

ACADEMIC ITEMS MEMORANDUM

May 18, 2026

To: Chief Academic Officers

From: Joe Thiel
Deputy Commissioner for Academic, Research, and Student Affairs

RE: Approval of April 2026 Academic Items

The following April 2026 academic items have been approved:

LEVEL I ITEMS:

University of Montana

- Request to terminate multiple concentrations: BA in Classics with concentrations in Classical Languages, Latin Language Education, Latin; BA in Russian with concentration in Russian Language Education
[Item #1003-LI0526](#)
- Request to terminate the BFA in Sound Design and Media Technology
[Item #1004-LI0526](#)
- Notification to place multiple minors in moratorium: Russian Studies, European Studies, Arabic Studies
[Item #1005-LI0526](#)
- Request for authorization to terminate multiple certificates: World Competencies, Sonic Arts, New West: Art and the Environment, Interactive Art and Media, Athletic Injury, Sports Coaching, Wilderness Emergency Medicine, Exercise is Medicine
[Item #1006-LI0526](#)
- Request for authorization to retitle the BA in Classics with a concentration in Classical Civilization to BA in Classical Studies
[Item #1007-LI0526](#)
- Request authorization to establish a certificate in esports
[Item #1008-LI0526](#)
- Request authorization to establish a Planetarium Presenter certificate
[Item #1009-LI0526](#)
- Request authorization to establish a certificate in Global Change Biology
[Item #1010-LI0526](#)
- Notification to place the minor in Chinese into moratorium
[Item #1013-LI0526](#)
- Authorization to terminate the MA in Economics
[Item #1015-LI0526](#)
- Notification to place the BS in Public Health online
[Item #1018-LI0526](#)

LEVEL II ITEMS:

- Request authorization to consolidate the Learning and Belonging (LAB) School within the Institution for Early Childhood Education
[Item #1011-LII0526](#)
- Request for authorization to establish the Institute for Human Centered Artificial Intelligence
[Item #1017-LII0526](#)



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- Request for authorization to establish the Montana Public Health Training Center
[Item #1005-LII0326](#)

University of Montana Western

- Request to establish the Land, Water and Sky Center
[Item #1601-LII0326](#)

Montana Technological University

- Request for authorization to establish a Certificate of Applied Science in Broadband Technology
[Item # 1501-LII0326](#)
- Request for authorization to establish a CTS in Heavy Equipment operations
[Item #1502-LII0326](#)
- Request for authorization to establish a CTS in Fiber Splicing
[Item #1503-LII0326](#)
- Request for authorization to establish a CTS in Warehousing
[Item # 1504-LII0326](#)
- Request for authorization to establish an MS in Mechanical Engineering
[Item # 1505-LII0326](#)
- Request for authorization to establish an MS in Civil Engineering
[Item #1506-LII0326](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Thiel".

Joe Thiel
Deputy Commissioner for Academic, Research, and Student Affairs