

# Course Withdrawals

**TO:** Faculty Senate, Texas A&M University

**THROUGH:** Dr. Mark Zoran, Chair  
 Graduate Council

**THROUGH:** Dr. David Reed, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Chair for College  
 Graduate Program Council  
 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

**THROUGH:** Dr. David Baltensperger, Interim Department Head  
 Ecosystem Science and Management

**FROM:** Dr. Tom Boutton, Associate Department Head for Graduate Programs  
 Ecosystem Science and Management

**DATE:** July 12, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Request to eliminate the Certificate Program in Tree Improvement

*Approved by GC:*  
*Mark Zoran*  
*Chair.*  
*10-10-13*

*David Reed*

*David Baltensperger*

*Thomas W. Boutton*

The Department of Ecosystem Science and Management would like to administratively remove the Certificate Program in Tree Improvement from the existing inventory of certificate programs. We request this change due to lack of student interest in the certificate and lack of forestry faculty available to provide teaching and mentoring in support of the program.

As is clear in the attached correspondence with Dr. Tom Byram, who was involved in establishing the certificate, since the program's inception, no certificates have been awarded. Only one applicable class has been taught—and that only one time as a special topics course. The program was never fully developed, and there is no evidence that this certificate has been active for several years. For this reason, there is no reason to keep it moving forward.

Item Withdrawn

