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**Substantive Program Modification Form**

<i>Existing Curriculum</i>		<i>Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)</i>	
Total number of hours required for degree		Total number of hours required for degree	
Option A	30	Option A	30
Option B	32	Option B	32

### 7. Explanation of the Change:

Students must register for PS 792 Topics: Teaching Experience which is a 1 credit per semester core requirement for the degree. The course provides an opportunity to assist a laboratory instructor in exercise planning, laboratory equipment set-up, procedures, and interactions with undergraduate students. The Agronomy, Horticulture, and Plant Science faculty voted to increase the number of credits for PS 792 for the M.S. degree from 1 to 2 credits. This will provide the student with a second teaching experience in a different semester which should instill more confidence as they interact professionally in a formal classroom setting as well as developing skills in communicating technical information to students and others in informal teaching and learning settings.

In addition, the previous catalog description contained no specific course requirements for Options A and B. These changes provide more specifics about the coursework.