

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ORCHESTRAL STUDIES

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the discontinuance of the Graduate Certificate in Orchestral Studies in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, effective Winter 2020.

Background

The Graduate Certificate in Orchestral Studies has seen a decline in student enrollment. The music faculty has observed that students pursuing advanced studies in orchestral studies usually pursue the Master of Music degree in Performance, not a certificate. During its twenty-year run, the number of students enrolled has never been enough to sustain the program. Since 2013, it has been in moratorium.

Program Description

The Graduate Certificate in Orchestral Studies was developed to give students interested in careers in orchestra additional training on their instruments and familiarity with the standard orchestral repertory.

Approvals

The discontinuance of this program was approved by the faculty, the Dean of the College of Fine Performing and Communication Arts, the Graduate Council, the Dean of the Graduate School and the Provost.