



July 06, 2010

Dr. David Lavallee  
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
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Dear Dr. Lavallee:

The University at Albany seeks deactivation of nine programs as listed below. This request stems from a determination by the faculty to best serve students seeking graduate study in the programmatic area of Public Affairs & Policy via our existing, similar and nationally prominent Master of Public Administration degree.

M.A.	Public Affairs and Policy	Program Code: 03040
B.A./M.A.	Public Policy / Public Affairs and Policy	Program Code: 85409
B.A./M.A.	Political Science / Public Affairs and Policy	Program Code: 28073
B.A./M.A.	Sociology / Public Affairs and Policy	Program Code: 31257
B.A./M.A.	History / Public Affairs and Policy	Program Code: 32140
B.A./M.A.	Public Policy / Public Affairs and Policy	Program Code: 85409
M.A./M.S.W.	Public Affairs and Policy / Social Work	Program Code: 30491
M.A./M.A.	History / Public Affairs and Policy	Program Code: 27793
M.A./J.D.*	Public Affairs and Policy / Law*	Program Code: 29129

\*with Albany Law School

The campus acted locally to suspend promotion and admissions for these programs beginning in September 2009. We anticipate that approximately 30 matriculated students who were admitted to the M.A. prior to the academic year 2009-10 will finish the program, withdraw, or transfer to the M.P.A. program by August 2014. Leaving a year for unexpected delays, we anticipate seeking formal discontinuance of the nine programs effective August 2015.

Our transition away from the M.A. in Public Affairs and Policy has been fully considered and approved through our campus governance system. We are appreciative for anticipated efforts by staff in your Office of Program Review for the consideration and processing of this request. Should there be any technical questions or the need for

additional materials, please have inquiries directed to Jonathan Bartow, Vice Dean for Graduate Education (jbartow@uamail.albany.edu) at our campus. As always, we thank you for your on-going support.

Sincerely,



Susan D. Phillips

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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