FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

All University Committee (AUC)
2024 – 2025 Summary

SUMMER 2024 COMMITTEE

Administrative Members: Laura Bayless, Patricia Marshall
Faculty Members: Laura Garofoli, Paul Weizer
Student Members: Kervens Blanc, Emily Maestri

SUMMER 2024 PROPOSALS

"Minor Change to AUC 1" – AUC 83
Proposed to change the big returning student move-in day to Tuesday, September 3 to reduce the traffic that will be on Highland Avenue on September 4 for the president's address. Students will continue to be able to move in a day later on Wednesday, September 4, if that is the timing that works for them.

FALL 2024 – SPRING 2025: AUC COMMITTEE

Faculty Committee Members: *Laura Garofoli, Co-Chair | Paul Weizer, Co-Chair;*
Patricia Arend, Steven Fiedler, Jonathan Harvey *(Fall 2024)*, Mathangi Krishnamurthy *(Spring 2025)*, Peter Staab, Kisha Tracy, Mark Williams

Administrative Committee Members: *Franca Barricelli, Secretary;* Laura Bayless *(Fall 2024)*, Patricia Marshall, Tim St. John *(Spring 2025)*

Student Committee Members: *Josh Cronin, Vice-Chair;* Michael Burns, Aline Salles

Staff Assistant Support: Deresa Webb

During the 2024 – 2025 Academic Year, there were **124** proposals. Proposals were referred as appropriate to one of three standing committees, which include Curriculum, Academic Policies and Student Affairs. Of the **124** proposals considered, **73** were approved, **42** were approved as RNRs, **one** was not recommended for approval, **two** were not recommended for approvals as RNRs *(meaning proposer to resubmit as a full proposal at a later date)*, and **six** were withdrawn. Those proposals approved by the President are listed below.

AUC SUBCOMMITTEES

AUC Academic Policies Subcommittee:

Convened: Patricia Arend

Administrative Members: *Pam McCafferty, Secretary;* Mojdeh Bayat, Rob Hynes *(Spring 2025)*, Tim St. John *(Fall 2024)*

Faculty Members: *Daneen Deptula, Chair | Aisling O'Connor, Vice-Chair;*
Soumitra Basu, Lynn D'Agostino, Lena Ficco, Beverley Hollingsworth, Jane Huang, Amy Kendrick, Eileen Kirk, Lori Leonard, Andrea Olmstead, Ozge Ozay, Connie Strittmatter, Collin Syfert, Samuel Tobin, Daniel Welsh

Student Members: Justin Swain

AUC Curriculum Subcommittee:

Convened: Peter Staab

Administrative Members: Barbara Cormier, Sara Levine, Jannette McMenamy

Faculty Members: *Charles Roberts, Co-Chair | Olivia Rosetti, Co-Chair |Christine Devine, Rotating Secretary | Elizabeth Gordon, Rotating Secretary | Jessie Oehrlein, Rotating Secretary (Spring 2025) | David Svolba, Rotating Secretary | Sara Wright, Rotating Secretary*
Laura Baker, William Cortezia, Christine Dee, Rachelle Dermer, Natasha Kurtonina, Yang Liu, Monica Maldari, Erin Rehrig, Heather Urbanski, Hong Yu

Student Members: Jacob Podsiadlo, Morgan Rule

AUC Student Affairs Subcommittee:

Convened: Steven Fiedler

Administrative Members: *Carin Bullis, Chair (Fall 2024);* **Matt Lechter, Chair (Spring 2025);**
Summer Fetterhol *(Spring 2025)*, Robert Hynes, Jacalyn Kremer, Jason Smith, Beth Swartz *(Spring 2025)*

Faculty Members: Soumitra Basu, Jane Fiske, Nellipher Mchenga

Student Members: *Adriana Padilla Salgado, Vice-Chair | Alexis Sandmann, Secretary;*
Zachary Carlson

NEW PROGRAMS

Economics, History, and Political Science
- Bachelor of Science in Finance Major – **AUC 54** *(Pending BHE Approval)*

