the policies and procedures defined in [ASU OP 04.05, Approval Process for New Degree Programs](#). The [Request for Curriculum Change form](#), an attachment to ASU OP 04.05, specifies which administrators and faculty committees are required to review and approve different types of curricular change. Minor curricular changes—such as changing a prerequisite within a department or modifying a course description—must be approved by the appropriate department chairperson and dean, the registrar, and the provost and vice president for academic affairs. More significant changes—including course and program additions or deletions—must also be approved by the relevant College Curriculum Committee and, where appropriate, the Teacher Education Council (for changes involving teacher certification programs), the University Core Curriculum Committee (for changes to the core curriculum), and/or the Graduate Council (for changes in graduate curricula). All significant curricular changes are also reviewed by the University Curriculum Committee.

All of the curriculum-review committees are composed of faculty members who have the education and experience necessary to ensure that ASU degree programs demonstrate appropriate course content, sequencing, and linkages among program components (see also Core Requirement 2.7.2, Program content; Comprehensive Standard 3.4.1, Academic program approval; and Comprehensive Standard 3.4.10, Responsibility for curriculum). Each College Curriculum Committee, for example, is composed of the dean of the college, the department chairpersons, an additional faculty member from each department, and a representative from the library. Departments offering teacher certification programs are represented on the Teacher Education Council by the department chairperson, and the dean of the College of Education serves as chair. On the Graduate Council, departments offering graduate majors are represented by a senior graduate faculty member other than the department chair, while departments offering minor programs are represented by the department chair. The dean of the College of Graduate Studies serves as chair of the Graduate Council. More information regarding the appointment and responsibilities of these committees is provided in [ASU OP 04.01, Angelo State University Councils and Committees](#) and [ASU Committees and Councils 2011–2012](#).

ACADEMIC PROGRAM LEADERSHIP—FALL 2011 AND SPRING 2012

Following is a list of the academic program leadership in each college.

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Agriculture

Department Chairperson: [Dr. Gil Engdahl](#), Professor of Animal Science (PhD in Animal Nutrition—Animal Science)

Programs of Study in Agriculture:

- BS Agricultural Science and Leadership
- BS Animal Business
- BS Animal Science
- BS Food Animal Science and Marketing
- BS Natural Resource Management
- MS Animal Science

Department of Art and Music

Department Chairperson: [Dr. David Scott](#), Professor of Music (PhD in Music)

Programs of Study in Art:

- BA Art (being taught out by August 31, 2015)
- BFA Studio Art

Programs of Study in Music:

- BA Music
- BM Music

Department of Biology

Department Chairperson: [Dr. R. Russell Wilke](#), Professor of Health Professions (PhD in Science Education)

Programs of Study in Biology:

- BS Biology
- BS Biochemistry (being consolidated by August 15, 2014)
- BS Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- BS Clinical Laboratory Science
- MS Biology

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Department Chairperson: [Dr. John Osterhout](#), Professor of Biochemistry (PhD in Chemistry)

Program of Study in Chemistry:

- BS Chemistry

Department of Communication, Mass Media, and Theatre

Department Chairperson: [Dr. Shawn Wahl](#), Professor of Communication (PhD in Communication Studies)

Director of University Theatre: [Dr. Bill Doll](#), Professor of Theatre (PhD in Fine Arts, Interdisciplinary with Theatre Arts concentration)

Programs of Study in Communication:

- BA Communication
- MA Communication

Program of Study in Mass Media:

- BA Mass Media

Program of Study in Theatre:

- BA Theatre

Department of English and Modern Languages

Department Chairperson: [Dr. Laurence Musgrove](#), Professor of English (PhD in English)

Program Director, Modern Languages: [Dr. Karen Cody](#) (PhD in French)

Programs of Study in English:

- BA English
- MA English

Programs of Study in Modern Languages:

- BA French (program being taught out by August 31, 2015)
- BA German (program being taught out by August 31, 2015)
- BA Spanish

Department of History

Department Chairperson: [Dr. Ken Heineman](#), Professor of History (PhD in History)

Programs of Study in History:

- BA History

- MA History (being taught out by August 31, 2015)

Department of Political Science and Philosophy

Department Chairperson: [Dr. Laurence "Casey" Jones](#), Professor of Political Science (PhD in Administration—Urban Affairs)

Programs of Study in Political Science:

- BA Political Science
- MPA Public Administration

Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

Department Chairperson: [Dr. Roger Zarnowski](#), Professor of Mathematics (PhD in Mathematics)

Program Director, Computer Science: [Dr. Tim Roden](#) (PhD in Computer Science)

Programs of Study in Mathematics:

- BA Mathematics
- BS Mathematics

Program of Study in Computer Science:

- BS Computer Science

Department of Physics

Department Chairperson: [Dr. Andrew Wallace](#), Professor of Physics (PhD in Theoretical Physics) – Dr. Wallace became Dean of the Freshman College on April 1, 2012

Department Chairperson as of April 2, 2012: [Dr. David Bixler](#), Associate Professor of Physics (PhD in Physics)

Programs of Study in Physics:

- BS Geoscience
- BS Physics
- BS Applied Physics (being consolidated by August 15, 2012)

College of Business

Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance

Department Chairperson: [Dr. Thomas Bankston](#), Professor of Finance (PhD in Business Administration)

