

Proposal for Termination of the Minor in Physical Education/Athletic Coaching

I. Basic Information

1. Institution: University of Georgia Date: August 24, 2004
2. College: Education
3. Department: Physical Education and Sport Studies
4. Program: Undergraduate Minor in Physical Education/Athletic Coaching
5. Deactivation _____ or Termination x _____
6. Last date students will be admitted to this program: Fall, 2004 (admission will be stopped as soon as termination is approved).
7. Last date students will graduate from the program: Spring, 2006
8. Abstract of the deactivated or terminated program
Provide a brief summary of the deactivated or terminated program that includes an overview and highlights of the response to the criteria in Section II.

The undergraduate minor in Physical Education/Athletic Coaching is an 18-semester-hour program designed to prepare individuals to serve as coaches in middle school and high school athletic programs. The program draws on courses in the Departments of Physical Education and Sport Studies and Exercise Science, and includes courses in Principles and Strategies in Coaching various sports. The primary reason for terminating the program is because the full-time faculty of the Departments of Physical Education and Sport Studies, and Exercise Science no longer includes individuals who are coaches, or who have interest and expertise in teaching the courses in Principles and Strategies of Coaching various sports. Reliance on part-time faculty to teach many of the courses in this program compromises the quality of the program and may compromise the academic integrity of the Department and University. Without the Principles and Strategies of Coaching courses, the minor cannot adequately prepare coaches. Other colleges and universities in the state have faculties more suited for this type of program. Students currently in the program will be allowed two years to complete the program. Admission will cease as soon as this proposal for termination is approved. Termination will have no negative effect on faculty or on other programs in the Departments of Physical Education and Sport Studies, and Exercise Science.

9. Signatures

Kirk J. Curleton
Department Head

Luisa Cantelmo
Dean of College

II. **Conditions for Deactivating or Terminating Programs**

The deactivation (temporary suspension) or termination (discontinuation of programs is expected to address satisfactorily the conditions listed below in order to be approved and implemented within the University of Georgia. Please provide sufficient information to confirm each condition.

1. Provide copies of the studies or decisions that warrant deactivation or termination of the program.

The faculty of the newly-merged Departments of Exercise Science and Physical Education and Sport Studies (to become the Department of Kinesiology) voted 11-3 to terminate the minor in Physical Education/Athletic Coaching.

2. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program.

The priorities and responsibilities of the full-time faculty of the Departments have changed so that none have the time or interest in teaching the required courses in Coaching Principles and Strategies of various sports (PEDS 3901-3916). At the time the minor was conceived, the faculty included former coaches and some UGA varsity coaches had joint appointments in the Department. This is no longer the case. In addition, UGA varsity or assistant coaches can no longer teach these courses. Part-time faculty available in the community cannot be relied on to provide the high quality instruction needed, and academic integrity cannot be assured. The faculty feel that without these courses, the minor cannot adequately prepare individuals to be coaches. Other institutions in the State have faculties that are more suited for offering a coaching education program. For example, Georgia Southern University has a master's degree emphasis in coaching.

3. State the plans for allowing those students in the program to complete degree requirements.

Most of the required courses for the minor will continue to be offered in the future. A few of the Coaching Principles and Strategies courses will be offered during the current and next academic year to allow students currently in the minor to complete degree requirements.

4. What will be done to minimize the impact of deactivation or termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty involved?

Termination of the minor in Physical Education/Coaching will have no impact on the full-time faculty of the department. Faculty will continue to teach some of the courses required for the program as part of the undergraduate majors in Health and Physical Education and Sport Studies. None of the faculty regularly teach the Coaching Principles and Strategies courses that will be phased out. The faculty voted to terminate the program.

5. What will be done to insure that deactivation or termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

Termination of the minor will have no impact on the other programs of the Department.

6. What plans, if any, is there for subsequent reactivation or reinstatement, respectively, of the deactivated or terminated program?

There are no plans to reinstate the program.