Exercise and Sports Science
- Exercise and Sports Science Minor – **AUC 73**

Mathematics
- Pure Mathematics Concentration – **AUC 74**
  (Pending BHE Submission: Department will be resubmitting a proposal in AY: 2026)
- Statistical Modeling Concentration – **AUC 75**

NEW COURSES

Behavioral Sciences
- HMSV 1200: Global Caring and Helping **– AUC 22**
- SOC 2020: Sociology of Firearms **– AUC 25**
- SOC 3050: Social Research Methods – **AUC 98**

Biology and Chemistry
- BIOL 2006: Tropical Ecology in Latin America – **AUC 112**

Communications Media
- COMM 2465: Introduction to Video Editing **– AUC 15**
- COMM 3680: Photography Portfolio Development **– AUC 19**
- GAME 2075: Digital Character Sculpting – **AUC 46**

Economics, History, and Political Science
- FIN 3000: Corporate Finance – **AUC 51**
  (Co-Sponsored with the Business Administration Department)
- FIN 3100: Investments – **AUC 52**
  (Co-Sponsored with the Business Administration Department)
- FIN 4000: Financial Statements Analysis – **AUC 53**
  (Co-Sponsored with the Business Administration Department)

Education
- EDUC 1860: Introduction to Education (5-12) – **AUC 110**

English Studies
- ENGL 2485: Classic Texts, Classic Films – **AUC 97**
- ENGL 2340: Latin American Cinemas – **AUC 113**

Environmental, Geographic, and Public Health Science
- GEOG 3005: Soils and the Environment – **AUC 44**
- GEOG 2001: Regional Geography: Latin America – **AUC 45**

Honors Program
- HON 2500: Honors Seminar in Scientific Inquiry – **AUC 87**

Humanities
- MUSC 1050: Art of Video Game Music – **AUC 109**
- ITAL 1050: Eat, Speak and Learn Italian – **AUC 111**
  (Cross-listed with IDIS 1050: Eat, Speak and Learn Italian)
- IDIS 1050: Eat, Speak and Learn Italian – **AUC 111**
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PROGRAMS AND COURSES: CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS

Behavioral Sciences
- **AUC 21** – Add minimum grade requirement of 2.5 to HMSV 3610.
- **AUC 99** – Designate the new course "SOC 3050: Social Research Methods" as a core required course for the Major and Minor of Sociology.

Biology and Chemistry
- **AUC 116** – For the course "BIOL 1700: Human Biology": Change the course catalog to make it a 3-credit, four-hour class (it is currently listed 3 cr., 3 hr.).

Business Administration
- **AUC 88** – Remove the prerequisite of "MATH 1800 or MATH 1700" and replace with "Junior/Senior status in any major" for the course BSAD 4000: Intro to Business Analytics.

Communications Media
- **AUC 14** – Allow students to take "COMM 3760: Genres, Styles, and Movements" more than once for credit.
- **AUC 17** – Add "COMM 3040: Photography Portfolio Development" to the Photography concentration elective list.
- **AUC 18** – Add "COMM 3040: Photography Portfolio Development" to the Photography minor elective list.
- **AUC 24** – Remove "COMM 3029: Writing the Series" from the Film Video Concentration Phase II Specialized Electives requirement list.
- **AUC 48** – Remove "GAME 3075: Advanced Game Art" from the catalog.
- **AUC 58** – Update courses for the Digital Media Innovation major.
- **AUC 59** – Requirement changes for the Game Design minor.
- **AUC 60** – Add the prerequisite of "COMM 3810: Introduction to Graphic Design" to the course COMM 3880: Typographic Design.

Computer Science
- **AUC 2 –** Change the prerequisite for CSC 3040 from "CSC 1400: Computer Information Systems" to "CSC 1500: Computer Science I".
- **AUC 10** – Minor change to the Computer Science Cyber Security concentration: Replacing one of the required Computer Science electives with "CSC 3450: Local Area Networks".

Economics, History, and Political Science
- **AUC 64** – Add "HIST 2141: Slavery in the Atlantic World" to the African Studies Minor.
  (Co-Sponsored with the English Studies Department)
- **AUC 117** – Revisions to the International Business and Economics Concentration curriculum.

