

TEP Policy Change Proposal for SoE Policy Council

Proposal

A change to Teacher Education Program policy: “For purposes of clarity and consistency, the minimum grade in content/subject area courses that will allow them to be counted toward a student’s academic program in the Teacher Education Program will be aligned with the minimum grade requirement for College majors (currently a C-).

Rationale

Office of Teacher Education academic advisors advocate this change from the current minimum grade requirement of a C. Students understandably question why the School of Education would require a higher minimum grade than the College does of its own majors, and every year we have a significant number of students whose progress is delayed—or sometimes even derailed—because of this uneven policy. Last year, for example, 24 students did not earn the minimum grade requirement in College courses, and 19 of those were a C- grade.

During spring 2014, this policy change proposal was approved by Elementary Education Council, Secondary Education Council, and the IUB Committee on Teacher Education.