

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REVIEW

(Please use a separate form for each proposal/course. Submit the original form to the chair of the Academic Affairs and Educational Policies Committee. Submit one copy of the request to EACH member of the Academic Affairs and Educational Policies Committee).

1. School: SAFHS Department: Agriculture

2. Code: 01.0308 Title: Associate of Science Degree in Agriculture

3. Abstract of proposal: (LIMIT DISCUSSION TO 100 WORDS OR LESS).

The Associate of Science Degree in Agriculture has two tracks, namely, Plant and Soil Sciences (Agronomy) Track and Animal Science Track. The degree is designed to prepare students for careers in agriculture who are on their way to a baccalaureate degree. Students may opt to transfer most of the courses to a four year bachelor's degree in agriculture. All the required courses for this curriculum are already offered for the existing Bachelor of Science Degree programs at UAPB. This will exempt our department from developing any new course or hire any new faculty to run this program.

4. Objectives:

- a. To provide students a foundational understanding of the principles of agriculture.
- b. To prepare students for entry level jobs which require some experience in basic agronomy or animal science.
- c. To prepare students who can transition to a bachelor's degree in agriculture with agronomy option or animal science option.

5. Recommended Reference materials:

Found in course syllabi

6. Prerequisites (if any):

N/A

7. Content Duplication: Is this content similar to present offerings in other departments of the University?

No

8. Justification: Make the justification specific in terms of the need, clientele to be served, the contribution the proposed action makes to a specific degree program, how those needs have been met in the past, and courses to be added, dropped or replaced.
(LIMIT JUSTIFICATION TO 250 WORDS OR LESS).

This degree option will provide students the basic knowledge of plant and soil science or animal science. Students receiving an Associate degree in agriculture will have the opportunity to enter into entry level jobs in the agriculture industry such as plant nurseries.

crop or animal farm operations. Students may and will be encouraged to continue on towards a bachelor's degree in agriculture.

9. Justification for course numbering, if any (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior):

N/A

10. Prospective director, coordinator, or instructor: Dr. Obadiah Njue

11. When will the proposed action become effective? Fall, 2017

12. Submitted by: Obadiah Njue 02/24/17
Date

13. Approved by: Bonu Kwang 02/24/17
Department Curriculum Committee (Chair) Date

14. Approved by: Obadiah Njue 02/24/17
Department Chair Date

15. Approved by: Edmund Buckner 24 Feb 17
Dean of School Date

16. Approved by: _____
Teacher Education Committee (Chair) Date

17. Approved by: Terma K. Jones 2-28-17
Academic Affairs and Educational Policies Committee (Chair) Date

18. Approved by: Jacquelyn W. McCray _____
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Date

19. Approved by: Jabul C. Ruc 2/28/17
Faculty/Staff Senate President Date

20. Approved by: _____
Chancellor Date