Education
- **AUC 9** – Suspend the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Early Childhood Education / Early Education and Care program beginning fall 2025.
- **AUC 89** – Add minimum grade requirement of a 2.0 GPA for students in Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education Licensure programs.
- **AUC 90** – Remove "EDUC 3014: Instructional Strategies Across Environments" from the course catalog and from the Educational Studies major. Replace the course with "SPED 3150: Science and Social Studies for Diverse Learners".
- **AUC 91** – Remove the courses, "EDUC 2009: Art and Science of Education" and "EDUC 3035: Arts Integration (3 Cr.)" from the Early Childhood Education major.
- **AUC 92** – Remove the courses, "EDUC 2009: Art and Science of Education" and "EDUC 3035: Arts Integration (3 Cr.)" from the Elementary Education major.
- **AUC 93** – Remove the courses, "EDUC 2009: Art and Science of Education" and "EDUC 3036: Arts Integration (1 Cr.)" from the Moderate Disabilities (PreK-8) major.
- **AUC 94** – Remove the courses, "EDUC 2009: Art and Science of Education" and "EDUC 3036: Arts Integration (1 Cr.)" from the Sever Disabilities major.
- **AUC 103** – Replacing the existing Introduction to Education (5-12) courses in the Middle and Secondary Minor with a new course: "EDUC 1860: Introduction to Education (5-12)".

English Studies
- **AUC 64** – Add "HIST 2141: Slavery in the Atlantic World" to the African Studies Minor.
  (Co-Sponsored with the Economics, History, and Political Sciences Department)
- **AUC 80** – Renumbering of English Studies courses and deleting inactive courses.
- **AUC 81** – Adding course options to designated English Studies curriculum categories.

Exercise and Sports Science
- **AUC 71** – Update the Strength and Conditioning concentration requirement from "EXSS 4000: Fundamentals and Psychology of Coaching" to "EXSS 2660: Psychology of Sports and Exercise".

General Education Program
- **AUC 105** – Revisions to the General Education program.

Humanities

- **AUC 84** – Add "IDIS 1250: Introduction to Sustainability Studies" to the list of IDIS electives needed to satisfy the IDIS BA and BS Majors.
- **AUC 85** – Add "ART 2215: A Cultural History of Nature" to the list of IDIS electives needed to satisfy the IDIS BA and BS Majors.
- **AUC 86** – Add "ART 3700: Women, Art, and Society" to the list of IDIS electives needed to satisfy the IDIS BA and BS Majors.

Mathematics

- **AUC 49** – Changing the required courses in the Mathematics minor for Early Childhood, Elementary or Special Education.
- **AUC 76** – Update the Mathematics curriculum to streamline the program and improve the major with national standards.
- **AUC 77** – Update the prerequisites for MATH 1500 to better prepare students for MATH 1600.

Psychological Science

- **AUC 4** – Prerequisite change for the course PSY 3100: Clinical Psychology.
- **AUC 8** – Proposing to make "PSY 2020: Professional Orientation to Psychological Science" a majors-only course.
- **AUC 66** – Eliminate the internship courses: PSY 4949 (9 cr.) and PSY 4960 (12 cr.); and modify PSY 4950 to be a variable credit internship course (3-12 cr.).

NEW LAS DESIGNATIONS

Behavioral Sciences

- Designations of Integration Advancing and Applying (AIA) and Integrative High Impact Practice (IHIP) to the new course "HMSV 1200: Global Caring and Helping" – **AUC 22**
- Designations of Civic Learning (CV) and Diverse Perspectives (DP) for the new course: "SOC 2020: Sociology of Firearms" – **AUC 25**
- Add designations of Integration Advancing and Applying (AIA) and Integrative High Impact Practice (IHIP) to the new course "SOC 3050: Social Research Methods" – **AUC 98**
- Designation of a MAJ in the Sociology Major for the new course "SOC 3050: Social Research Methods". – **AUC 115**

