



REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ADMISSIONS TO OR DISCONTINUATION OF A GRADUATE PROGRAM

Suspension of Admissions

A university may suspend admissions into a graduate degree program if (1) The institution plans to reactivate admissions into the program within five years of the suspension, or (2) The program has existing students that need to complete their degrees prior to discontinuation of the program. If, after suspension of admissions into a graduate degree program, the program is not reactivated within the specified period, the program will be declared permanently discontinued. Reinstatement of a discontinued program will require formal approval as a new graduate degree program.

Immediate Discontinuation

An institution may immediately discontinue a program if there are no students currently enrolled in the program, and there is no intent to reactivate the program in the future. Reinstatement of a discontinued program will require formal approval as a new graduate degree program.

Date of request: 30 July 2019

Implementation date: Fall 2020

Name of institution: KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Degree designation: M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Biomedical Sciences–Biomedical Mathematics

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1. Provide a rationale for the suspension of admission or immediate discontinuation of the program.

Admission to the Biomedical Sciences–Biomedical Mathematics degree programs was suspended in fall 2010. Since then, there has been no interest from faculty in reopening this program. Per the Kent State suspension policy, programs suspended for five years are inactivated (discontinued) by the provost.

The M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Biomedical Sciences–Biomedical Mathematics were established in 1986. However, they never became fully operational. Only four students, total, enrolled in the program, and there is no evidence that any student graduated with a degree from this program.

Kent State’s biomedical sciences graduate programs are administered by the School of Biomedical Sciences, which partners with faculty from several Kent State departments and with faculty from the University of Akron, Cleveland Clinic Foundation and the Northeast Ohio Medical University. The school offers graduate degree programs in pharmacology, neurosciences, interdisciplinary physiology, human evolutionary biology and cellular and molecular biology.

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

No students have been enrolled in this program since 2013.

3. Describe how the suspension of admissions and any plan for discontinuation of program affects the program and the students currently in the program. Explain plans for notifying current students and assisting them in the completion of their degrees, when applicable.

There have been no students in the program in the past six years.

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

There will be no loss of faculty or staff with this discontinuance. No faculty have been attached to the program in many years. Kent State’s Department of Mathematics offers master’s and doctoral degree programs.

5. Describe the plan for communicating the suspension of admissions or discontinuation.

The program has not been listed on any Kent State websites or in marketing materials in many years.

The signature below verifies that this request has received the necessary institutional approval and that this information is truthful and accurate.

Respectfully,

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