WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
MAJOR CHANGE FORM – REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: If proposing a new program (degree) or extending, moving, consolidating, eliminating or renaming an existing program (degree), these proposals must first go through the Provost’s Office review process. Please do not use this form. Please contact the Provost’s Office for directions on processing program (degree) proposals.

SUBMITTING PROPOSAL – Follow the steps on form, then:
□ Submit one electronic copy of complete packet of signed form/rationale statement/supporting documentation and/or edits to wsu.curriculum@wsu.edu.
□ Send the original stapled packet PLUS 10 stapled copies of packet to the Registrar’s Office, campus mail code 1035.

Department Name: Plant Pathology

1. Check proposed changes:
   □ New Plan (Major) in ____________________________ CIP# __________
   □ Change name of Plan (Major) from ____________________________ to ____________________________
   □ Revise certification requirements for the Plan (Major) in ____________________________
   □ Revise Plan (Major) requirements in Master of Science in Plant Pathology
   □ Drop Plan (Major) in ____________________________
   □ New Sub-Plan (Option) in ____________________________ CIP# __________
   □ Change name of Sub-Plan (Option) from ____________________________ to ____________________________
   □ Revise requirements for the Sub-Plan (Option) in ____________________________
   □ Drop Sub-Plan (Option) in ____________________________
   □ New Minor in ____________________________ CIP# __________
   □ Change name of Minor from ____________________________ to ____________________________
   □ Revise Minor requirements in ____________________________
   □ Drop Minor in ____________________________
   □ New Certificate in ____________________________ CIP# __________
   □ Change name of Certificate from ____________________________ to ____________________________
   □ Revise Certificate requirements in ____________________________
   □ Drop Certificate in ____________________________
   □ Other ____________________________

2. Effective Date: Fall 2016 (Effective date must be for future fall term.) Submission deadline is Oct 1st.
   NOTE: Items received after deadlines may be put to the back of the line or forwarded to the following year. Please submit on time.

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3. PLEASE ATTACH A RATIONALE STATEMENT giving the reasons for each request marked above, and explaining how this impacts other units in Pullman and other campuses (if applicable).

4. PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AND/OR CURRENT CATALOG COPY with edit marks showing requested changes.

5. SIGN AND DATE APPROVALS.

   Chair Signature/date ____________________________
   Dean Signature/date ____________________________
   CSC Date ____________________________

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   Dean Signature/date ____________________________
   AAC or GSC Date ____________________________
   Senate Date ____________________________
Proposal to change the PLP 515 seminar requirement for Master’s students in Plant Pathology
Effective Fall 2016
Prepared 1/28/2015

Background/rationale for this change:

Presently (effective Fall 2011), the Plant Pathology program presently requires 2 seminar graded credits (PLP 515) for both the master and doctoral programs—both on topical subjects other than the student’s dissertation. The students are also required to give a non-credit exit seminar, in association with their final exam.

There has been some discussion that last change to the seminar requirement (Fall 2011) was intended for PhD students only—as evidenced by the word ‘dissertation’ (highlighted above), but in practice was applied to both MS and PhD students. The Plant Pathology faculty have recently discussed the current seminar requirement in relation to the short duration of an MS degree, and strongly support reducing the graded seminar requirement (PLP 515) for Master’s students to 1 topical seminar graded credit (vs 2)—on a topic other than the student’s thesis. Master’s students will still be required to give a non-credit exit seminar, in association with their final exam. This arrangement will help with some of the need to double up or even triple up on seminars weekly towards the end of each semester.

Graduate students who started their program under the existing requirements of two PI P 515 credits will be given the option of following the current requirements, or adopting the new requirements. We will ask their preference be made in writing and submitted to our program’s Academic Coordinator for inclusion in their program file.

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