Penn State to discontinue credit courses at Lewistown Center in 2017

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UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Penn State will discontinue credit courses at the Lewistown Center following the spring 2017 semester. The decision to end credit courses at this location, 152 E. Market St., Suite 100, in Lewistown, was based on decreasing enrollment and declining revenue.

The Lewistown Center will remain open as it continues to serve as a community resource for Penn State Cooperative Extension programs and consulting services from the Penn State Small Business Development Center.

The students currently enrolled in courses at the Lewistown Center will receive assistance from Penn State to help them with potential paths to degree completion.

In addition, current students will be counseled on their options for continuing their education at other Penn State locations if they desire, including online through Penn State World Campus or at the University Park campus. Students will continue to have access to support services, including academic advising, career counseling and financial aid assistance.

In July 2011, Penn State’s Academic Program and Administrative Services Core Council asked Outreach and Online Education (OOE) to carefully review the cost effectiveness of offering courses in Lewistown. The goal of the council was to identify new ways to maintain academic excellence while helping Penn State become a more efficient and effective institution. OOE leadership gave the center additional time to increase enrollments. Since that time, enrollments steadily declined and course offerings were routinely canceled, causing further disruption to students seeking to complete their degrees. With enrollments remaining low, the decision was made to implement the council’s recommendation and discontinue credit courses at the Lewistown Center.

Current Lewistown Center students can call 717-248-9618 for further assistance.

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