



## **ACADEMIC ALERT #2011-03**

**DATE:** January 2011

**DECISION:** College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

### **Elimination of B.A. Mathematics/Quantitative Studies (Math/QS) Degree Program**

**RATIONALE:** NLU is not attracting, enrolling or graduating viable numbers of math majors (data show that from 2004-2008, there were only eleven (11) students enrolled, and only 1 graduated with a B.A. in M/QS). Currently, there are only six (6) students actively seeking the Math/QS degree; there are another five (5) students who have either been mislabeled as Math/QS majors, not started their required math courses, or are still taking remedial courses. Of the six mentioned above, three have incomplete grades in at least one upper-level mathematics course. The offerings of course-by-arrangements to cover required courses for the Math/QS majors dilute the college resources and faculty time.

Elimination of the B.A. Mathematics/Quantitative Studies program frees up mathematics faculty to devote more time and attention to offering supporting courses that students need to satisfy General Education requirements, Elementary Education students with a Standard Teaching Concentration (30 QH) or a Traditional Mathematics Major (45 QH), and students in the Liberal Arts Studies program who major or minor in mathematics. Mathematics Department faculty will also be contributing to other important university initiatives, such as, programs with Harrison students, and NCE's TQP/CTTP federal grant preparing teachers in areas such as math and science.

**APPROVAL(S):** Senate Academic Planning Committee: November 18, 2010  
Board of Trustees: December 9, 2010  
Faculty Senate: December 15, 2010  
Provost: December 15, 2010

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Effective immediately upon approval (Winter 2011)

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**Teach-Out Plan**

Currently enrolled Math/QS majors who have started their major course work (i.e. courses beyond the general education requirements) will be given until end of fall term 2012 to complete their program requirements. Math faculty will work with the academic advisors to ensure communication with students and ensure the satisfactory completion of their B.A. degree.

Students classified in Banner as Math/QS majors but have not started their math courses beyond the general education requirements will be advised into other programs such as the B.A. Liberal Arts and Studies with a major concentration in mathematics.

**Implementation**

With regard to pending applications on file for the B.A. Math/QS program, admissions will work with enrollment to redirect applicants to other programs.

Enrollment representatives need to know that NLU still has the Liberal Arts degree with a major or minor in mathematics, as well as the elementary education math concentration.

Changes need to be entered in Banner, CAPP and/or NLU web pages as appropriate.

Chris Davis, Vice Provost of Institutional Effectiveness will update the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) inventory. Carol Melnick, Vice Provost will not include this program in the Annual Institutional Data Update (AIDU) April 2011, for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

Staff in the Registrar's Office, Admissions, Enrollment Management, Marketing, as well as professional advisors and faculty need to be knowledgeable about the changes.

The revised catalog copy will be written by the Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs and submitted to the Vice Provost and program chair for review and approval for the next catalog, 2011-2012.