

**COLLEGE of LIBERAL ARTS and SCIENCES
EXECUTIVE ACTION REQUEST**

EA-CLAS-22-14
Effective Immediately

TO: Ryan Hendrickson, Graduate School Dean
FROM: Edward Treadwell, Chair Chemistry & Biochemistry Dept
DATE: February 10th, 2022

Requested change:

To remove the GRE requirement for application to the Chemistry master's program.

Rationale for change:

A number of our students are international and in countries with few testing centers, so logistically it can be difficult for them to take the exam, which also adds to an existing financial burden. Additionally studies have shown the GRE is not necessarily a good predictor for success in a graduate program and has significant demographical bias. Finally, EIU as a whole is moving away from requiring this so it does not seem warranted for Chemistry to be a / the sole hold-out.

Effective Year/Term:

Effective immediately.

Current Catalog Description:

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Proposed Catalog Description:

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