

Request for Suspension of Admissions to or Discontinuation of a Graduate Program

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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: *to come*

Implementation date: Fall 2021

Name of institution: KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Degree designation: Master of Science degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management

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1. Provide a rationale for the suspension of admission of the program.

The College of Education, Health and Human Services temporarily is suspending admission into the M.S. degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management. During the suspension, program faculty will be redesigning the courses to be offered fully online with the goal to re-open admission as an online-only program by fall 2022.

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

In fall 2019 (15th day census), there were 15 students enrolled in the degree program. Three students were admitted for fall 2020.

3. Describe how the suspension of admissions will affect 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.

Beginning in fall 2021, 60000-level (master's) courses in hospitality and tourism management will not be offered. Graduate courses that are co-scheduled with undergraduate equivalencies (slashed 40000/50000 levels) will continue to be offered.

The majority of enrolled students are at the end of studies and in the thesis or internship stage. Therefore, there is little impact for them to complete their degree. For the two students who began the program in 2019 and the three new students for 2020, they will be individually advised in revising their plan of study so timely graduation will not be affected. See the [University Catalog](#) for the program's requirements.

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 suspension. Full-time faculty in the program also support the B.S. degree in Hospitality Management and the B.S. degree in Recreation, Park and Tourism Management.

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

Current students will be informed of the suspension. The program will be removed from admission websites for fall 2021, and a note of its upcoming suspension will be listed in the University Catalog.

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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