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* + Department of Business Administration
  + Master of Science
* **Program Name:\***

Entrepreneurship & Design (MS)

* **Justification for Deactivation:\***

The combination of three factors - (1) strong economic conditions and near full employment in the U.S., (2) proliferation of non-residential hybrid and online graduate professional education offerings, and (3) challenges associated with effectively targeting an amorphous audience - have combined to limit demand for the M.S. in Entrepreneurship & Design (MS ENTD) program, which was approved for 5-year provisional status in 2014.

As of Fall 2018, just 3 fulltime students are enrolled in the program. Therefore, discontinuation is proposed with an effective date of September 1, 2020. This effective date is intended to allow any current students to complete degree requirements.

It’s important to note that discontinuation of the MS ENTD is expected to have negligible effects on faculty and the availability of graduate-level ENTR offerings. The program has no dedicated fulltime faculty and Horn Entrepreneurship intends to continue to offer more than fifteen, 600-level graduate courses each year. In addition, all UD graduate students will remain eligible to add a 12-credit certificate in entrepreneurship to their programs of study. Future hybrid graduate programs in entrepreneurship are also in the initial planning process. These programs will require limited time in residence and focus on increasing student capacities for creating value within the context of their current situations.

The ENTD program requires the completion of a minimum of 30 credits, generally in an 11-month period (July - May).

* **Resolution:\***

WHEREAS, the MS in Entrepreneurship & Design was approved for temporary status in 2014, and

WHEREAS, in Fall of 2018, the official enrollment for the MS in Entrepreneurship & Design was just 3 fulltime students, and

WHEREAS, University of Delaware graduate students will continue to have the opportunity to enroll in more than 15 graduate-level, ENTR-designated courses and pursue a graduate certificate in entrepreneurship regardless of the status of the MS, and

WHEREAS, future graduate offerings in entrepreneurship that are more responsive to market needs for non-residential professional education offerings are in the initial planning process, and

WHEREAS, the Lerner College Graduate Program committee has voted to disestablish the program, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommends discontinuation of the MS degree in Entrepreneurship and Design by September 1, 2020.