

TO: Academic Policies Committee

FROM: College of Education and Human Sciences

DATE: March 10, 2020

RE: Eliminate Major and Minor

We request that you consider placing this curricular item on your earliest possible agenda.

Name of Program: Physics, Major-Teaching
Physics, Minor-Teaching

Program Code: 230-205
230-403

Date of Department/Program Approval — November 14, 2019
Date of CoEHS Curriculum Committee Approval – March 6, 2020
Date of CoEHS College Approval – March 6, 2020

From Current Catalog Web Page:

<https://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/physics-astronomy/physics-major-t-bs/>

<https://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/physics-astronomy/physics-minor-t/>

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Rationale: Effective August 1, 2018, The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) changed the rules for teacher licensure. The revised rules changed the specific subject licenses (biology, chemistry, geology, physics, physical science) in science to a broad license in science that should include all subject areas. In other words, we will be preparing education students to teach ALL subject areas within a comprehensive science teaching major. Therefore, specific subject area licenses are no longer needed.