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UMM Human Services Program Approved

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MORRIS (5/28/76) -- A baccalaureate program in Liberal Arts for the Human Services at the University of Minnesota, Morris has been approved by the University's Board of Regents.

"The program was developed in response to continued student interest during the past several years," said UMM Academic Dean Gordon Bopp, who cited the program's three main purposes as:

"It will provide a firm liberal arts basis for the understanding of individual human behavior in its social context.

"It will provide the academic foundation for professional work in the bachelor level human services occupations such as counseling, case work, personnel work and the administration of human services in federal and state agencies and in private business or professional organizations.

"And, he concluded, "it is designed to prepare students for graduate programs in the human services professions."

Requirements for the major include courses in anthropology or sociology, psychology and mathematics as well as at least five credits of field experience or interdisciplinary internship, as well as at least one credit of course work specifically addressed to problems of human services related professional ethics.

In addition to courses in these areas, students can elect courses from a list that includes economics, drug use and abuse education, public administration and communication.

A student in the program would develop a coherent program of study in consultation with his or her major advisor who would be assigned faculty members with background or specialities related to the human service areas.

After advisor approval, the program and plan would be forwarded to Bopp for approval.

The new major in Liberal Arts for the Human Services brings the total number of major programs offered at UMM to 27.

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