Biology and Chemistry

- Designations of Scientific Inquiry and Analysis (SI), Procedural and Logical Thinking (PL), Integration Advancing and Applying (AIA), and Integrative High Impact Practice (IHIP) for the new course "BIOL 2006: Tropical Ecology in Latin America" – **AUC 112**
- Add the designations of LAB, Critical Thinking, and "Scientific Inquiry and Analysis" (SI) to the course, "BIOL 1700: Human Biology". – **AUC 116**

Communications Media
- Add designations of Integration Advancing and Applying (AIA) and Integrative High Impact Practice (IHIP) to the course "COMM 4700: Design Studio and Practice – **AUC 62**

Education
- Add the designation of Integration Advancing and Applying (AIA) to the new course "EDUC 1860: Introduction to Education (5-12)" – **AUC 110**

English Studies
- Add the designation of Literary Inquiry and Analysis (LI) to the new course "ENGL 2485: Classic Texts, Classic Films" – **AUC 97**
- Add designations of Diverse Perspectives (DP) and Literary Inquiry and Analysis (LI) to the new course "ENGL 2340: Latin American Cinemas" – **AUC 113**

Environmental, Geographic, and Public Health Science
- Add the designation of Integration Advancing and Applying (AIA) to the new course "GEOG 3005: Soils and the Environment" – **AUC 44**
- Designations of Diverse Perspectives (DP) and Procedural and Logical Thinking (PL) for the new course "GEOG 2001: Regional Geography: Latin America". – **AUC 45**

Exercise and Sports Science
- Designation of Integration Advancing and Applying (AIA) for "EXSS: Psychology of Sport and Exercise". – **AUC 72**

Honors Program
- Add designations of Procedural and Logical Thinking (PL) and Scientific Inquiry and Analysis (SI) to the new course: "HON 2500: Honors Seminar in Scientific Inquiry" – **AUC 87**

Humanities
- Add designations of Fine Arts Expression and Analysis (FA) and Creative Thinking for the new course "MUSC 1050: Art of Video Game Music" – **AUC 109**
- Add designations of Diverse Perspectives (DP) and Integrative High Impact Practice (IHIP) to the new course "ITAL 1050: Eat, Speak and Learn Italian" – **AUC 111**
  (Cross-listed with IDIS 1050: Eat, Speak and Learn Italian)
- Add designations of Diverse Perspectives (DP) and Integrative High Impact Practice (IHIP) to the new course "IDIS 1050: Eat, Speak and Learn Italian" – **AUC 111**
  (Cross-listed with ITAL 1050: Eat, Speak and Learn Italian)

Nursing
- Designations of Integrative High Impact Practice (IHIP)/Experimental Learning/Internship for the course "NURS 4800: Selected Nursing Practicum"; Civic Learning (CV) for the course "NURS 4400: Community Health Nursing"; and Integration Advancing and Applying (AIA) for the course "NURS 3710: Evidence Based Practice in Nursing". – **AUC 114**

Psychological Science
- Add the designation of Integration Advancing and Applying (AIA) to the following 10 Psychological Science courses: PSY 2015 Intro to I/O Psychology; PSY 2350 Abnormal Psychology; PSY 2665 Health Psychology; PSY 3010/PHIL 3020 Consciousness; PSY 3020 Cultural Psychology; PSY 3050 Cognitive Neuroscience; PSY 3430 Sensation and Perception; PSY 3500 Psychology of Learning; PSY 3530 Motivation; and PSY 3550 Cognition. – **AUC 55**

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS

Academic Calendars – AUC 1
Academic calendars for the academic years of 2025–2026 and 2026–2027 were approved.

Add/Drop Policy – AUC 43
Add/Drop catalog policy language update. Updating the written policy to align with practice.

General Education for Dual Enrollment Students – AUC 78
Applies the General Education Program transfer policy to Dual Enrolment students who subsequently enroll in the university.

Definitions and Processes for Team-Teaching – AUC 79
Defines a team-taught course and outlines the process for proposing and receiving approval for one as well as the enrollment and compensation policies.

Commencement Policy – AUC 82
New policy outlining commencement participation eligibility.

