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Office of the President
June 10, 2014

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Health, Society and Populations degree within the College of Arts and Sciences, effective in the Fall 2014 Semester.

Background: The proposed Bachelor of Arts in Health, Society and Population (HSP) will make significant contributions to the University's undergraduate degree options and teaching mission. Students can obtain the HSP B.A. as a stand-alone degree or as a second major with any other department or discipline-specific B.A. or B.S. degree. The HSP program draws on the expertise of numerous faculty members within the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as coursework across a number of colleges at the University of Kentucky. It is a complement to current undergraduate health-related programs, providing students the opportunity to pursue their interests in health-related issues through the analytical lens of the social sciences. The program simultaneously fosters collaboration with other health-related disciplines on campus through shared coursework.

The program in Health, Society and Populations focuses on understanding health outcomes and their unequal distribution as a product of multiple interacting influences, including health care, behaviors, environmental conditions, genetic and biological factors and social and cultural characteristics of groups and individuals.

This program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate and has completed the 45 day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____