Programs of Study in Accounting:

- BBA Accounting
- BBA/MBA Accounting (being taught out by August 15, 2015)
- MBA Accounting (being taught out by August 15, 2015)
- BBA/MPAc Professional Accountancy

Programs of Study in Finance:

- BBA Finance
- BBA Finance/Real Estate

Department of Management and Marketing

Department Chairperson: [Dr. Tom Badgett](#), Professor of Marketing (PhD in Business Logistics)

Programs of Study in Management and Marketing:

- BBA International Business
- BBA Management
- BBA Management Information Systems
- BBA Marketing
- MBA Business Administration

Department of Security Studies and Criminal Justice

Department Chairperson (Director): [Dr. Robert Ehlers](#), Professor of History (PhD in History)

Program Coordinator, Criminal Justice: Randolph Hicks, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice (PhD in Criminal Justice; Adult Education)

Programs of Study in Security Studies:

- BBS Border Security
- MS Border Security
- BCCSS Cultural Competence and Security Studies
- BCFSS Cultural Fluency and Security Studies
- MSS Security Studies

Program of Study in Criminal Justice:

- BA Criminal Justice
- BS Criminal Justice
- MS Criminal Justice

Department of Aerospace Studies/ROTC

Department Chairperson: [Lt. Col Stephen Magnan](#), Professor of Aerospace Studies, Commander—Air Force ROTC Detachment 847 (MS in Strategic Intelligence and MS in Military Operational Art and Science)

Program of Study in Aerospace Studies/ROTC:

- Any ASU major is acceptable for this program

College of Education

Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Department Chairperson: [Dr. James Summerlin](#), Associate Professor of Education (PhD in Educational Administration)

Programs of Study in Curriculum and Instruction:

- BS Interdisciplinary Studies
- MA Curriculum and Instruction
- MED Education—School Administration
- MED Guidance and Counseling
- MED Student Development and Leadership in Higher Education

Department of Teacher Education

Department Chairperson: [Dr. Linda Lucksinger](#), Professor of Education (PhD in Educational Psychology and MED Elementary Education)

Programs of Study in Teacher Education:

- BS Interdisciplinary Studies
- MED Professional Education

- MED Special Education

College of Health and Human Services

Department of Kinesiology

Department Chairperson: [Dr. Steven Snowdon](#), Professor of Kinesiology (PhD in Physical Education)

Programs of Study in Kinesiology:

- BS Exercise Science
- BS Kinesiology
- MS Kinesiology (consolidated; all students are in the Coaching MED)
- MED Coaching, Sport, Recreation, and Fitness Administration

Department of Nursing and Rehabilitation Sciences

Department Chairperson: [Dr. Susan Wilkinson](#), Associate Professor of Nursing (PhD in Nursing)

Program Director, Physical Therapy: [Dr. Shelly Weise](#), Associate Professor of Physical Therapy (PhD in Physical Education and MS in Physical Therapy—Clinical Level)

Program Director, Athletic Training: [Dr. Kristi White](#), Associate Professor of Kinesiology (PhD in Curriculum and Instruction and MSPE in Physical Education, athletic training program)

Programs of Study in Nursing:

- AASN Nursing (being taught out by August 15, 2013)
- BSN Nursing
- MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
- MSN Clinical Specialist
- MSN Nursing Education

Program of Study in Rehabilitation Sciences:

- BS Athletic Training

Program of Study in Physical Therapy:

- DPT Physical Therapy

Department of Psychology, Sociology, and Social Work

Department Chairperson: [Dr. William Davidson](#), Professor of Psychology (PhD in Psychology)

Programs of Study in Psychology:

- BA Psychology
- BS Psychology
- MS Counseling Psychology
- MS Industrial-Organizational Psychology
- MS Applied Psychology

Programs of Study in Sociology:

- BA Sociology
- BS Sociology

Program of Study in Social Work:

- BSW Social Work

Off Site Team Comments

The institution is in the process of transitioning from a permanent department chairperson position system to a three-year rotating position system for all department chairs. Responsibility for program coordination presently rests with department chairpersons or other faculty identified as program coordinators.

A review of the listed responsible parties showed appropriate assignment of coordination duties in most areas except for Art, Management Information Systems and Sociology/ Social Work, for which no coordinator is identified with academic credentials in the respective disciplines.

University Response

Programs that have unique accrediting needs (e.g., Social Work, Physical Therapy, etc.) are assigned separate program coordinators. However not all programs housed within multi-program departments are assigned a single point person. All faculty in a discipline are responsible for their programs. Department chairs in all departments provide academic coordination by discussing curricular changes with the faculty in the discipline. This process is codified on the [Request for Curriculum Change](#) form, which states the following:

"By approving, the department chair attests to having taken the following action: **(a) discussed the proposed change with appropriate faculty in the discipline(s) of the department and with chairs of the affected departments**, (b) conferred with the Registrar, and (c) connected any proposed new program to the University Mission Statement."

The programs in Art, Management Information Systems, and Sociology are coordinated by the department chair in the manner defined above.

In the original submission, the program director for Social Work, [Dr. Thomas Starkey](#), Assistant Professor (PhD Applied Gerontology), was inadvertently left off the Compliance Certification.