Academic Standing Policy – AUC 100
Clarifying and enhancing the Academic Standing Policy; Removing the Dean's and President's list to its own policy; Aligning practice with the written policy; Adding Deferred Suspension and the Request for Updated Standing to better serve students.

Academic Calendars with Amendments – AUC 120
Calendar changes prompted by the President's memo to the campus community. A) The renaming of two events; B) The addition of 3 instructional days to reach the minimum number of required instructional days (155 total), a result from the removal of the May Development Day and not counting as "instructional" the September and January Development Days.

Changes to Committees Appointments and Seats – AUC 121
Change and stagger the membership terms for six advisory committees and reduce the total number of MSCA seats on three of the advisory committees.

"REFERRAL NOT REQUIRED" (RNR) CHANGES
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Behavioral Sciences
- **AUC 20** – Update the course description for HMSV 4890.
- **AUC 56** – Remove the following inactive Sociology courses from the catalog: SOC 2250 Cultural Anthropology; SOC 2650 Sociology of Organizations; and SOC 3770 Women in American Society.
- **AUC 57** – Renumbering "SOC 3110: Sociology of Sexualities".

Biology and Chemistry
- **AUC 106** – Removing BIOL 1860 from the catalog and replacing it with the new course "EDUC 1860: Introduction to Education (5-12)".
- **AUC 107** – Removing SCI 1860 from the catalog and replacing it with the new course "EDUC 1860: Introduction to Education (5-12)".
- **AUC 108** – Removing CHEM 1860 from the catalog and replacing it with the new course "EDUC 1860: Introduction to Education (5-12)".

Business Administration
- **AUC 40** – Changes in the prerequisites for BSAD 2020.
- **AUC 41** – Changes in the prerequisites for BSAD 3400.
- **AUC 42** – Change "BSAD 3400: Basic Finance" from the current Junior level to a Sophomore or (2000) level.
- **AUC 67** – Change the course name of "Introduction to Entrepreneurship" to "Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Innovation".
- **AUC 68** – Change the name of the concentration program of "Entrepreneurship" to "Entrepreneurship and Innovation".

Communications Media
- **AUC 16** – Remove "COMM 3660, Photo Management" from the Photography curriculum.
- **AUC 36** – Change the prerequisite for "COMM 3630: Large Format Photography".
- **AUC 37** – Correct and simplify the prerequisites for "COMM 3740 Compositing and VFX" and eliminate "COMM 3024 Post-Production Essentials" from the catalog.
- **AUC 61** – Description change and prerequisite reduction to the course "COMM 3850: Public Design".
- **AUC 70** – Remove "GAME 3003: Making Historical Games" from the catalog.
- **AUC 95** – Remove all restrictions from "COMM 3825: Writing for Advertising".
- **AUC 96** – Remove all restrictions from "COMM 3835: Client Project Production".

Computer Science
- **AUC 11** – For the course "CSC 2560: Systems Programming", changing the prerequisite of CSC/MATH 1900 to a corequisite.

Economics, History, and Political Science
- **AUC 39** – Change the course title for HIST 2420 from "Italian American History Immigration and Identity" to "Italian American History".

- **AUC 119** – Removing HIST 1860 from the catalog and replacing it with the new course "EDUC 1860: Introduction to Education (5-12)".

Education
- **AUC 7** – Deleting the 6-hour field experience from "SPED 2002: Speech and Language Development for Diverse Learners".

Engineering Technology
- **AUC 118** – Removing ENGT 1860 from the catalog and replacing it with the new course "EDUC 1860: Introduction to Education (5-12)".

