

DISCONTINUANCE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CO-MAJOR

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors discontinue the International Studies Co-Major, effective December 31, 2017. The final semester that students will be able to graduate with an International Studies co-major will be Fall 2017.

Program Description

The International Studies co-major is an interdisciplinary co-major that has been housed in the English Language Institute. The Institute Director, Bruce Morgan, has advised students in the co-major. Students have taken coursework across the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to satisfy co-major requirements.

Rationale

The Global Studies major and minor were designed to replace the International Studies co-major after the co-major program was reviewed in 2013-2014. Because the Global Studies major and minor are now open for enrollment (effective in Fall 2016), the International Studies co-major is no longer needed. The Global Studies major and minor are housed in Classical and Modern Languages, Linguistics and Cultures (CMLLC). CMLLC has hired a Global Studies Director, and many other CMLLC faculty are teaching the core courses for the new programs.

Accommodations for Current Students

Current co-majors who are unable to finish their coursework by December 2017 are being advised to switch to a Global Studies minor, which can accommodate most of the coursework they have completed for the co-major. Current co-majors were already contacted with this information in Spring 2016 and again in Fall 2016. No new students have been allowed to declare the International Studies co-major, effective Fall 2016. Students are instead being encouraged to declare the Global Studies major or minor.

Approvals

This proposal was approved by the faculty and Chair of the Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; the Director of the English Language Institute; the CLAS Faculty Council; the Office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and the Office of the Provost.