

**UNIVERSITY SENATE**

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY  
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Introduced by: UAC

Date: May 10, 2010

**Deactivation of Chemistry Major Track BS Chemistry/Materials  
Emphasis**

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. That this takes effect for the fall 2010 semester.
2. That this proposal be forwarded to President George M. Philip for approval.

College of Arts and Sciences

Course and Program Action Form

Proposal No. 10-050

Please check one:  Course Proposal  Program Proposal

Please mark all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> New Course	Revision of:	<input type="checkbox"/> Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Listing		<input type="checkbox"/> Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisites
<input type="checkbox"/> Shared-Resources Course		<input type="checkbox"/> Credits	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deactivate/Activate Course (boldface & underline as appropriate)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	Emphasis deactivation

Department: Chemistry Effective Semester, Year: Fall 2010

Course Number Current: n/a New: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: n/a

Course Title: B.S. Chemistry/Materials Emphasis

Course Description to appear in Bulletin:

**The Department of Chemistry wishes to deactivate (for the time being) the major track entitled: B.S. Chemistry/Materials Emphasis.**

Prerequisites statement to be appended to description in Bulletin:

If S/U is to be designated as the only grading system in the course, check here:  n/a

This course is (will be) cross listed with (i.e., CAS ###): \_\_\_\_\_

This course is (will be) a shared-resources course with (i.e., CAS ###): \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation of proposal:

At this time, the Department of Chemistry can not support this emphasis, because we have had no one capable of teaching one of the required advanced courses for this emphasis, namely AChm 408, since Prof. Frisch retired some time ago. Further, two required Physics courses are no longer offered or only very sporadically offered, namely APhy 462 and APhy 464. There would also be pre-requisite issues involving these physics courses in light of curricular changes in physics over the years. Consequently, students must be directed to take a hodgepodge of courses or to cross-register for potentially suitable replacements at RPI, which is inconvenient. Very few students request this track and frankly, we try to steer students away from it. We have a number of successful emphasis tracks in our B.S. program and now seems to be the opportune time to remove this track from the Bulletin. If something can be worked out in the future with CNSE or if Other departments or schools which offer similar or related courses and which have certified that this proposal does not overlap their offering:

Chair of Proposing Department Paul J. Toscano	Date 3/31/10
Approved by Chair(s) of Departments having cross-listed course(s) [Copy of e-mail approval on following page.]	Date
Dean of College	Date
Chair of Academic Programs Committee	Date
Dean of Undergraduate or Graduate Studies	Date