## Overall Summary of Proposed DPM Curriculum Changes by Competency Area

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| Plant, Soil, and Weed Science   | 21-22                            | 18                              | - More course options available for fulfillment of credit hour requirement.  
- Fewer credit hours required for competency area.  
- Students (and faculty advisors) may plan a student’s program to include more courses in this area by planning the student’s Program of Study.  
- Detailed description available in Tables 2 and 3. |
| Entomology and Nematology       | 22                               | 18                              | - More course options available for fulfillment of credit hour requirement.  
- Fewer credit hours required for competency area.  
- Students (and faculty advisors) may plan a student’s program to include more courses in this area by planning the student’s Program of Study.  
- Detailed description available in Tables 4 and 5. |
| Plant Pathology                 | 16                               | 16                              | - More course options available for fulfillment of credit hour requirement.  
- Students (and faculty advisors) may plan a student’s program to include more courses in this area by planning the student’s Program of Study.  
- Detailed description available in Tables 6 and 7. |
| Other                           | 13                               | 20                              | - More traditional courses were previously listed in the internship section of the curriculum.  
- Traditional courses in the internship section of the core internship curriculum moved to other required courses.  
- The curriculum is enhanced by including an emphasis on statistical analysis. Either a Special Topics (ALS 5932) or a graduate level course in statistics is now required.  
- Detailed description available in Tables 8 and 9. |
| Total Core Graduate-Level Courses | 75                               | 72                              | - Core requirement reduced from 75 to 72.  
- Requirements are more flexible but require approval of the student’s committee and the DPM Director.                                                                                                                                 |
| Total Elective Graduate Level Courses | 15                              | 14                              | - Elective credit requirement reduced from 15 to 14.  
- Up to 6 credits of graduate student research may count as special problems elective. Note that any courses departmental courses ending in 6971, 7979, or 7980 are specific to either the M.S. or Ph.D. degrees and may not apply towards D.P.M. credits. |
| Total Graduate Level Courses    | 90                               | 84                              | - Graduate level courses, excluding internships, reduced from 90 to 84-85.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Core DPM Internships | 14-15 | 5 | -Reduced core internships from 14-15 to 5  
|                     |       |   | -Moved courses within the core internships to the Other Competency Area.  
|                     |       |   | -Added flexibility regarding weed and soil and plant tissue testing internship.  
|                     |       |   | -Detailed description available in Tables 10 and 11.  
| DPM Elective Internships | 15-16 | 11 | -Increased and improved criteria provided for the assessment and delivery of internships.  
| Total DPM Internships | 29-31 | 16 | -Overall Credit hours associated with the internship is reduced from 29-30 to 16.  
|                     |       |   | -Increased and improved criteria provided for the assessment and delivery of internships.  
| Total Credits Required for Graduation | 120 | 100 | -Overall reduction of credits required for graduation.  
|                     |       |   | -Changes in assessment processes for internships results in a credit hour reduction.  
|                     |       |   | -Changes in the core course curriculum result in a credit hour reduction.  
