

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Board of Trustees

From: Patrick Wolfe, Provost and Systemwide Chief Academic Officer
Haley Oliver-Jischke, Senior Vice Provost for Academic and Student Success

Cc: Mitch Daniels, President
Chris Ruhl, EVP, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Re: Approval of Newly Consolidated Degrees

Date: August 5, 2026

Purpose. The purpose of this memo is to request that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of and authorize enrollment in the newly consolidated degrees summarized in Exhibit A attached hereto (the “Consolidated Degrees”), together with the corresponding net reduction of existing degree programs reflected therein.

Background. Indiana Code 21-41-2-1 vests in the Board of Trustees the authority to “prescribe the curricula and courses of study offered by the institution,” which has long been construed to cover the authority to define the degree programs of the University.

In alignment with this authority and with the expectations set forth in HEA 1001-2025 regarding institutional efficiency, program viability and the strategic alignment of academic offerings, the Office of the Provost undertook a comprehensive, systemwide academic portfolio review initiative targeted at programs conferring low numbers of degrees. Working in collaboration with academic leadership at Purdue University Fort Wayne, Purdue University Northwest and Purdue West Lafayette, the Office of the Provost developed the Consolidated Degrees from a number of existing degree programs. This work has resulted in a systemwide net reduction of 34 degree programs through thoughtful consolidation into broader degrees as detailed in Exhibit A.

At its April 1, 2026, meeting, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education reviewed and approved these consolidated degrees through its established program review processes, thereby affirming that they meet statewide expectations for quality, efficiency and mission alignment.

The Consolidated Degrees include, among others, Humanities, Social Sciences, Engineering, Engineering Technology, English, Communication and Digital Studies, Teaching and Learning, Physical Science, History and Politics, Interdisciplinary Studies, Performing Arts, World Languages & Cultures, and Visual and Performing Arts across the Purdue University system campuses. These consolidations retain essential disciplinary content while simplifying the degree portfolio, supporting sustainable enrollment and maintaining high-quality academic pathways for students.

Request. In accordance with the foregoing, your approval of the Consolidated Degrees and the associated net reduction of 34 existing degree programs as reflected in Exhibit A as part of the Consent Agenda is respectfully requested.

Exhibit A: Purdue University System Consolidated New Degrees for Board of Trustees Approval

Newly Consolidated Degree	Original Degrees for Consolidation	Degree Net Reduction
Purdue University Fort Wayne		
B.A. in Humanities	B.A. in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies B.A. in Spanish B.A. in History (Above Threshold) B.A. in English (Above Threshold)	-3
B.A. in Social Sciences	B.A. in Anthropology B.A. in Economics B.A. in Political Science B.A. in Sociology	-3
B.F.A. in Theatre	B.A. in Theatre B.F.A. in Musical Theatre	-1
B.S. in Engineering (B.S.E.)	B.S. in Civil Engineering B.S. in Computer Engineering B.S. in Electrical Engineering (Above Threshold) B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (Above Threshold)	-3

B.S. in Engineering Technology	B.S. in Computer Engineering Technology B.S. in Electrical Engineering Technology B.S. in Industrial Engineering Technology B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology (Above Threshold)	-3
M.A. in English, Communication, and Digital Studies	M.A./M.S. in Professional Communication Studies M.A./M.A.T. in English	-1
M.S. in Teaching and Learning	M.S.Ed. in Special Education M.S.Ed. in Elementary Education M.S.Ed. in Secondary Education	-2
A.S. in Engineering Technology	A.S. in Electrical Engineering Technology (Above Threshold) A.S. in Industrial Engineering Technology	-1
B.S. in Physical Science	B.S. in Biochemistry B.S./B.S.Chem. in Chemistry B.S. in Physics	-2
Purdue University Northwest		
B.A. in History and Politics	B.A. in Political Science and Government B.A. in History	-1
B.S. in Engineering Technology	B.S. in Mechatronics Engineering Technology B.S. in Electrical Engineering Technology	-1
Purdue West Lafayette		

B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies	B.A. in African American Studies B.A. in Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies B.A. in Global Studies B.A. in Jewish Studies B.A. in Religious Studies B.A. in American Studies	-5
B.A. in Performing Arts	B.A. in Theatre B.A. in Film and Video Studies (Above Threshold)	-1
B.A. in World Languages & Cultures	B.A. in Asian Studies B.A. in Comparative Literature B.A. in Japanese B.A. in German B.A. in French B.A. in Classical Studies B.A. in Spanish (Above Threshold)	-6
M.F.A. in Visual and Performing Arts	M.F.A. in Design M.F.A. in Dramatic Arts	-1

**System-wide reduction of 34 degrees*