




MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Boren, Registrar
Ron Patterson, Associate Registrar
Carol Uresti, Graduation Office

FROM: David S. Chapman, Dean 

DATE: August 4, 2003

RE: New M.Phil. Degrees

Several departments on campus recently have requested that the M.Phil. degree be added to the list of degrees their departments offer. The M.Phil degree requires the same scholarly achievement as the Doctor of Philosophy degree except that it does not require a doctoral dissertation (see attached description). It is important to note that the addition of the M.Phil. degree in these departments does not imply any new courses, curriculum changes, or new programs. Each program requesting the M.Phil. degree already offers the Ph.D. degree.

On April 28, 2003, Don Carpenter, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Cecelia Foxley at the State Board of Regents, authorized the Graduate School to approve the addition of the M.Phil. to departmental degree lists at the request of individual departments. The decision to grant this authority to The Graduate School was made after consultation with Deanna Winn, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs at the Board of Regents.

At this time, the Graduate School requests that the M.Phil. degree be offered in the following disciplines:

- Business Administration (David Eccles School of Business)
- Education, Culture and Society*
- Educational Leadership and Policy
- Educational Psychology
- Medical Informatics
- Neuroscience (Interdepartmental Program)
- Oncological Sciences
- Physiology
- Special Education
- Teaching and Learning

Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

* A separate request to add this degree was made May 5, 2003.

M.Phil. Degree (General Catalog 2002-04, p. 39)

"The Master of Philosophy degree requires the same qualifications for admission and scholarly achievement as the Ph.D. degree but does not require a doctoral dissertation. There is no separate program for this degree. All regulations covering the Ph.D. degree with respect to supervisory committees, language requirements, major and allied fields, and qualifying examinations also apply to the M.Phil. degree. Like the Ph.D., the M.Phil. is a terminal degree. A student is not considered a candidate for both degrees in the same department.

Students awarded the M.Phil. degree who wish to pursue a doctorate in the same department must have their M.Phil. rescinded by formal action of the Graduate Council. This action must be initiated by a written recommendation from the department and a written request from the student."

XC: Deanna Winn, State Board of Regents
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