

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY, LAKE CAMPUS Bachelor of Arts in English, Lake Campus

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/REQUEST

This program clearly meets Regents' standards for baccalaureate degrees. No concerns were identified in the review.

Request: Wright State University requests approval for a Bachelor of Arts in English for the Lake Campus. The BA in English is currently offered at the main (Dayton) campus of Wright State University. The proposed program is an extension of the existing degree to the Lake Campus. The Lake Campus degree is identical to the main campus degree and reflects the same expectations for curriculum and faculty. The Dayton English Department and the College of Liberal Arts will retain complete academic control of the program and award the degree.

Wright State University Dayton currently offers four concentrations within the BA in English: general concentration, secondary education, technical and professional writing. In its initial offering, the Bachelor of Arts in English for the Lake Campus will focus on the general concentration although the concentrations in teaching and technical writing will meet specific needs for local school districts and employers.

The degree can be structured to meet a variety of needs, including a 2 + 2 degree structure to meet the needs for individuals with an associate degree in English or a closely related field, a baccalaureate degree designed to facilitate the development of communication and critical thinking skills, a baccalaureate degree that prepares students for graduate study in liberal arts and professional programs, and the degree can provide concentrated coursework to expand the credentials of area teachers interested in moving from middle-childhood to secondary level of teaching.

Program Purpose/Mission: The Bachelor of Arts in English provides a balance of introductory and advanced work in English and American literature, world literature in English, English language, linguistics, and writing. The program is designed for those interested in high school or college teaching, the teaching of English as a second language, business or technical writing, or graduate study.

Enrollments: Wright State University anticipates enrollments of 10-20 students per year in the program, including transfer students and students with associate degrees.

Curriculum: The proposed program provides a balanced program of introductory and advanced work in English and American literature, world literature in English, English language and linguistics, and writing.

Resource/Faculty Needs: As a result of retirements in the last five years, Wright State University has four full-time tenure track faculty members in English. Resources are sufficient to offer the BA in English to students at the Lake Campus. WSU Lake has sufficient resources to support the program.