
New Chapters Approved

The Executive Board has approved the following nine new chapters. Please welcome the newest chapters of TriBeta.

Bemidji State University (NC-3)

Bemidji State University is part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System (MNSCU). It is accredited by the Higher Learning commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and is classed as a Master's College and University II by the Carnegie Institute. There are about 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled. BSU is a regional, state, national and international university, enrolling students from all walks of life and over 40 countries around the world.

The Department of Biology offers the following degrees: Biology (B.S., B.A., M.S.), Aquatic Biology (B.S.), Wildlife Biology (B.S.), Science - Life Science Teaching certification (B.S.), Medical Laboratory Science (B.S.), and minors in Biology and Wetlands Ecology. The department also offers emphases in: Medical Sciences, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Aquatic Systems, Fisheries, and Wetlands Ecology.

The Department of Biology currently has 374 undergraduate students and 16 graduate students. The Biology Department also teaches courses that support a nursing program. There are 11 full time Biology faculty.

Concordia University (W-2)

Concordia University, Irvine (CUI) is a 4-year residential/commuter university serving the Irvine, California area southeast of Los Angeles, California. Concordia University, Irvine is part of a system of Lutheran universities founded in 1973, and has been fully accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges

(WASC) since 1981. Concordia is located in a primarily suburban area and most students are commuters as the college presently only has residential facilities for freshmen, though has plans to expand housing in the near future. The institution is a small, private, Christian liberal arts university with a total enrollment of 3,300 students, half of whom are undergraduates.

Kutztown University (NE-2)

Kutztown University is in Kutztown, Pennsylvania, in the southeast portion of the state. It is one of the 14 universities that make up the State System of Higher Education in Pennsylvania. Kutztown University was founded in 1866 as Keystone Normal School. The school became Kutztown State Teachers College in 1928, Kutztown State College in 1960 and achieved university status in 1983. The enrollment is approximately 9,500 students.

There are 19 full-time faculty members in the Biology Department. The department is housed on the second floor of the Boehm Science Center with the other floors occupied by the physical sciences. The department has 543 students enrolled in six majors: Biological Science with three tracks: Pre-Medical and other Health Careers, Molecular/Micro/Cell, and Organismal/Ecology; Secondary Education in Biology; Environmental Science; and Marine Science. The department is also involved in a Master of Education in Secondary Education/Biology Program.

Lipscomb University (SE-2)

Lipscomb University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools granting B.S., M.S., and Doctorate degrees as well as eight educational specialist degrees. The Department of Biology is in the School of Natural Science and Mathematics.