

University of Maine System
Board of Trustees

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

NAME OF ITEM: New Academic Program Proposal: A.A. in Psychology, UMA

INITIATED BY: David M. MacMahon, Chair

BOARD INFORMATION:

BOARD ACTION: X

BOARD POLICY: 305.1 Program Approval, Review, and Elimination Procedures

UNIFIED ACCREDITATION CONNECTION:

As emphasized in the 2023-28 University of Maine System Strategic Plan, unified accreditation is "the mechanism through which our universities and law school are able to maximize resources and capitalize on opportunities for growth and collaboration."

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board ensures that every effort is made to operationalize unified accreditation in its review of proposed academic programs. The Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs has actively explored multi-university collaboration(s) for this proposed academic program with the system-wide Chief Academic Officers Council. The proposed program:

X represents a multi-university collaboration under the condition(s) listed in the background section of this document.

 may represent a future multi-university collaboration under the condition(s) listed in the background section of this document.

 does not represent a multi-university collaboration under the condition(s) listed in the background section of this document.

BACKGROUND:

The UMA A.A. in Psychology utilizes the coursework and expertise of UMA's existing psychology resources to create an educational pathway for students seeking degree completion and transfer opportunities. Modeled after the APA-approved Psychology curriculum, the proposed program will be the only associate-level psychology degree offered within the University of Maine System. Collaborative partnerships with UMF and USM are underway, with additional 2+2 pathways under development systemwide. This program is projected to be revenue-positive in year one.

TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Academic and Student Affairs Committee forwards this item to the May 18-19, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting for approval of the following resolution:

That the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, and approves the Associate of Arts in Psychology at the University of Maine at Augusta.