Washington State University
MAJOR CHANGE FORM – REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: If proposing a **new** program (degree) or **extending, moving, consolidating, eliminating or renaming** an existing program (degree), these proposals <u>must first go through the Provost's Office review process</u>. Please do not use this form. Please contact the Provost's Office for directions on processing program (degree) proposals.

SUBMITTING PROPOSAL – Follow the steps on form, then:
- ☐ **Submit one electronic copy of complete packet of signed form/rationale statement/supporting documentation and/or edits to** wsu.curriculum@wsu.edu.
- ☐ Send the **original stapled packet** <u>PLUS</u> **10 stapled copies** of packet to the **Registrar's Office**, campus mail code 1035.

Department Name Plant Pathology

1. **Check proposed changes:**

   - ☐ New Plan (Major) *in* _____ CIP#___._____
   - ☐ Change name of Plan (Major) *from* _____ *to* _____
   - ☐ Revise certification requirements for the Plan (Major) *in* _____
   - ☑ Revise Plan (Major) requirements *in* Master of Science in Plant Pathology
   - ☐ Drop Plan (Major) *in* _____

   - ☐ New Sub-Plan (Option) *in* _____ CIP#___._____
   - ☐ Change name of Sub-Plan (Option) from _____ *to* _____
   - ☐ Revise requirements for the Sub-Plan (Option) *in* _____
   - ☐ Drop Sub-Plan (Option) *in* _____

   - ☐ New Minor *in* _____ CIP#___._____
   - ☐ Change name of Minor from _____ *to* _____
   - ☐ Revise Minor requirements *in* _____
   - ☐ Drop Minor *in* _____

   - ☐ New Certificate *in* _____ CIP#___._____
   - ☐ Change name of Certificate from _____ *to* _____
   - ☐ Revise Certificate requirements *in* _____
   - ☐ Drop Certificate *in* _____

   - ☐ Other _____

2. **Effective Date: Fall** 2016 _____ (Effective date must be for future fall term.) ***Submission deadline is Oct 1ˢᵗ.***
   NOTE: Items received after deadlines may be put to the back of the line or forwarded to the following year. Please submit on time.

   Contact: Scot Hulbert _____ Phone number: (509) 335-3722 _____
   Email: scot_hulbert@wsu.edu _____ Campus mail code: 6430

3. **PLEASE ATTACH A RATIONALE STATEMENT** giving the reasons for each request marked above, and explaining how this impacts other units in Pullman and other campuses (if applicable).

4. **PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AND/OR CURRENT CATALOG COPY** with edit marks showing requested changes.

5. **SIGN AND DATE APPROVALS.**

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   Chair Signature/date   Dean Signature/date   CSC Date

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   Chair Signature/date   Dean Signature/date   AAC or GSC Date   Senate Date

Proposal to change the PLP 515 seminar requirement for Master's students in Plant Pathology
Effective Fall 2016
Prepared 1/28/2015

Background/rationale for this change:

Presently (effective Fall 2011), the Plant Pathology program presently requires 2 seminar graded credits (PLP 515) for both the master and doctoral programs—both on topical subjects other than the student's *dissertation*. The students are also required to give a non-credit exit seminar, in association with their final exam.

There has been some discussion that last change to the seminar requirement (Fall 2011) was intended for PhD students only—as evidenced by the word 'dissertation' (highlighted above), but in practice was applied to both MS and PhD students. The Plant Pathology faculty have recently discussed the current seminar requirement in relation to the short duration of an MS degree, and strongly support **reducing the graded seminar requirement (PLP 515) for Master's students to 1 topical seminar graded credit (vs 2)—on a topic other than the student's thesis. Master's students will still be required to give a non-credit exit seminar, in association with their final exam.** This arrangement will help with some of the need to double up or even triple up on seminars weekly towards the end of each semester.

Graduate students who started their program under the existing requirements of two Pl P 515 credits will be given the option of following the current requirements, or adopting the new requirements. We will ask their preference be made in writing and submitted to our program's Academic Coordinator for inclusion in their program file.

Current MS Program Requirements-Plant Pathology	**Proposed** MS Program Requirements-Plant Pathology

30 total credit hours
    21 hrs minimum of graded coursework:
      --A minimum of 15 graded credits at the 500-level
      --Including 2 credits of PLP 515
    4 hours minimum of PLP 700 research credits
 	
Non-credit exit seminar
Final oral exam
	30 total credit hours
	    21 hrs minimum of graded coursework:
	      --A minimum of 15 graded credits at the 500-level
	      --Including 1 credit of PLP 515
	    4 hours minimum of PLP 700 research credits
	
	Non-credit exit seminar
	Final oral exam