Humanities
- **AUC 13** – Change the title of IDIS 2050 from "Fundamentals of Expressive Arts Therapies" to "Fundamentals of Creative Arts Therapies".
- **AUC 26** – Minor change to the course description of: Basic Music Theory.
- **AUC 27** – Change the course title and course description of "MUSC 2240: Harmony 1".
- **AUC 28** – Change the course description of "MUSC 1500: World Music".
- **AUC 29** – Change the course description of "MUSC 3800: History of Jazz".
- **AUC 30** – Change the course description of "MUSC 3500: American Music".
- **AUC 31** – Change the course description of "MUSC 3200: Opera".
- **AUC 32** – Remove "MUSC 1300: Beginning Musical Instruction" from the course catalog.
- **AUC 33** – Change the course title and course description of: Harmony II.
- **AUC 34** – Change the course description of "MUSC 3150: Music of the Stage".
- **AUC 35** – Change the course description of "MUSC 3450: Appreciating the American Musical".
- **AUC 101** – Renumbering of Music area courses; making sure 1xxx, 2xxx, 3xxx number is relative to level; that courses in the music theory sequence have related numbers; and that COTA and ensemble classes are grouped together by number.

Mathematics
- **AUC 63** – Change the credit range for "MATH 4950: Internship" from 3-6 credits to 1-6 credits and add "academia" to the list of fields to work.
- **AUC 104** – Remove "MATH 1860: Introduction to Education 5-12" from the catalog and replacing it with the new course: "EDUC 1860: Introduction to Education (5-12)".

Psychological Science
- **AUC 3** – Adding the prerequisite option of "HON 1700: Applied Statistics" to the course "PSY: 2040 Research Methods and Statistics I".
- **AUC 4** – "PSY 3100: Clinical Psychology" prerequisite change.
- **AUC 5** – "PSY 3020: Cultural Psychology" course number change.
- **AUC 65** – Renumber "PSY 2020: Professional Orientation to Psychological Science" from a 2000-level to a 1000-level course; and remove "PSY 1100: Intro to Psych Science" as a prerequisite for the course.
- **AUC 83** – Change one of the prerequisite courses for "PSY 3100: Clinical Psychology" from "PSY 2050 Research Methods & Statistics 2 (or PSY 2100 Research Design & Analysis II) to "PSY 2040 Research Methods & Statistics 1 (or PSY 2000 Research Design & Analysis I)".

PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CONSIDERATION

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Implement Two Undergraduate Course Tags Denoting Course Materials Affordability – AUC 102
Create and implement two course tags: (1) "OER/No Cost/Library Resources", and (2) "Low-Cost" ($50 or less), that indicate to enrolling students the cost of a course's instructional materials and access codes to homework sites.

"REFERRAL NOT REQUIRED" (RNR) CHANGES – NOT RECOMMENDED FOR RNR

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Business Administration
- **AUC 23** – Remove the statistics prerequisites of "MATH 1700 or MATH 1800" from BSAD 4000.

Exercise and Sports Science
- **AUC 6** – Change the prerequisites for "EXSS 2072: Exercise Psychology".

PROPOSALS WITHDRAWN

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Biology and Chemistry
- Add designation of Scientific Inquiry and Analysis (SI) to the course: "BIOL 1700: Human Biology" – **AUC 12**
- Add Scientific Inquiry (SI) designation to BIOL 1700 – **AUC 50**

Communications Media
- New Course – GAME 2075: Digital Character Sculpting **– AUC 47** *(Duplicate of AUC 46)*

Honors Program
- Add LawReady language to HON 2010's course description – **AUC 38**

School of Graduate, Online, and Continuing Education
- Adding Institutional Learning Priorities (ILP) for Graduate Students / Programs **– AUC 69**

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Students Members: Michael Burns, Josh Cronin

SUMMER 2025 PROPOSALS

Minor Changes to the Fall 2025 Academic Calendar – 123
Revert to the Fall 2025 calendar in AUC #01 with changes to move-in dates, all-campus events, add/drop course dates, Development Days, and Residence Hall closing date.

Changes to the Spring 2026 Academic Calendar – 124
Changing dates to spring 2026 events.

SUMMER 2025 PROPOSALS WITHDRAWN

Minor Change to the Academic Calendar (2025-2026) – AUC 122
Move "residence halls open for all students" from its current date of Monday, September 1 to Tuesday, September 2 and from Monday, January 12 to Tuesday, January 13. And change to align the Fall 2025 add/drop dates in the calendar with our new add/drop policy.