



NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

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Re: Substantive Change Notification

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

As discussed at the Leadership Team meeting in Atlanta (June 9, 2008), North Carolina A&T State University is notifying you of academic changes, some of which may not be considered substantive, but are provided for your information.

Certificate Programs (see attachment)

Certificate programs give students the option of completing a curriculum of 11-20 credit hours plus certain elective courses. In addition, students fulfill other requirements, such as study abroad, internships, research papers, etc. A certificate is awarded by the department offering the certificate program, but there is no official designation of the certificate program on the student's diploma or transcript.

Online Degree Programs

North Carolina A&T State University offers eight online degree programs; four are undergraduate and four are graduate. All major courses for both the undergraduate and graduate degrees are offered online. Students in the undergraduate programs may select elective courses from among the 487 online courses. In 2007, we initiated two other online degree programs, one undergraduate and the other graduate, but a few courses remain to be developed.

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Undergraduate Online Degree Programs:

1. Agricultural Education (BS) (2+2 Program)

Students pursue the agricultural associate degree program (AAS) at a community college. After completing the AAS degree, students enroll in the online BS degree program in Agricultural Education at North Carolina A&T State University.

2. Business Education (BS)
3. Electronic Technology (BS)
4. Occupational Safety and Health (BS)
5. Technology Education (BS)*

*New Program (Fall 2007) – Most of the courses are online.

Graduate Online Degree Programs:

1. Agricultural Education (MS) (Collaborative Program with North Carolina State University)

The home institution for students is either North Carolina A&T State University or North Carolina State University. Students take all but 6-12 credit hours at their home institutions. The remaining 6-12 credit hours are taken online at the collaborating university.

2. Information Technology (MS)*
3. Instructional Technology (MS)
4. Technology Education (MS)
5. Technology Management (PhD) (Consortium Program with Indiana State University)

The consortium arrangement allows students enrolled at Indiana State University to take specialty online courses at North Carolina A&T State University.

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If additional information is needed, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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