

## **Update on 90-credit applied bachelor's degree programs / May 2025**

This is the third in a series of updates being shared with trustees at Academic and Student Affairs Committee meetings and Board meetings. The first was shared at the February 10 ASA meeting and the second at the March 10 Board meeting.

**I. Programs in the pilot cohort.** The programs identified for the pilot are:

- Applied Business Management (90-credit), UMFK
- Applied Public Administration (90-credit), UMA
- Applied Bachelor of College Studies (90-credit), UMM
- Applied Psychology (90-credit), UMPI (Your Pace)
- Applied Bachelor of Liberal Studies (90-credit), UMPI (Your Pace)

We are using "Applied" and "(90-credit)" in the program names to distinguish 90-credit offerings from 120-credit offerings.

**II. Resource page / communications.** The resource page went live at the end of February. It contains links to NECHE information, our established curricular development policies and processes, and articles about 90-credit programs published in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Inside Higher Ed, and other outlets over the past two years. [Done](#)

Following the same approach taken during the 2022 NECHE self study process, we will periodically update the UMS community via email and post those updates to the resource page. [Ongoing](#)

**III. Campus engagement.** Vice Chancellor St. John is sharing regular updates with the UMS Faculty Governance Council, the provosts, the enrollment managers, the registrars, and other groups, and is speaking on this subject during each of his visits with our faculty senates/assemblies. [Ongoing](#)

**IV. Status of the programs (updated).** The five programs moved through the Intent to Plan (ITP) stage of the UMS academic approval process in February and March, including review of ITPs and the sharing of feedback through the UMS Faculty Governance Council. [Done](#)

Full program proposals were then reviewed by the Chief Academic Officers Council (CAOC) in mid-April, and shared with the Faculty Governance Council with a request for feedback by the end of May. [Done](#)

We expect to put these programs on the agenda for the trustees' consideration at the June 23 ASA meeting. [On track](#)