



Department of Higher Education

John R. Kasich, Governor
John Carey, Chancellor

PROGRAM INACTIVATION FORM

Date of submission: [DATE]

Name of institution: Kent State University with support from Stark State College (see attached letter from the provost of Stark State College)

Title of program to be inactivated: Joint Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees from Kent State University and Stark State College:

Date that the inactivation received final approval from the appropriate institutional committee: [Board of Trustees date]

Date of inactivation: Fall 2016

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Educator preparation programs:

Program leads to licensure: No

Program leads to endorsement: No

1. Provide the rationale for the inactivation of the program:

Kent State University is approved to offer both the Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) degrees independently and as joint degrees with Stark State College (major at Kent State is called "Kent State-Stark State" for both joint degrees). Ohio Board of Regents approved the AS joint degree agreement on July 16, 1999, to be effective for fall 1999, and approved the AA joint degree agreement on June 14, 2005, to be effective for spring 2006.

These joint degrees were proposed at the time because Stark State College did not offer the two degrees independently. In 2008, the chancellor approved the offering of the AA/AS degrees at eight technical colleges across the state, including Stark State College. Therefore, there is no need for a joint degree as each institution can fully offer and confer an AA or AS degree. Kent State and Stark State have many 2+2 articulation agreements between programs, and Kent State University accepts equivalent transfer of many Stark State College courses.

Consequently, Stark State College graduates can matriculate in a relatively smooth manner to a Kent State University bachelor's degree program without having to be enrolled in the joint degree program.

2. Indicate number of students currently enrolled in the program:

Enrollment in the two joint degrees has been low, see 15th day census data below:

Student Enrollment	Fall 2000	Fall 2001	Fall 2002	Fall 2003	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014
Joint AA degree	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	2	6	7	3	3	3	1	1	2
Joint AS degree	5	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
Total	5	3	1	0	1	0	3	6	8	4	3	4	2	1	3

Overall degree completion also has been low:

Degrees Earned	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Joint AA degree	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	2	1	2	1	3	0	1	1
Joint AS degree	1	1	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1
Total	1	1	1	0	1	0	6	2	1	4	2	4	0	1	2

3. Describe how the inactivation of the program will affect students currently in the program and explain plans for notifying students and assisting them in the completion of their degrees:

No students applied to either degree in spring 2015 or later, and no students are actively pursuing either degree at Kent State at this time. Both institutions will continue to individually offer the AA and AS degrees.

4. Will there be a loss of faculty or staff positions because of the inactivation of the program? If so, indicate when the faculty or staff members were or will be informed.

There will be no loss of faculty or staff positions due to this change as all the courses required in the two programs are in the Kent Core, Kent State's general education program.

5. Describe the plan for communicating the inactivation of the program, including changes to the college catalog and college website and communications with advisors, admissions officers and financial aid officers:

Admission to the joint degrees was suspended in fall 2015 and noted as such in the 2015 University Catalog. The degree programs do not appear as an option on student applications.

Once the inactivation is approved by Kent State's Board of Trustees and the Ohio Department of Higher Education, all necessary changes will be made to all university websites and materials. Further written concurrent communications will be sent out to key persons in student advising, admission and financial aid.

6. Indicate the final date that the program will be operational:

Inactivation for both joint degrees is planned for fall 2016.

Respectfully,

Todd A. Diacon, PhD
 Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
 Kent State University



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Kent State University-Stark and Stark State College are approved to offer both the AA and AS degrees independently and as joint degrees in partnership with each other. The AS joint degree agreement was approved by the Ohio Board of Regents on July 16, 1999 to be effective for fall 1999. The AA joint degree agreement was approved by Ohio Board of Regents on June 14, 2005.

These joint degrees were proposed because, at the time, Stark State College did not offer the two independently. In 2008, the OBR chancellor approved the offering of the AA/AS degrees at eight technical colleges, including Stark State College. Therefore, there isn't a need for a joint degree as each institution can fully offer and confer an AA or AS degree. Kent State University and Stark State College have many formal articulation agreements. Both colleges also grant transfer credit for equivalent courses. Therefore, Stark State College graduates can matriculate relatively easy to a Kent State University bachelor's degree program without having to be enrolled in the joint degree program.

As reflected in the charts below, enrollment in the joint degrees has been low, which is reflected in the overall degree completion rate.

Enrollment in the two joint degrees has been low:

	Fall 2000	Fall 2001	Fall 2002	Fall 2003	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006
AA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	2
AS	5	3	1	0	1	0	1
Total	5	3	1	0	1	0	3

	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014
AA	6	7	3	3	3	1	1	1
AS	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
Total	6	8	4	3	4	2	1	2

Overall degree completion is also low:

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
AA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1
AS	1	1	1	0	1	0	5
Total	1	1	1	0	1	0	6

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
AA	2	1	2	1	3	0	1	1
AS	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1
Total	2	1	4	2	4	0	1	2

As Provost and Chief Academic Officer at Stark State College, I support the inactivation of the joint degrees with Kent State University-Stark.

Lada Gibson-Shreve, Ph.D.
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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Kent State University-Stark State College - A.A. and A.S.

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Description

This Associate of Arts degree is unique to the Kent State Stark Campus and combines certain courses from Stark State College with Kent State courses.

This Associate of Science degree is unique to the Kent State Stark Campus and combines certain courses from Stark State College with Kent State courses.

Admission Requirements

Admission is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum 60 credit hours . Minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA and in major.

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A.A. Kent State-Stark State semester-by-semester Roadmap

A.S. Kent State-Stark State semester-by-semester Roadmap

Type Legend: **KAD** Kent Core Additional; **KBS** Kent Core Basic Sciences; **KCM** Kent Core Composition; **KFA** Kent Core Fine Arts; **KHU** Kent Core Humanities; **KMC** Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning; **KSS** Kent Core Social Sciences

Please read the sections in the University Catalog on [Kent Core](#) requirements.

I. DESTINATION KENT STATE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE 1 credit)				
Type	Course		Title	Credits
	US	10097	Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
II. MAJOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (6 credits) Courses count in major GPA				
Type	Course		Title	Credits
	Choose from the following series:			6
KCM	ENG	11011	College Writing I (3) Kent State	
KCM		21011	College Writing II (3) Kent State	
OR				
KCM	ENG	124	College Composition (3) Stark State	
KCM		231	College Composition II (3) Stark State	
III. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (53-56 credits)				
Type	Course		Title	Credits
	Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning			3-5
	Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)			9
	Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)			6
	Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)			6-7
	Kent Core Additional			6
	General Elective			23
MINIMUM TOTAL:				60

Students must take a minimum 15 credit hours at Kent State University and a minimum 15 credit hours at Stark State College to meet residency requirements.

Students must earn a minimum cumulative 2.000 GPA at both Kent State University and Stark State College.