

Introduction to Optimization 2.0 Academic Program Review

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A Message from Interim President Michael K. Smith

Dear Vermont State University Students,

We hope your academic year is off to a great start!

Today, I am writing to introduce you to "Optimization 2.0," an initiative to examine our list of academic offerings to decide what our degree programs will be for future incoming students. This type of review is standard practice for universities, and decisions will start with the fall 2024 catalog. Your graduation path remains unaffected.

Our goals emphasize vibrant campuses and the development of a student-friendly delivery model. Additionally, they include prioritizing programs to secure the university's financial stability and foster growth.

Optimization 2.0 is a comprehensive effort to evaluate our academic programs, considering financial, academic, and enrollment data, as well as qualitative input. Some programs may be consolidated or retired, which will impact students who begin in the fall of 2024 and beyond.

You and all current students can continue your studies in your declared major. Your chosen program is secure, and your requirements for graduation will not change. Optimization 2.0 is a positive step toward improving your educational experience and securing the university's future.

If you have questions or concerns, please get in touch with the Advising Center on your campus or your faculty advisor, or email Advising@VermontState.edu. They are a resource for you.

Thank you for being a part of our university community, and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns to the Advising Center.

Warmly,

Mike

Michael K. Smith
Interim President

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