Rename the Ph.D. in “German Language and Literature” to “German Studies” (PCC 20038)

PRESENTED BY Valerie Orlando, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee

ISSUE

The School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (SLLC), within the College of Arts and Humanities, proposes to rename its Ph.D. in “German Language and Literature” to “German Studies.” German Studies more accurately reflects the range of topics studied in the program, which includes cultural elements other than language and literature. The new name also aligns with how German graduate programs are titled at peer institutions.

This proposal is also being submitted with proposals to rename the minor, bachelor’s and master’s programs so that all of the program names will be titled German Studies. No other changes to the program are proposed at this time.

This proposal was approved by the Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses committee on November 6, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses recommends that the Senate approve this name change.

COMMITTEE WORK

The committee considered this proposal at its meeting on November 6, 2020. Julie Koser, from the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, and Ralph Bauer, from the College of Arts and Humanities, presented the proposal and answered questions from the committee. The proposal was approved by the committee.

ALTERNATIVES

The Senate could decline to approve this program name change.
RISKS

If the Senate declines to approve this new name, the university will lose an opportunity to reflect more accurately the content of the program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant financial implications with changing the name of the academic program. No other aspects of the program are changing.
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Proposed Action
Rename Program

Program Name
German Studies (GERS)

Program Status
Active

Effective Term
Spring 2021

Catalog Year
2020-2021

Program Level
Graduate Program

Program Type
Doctoral

Delivery Method
On Campus

Departments
School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Colleges
Arts and Humanities

Program/Major Code
GERS

MHEC Inventory Program
German Language and Literature

CIP Code
160501 - German Language and Literature.

HEGIS
110300

Degree(s) Awarded
Doctor of Philosophy

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Proposal Summary
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Program and Catalog Information

Catalog Program Requirements:

Doctoral students must complete 24 credits of coursework beyond the master's degree over a period of at least one year at the University of Maryland in addition to 12 credits of doctoral dissertation research. Other doctoral requirements include:

1. a reading skill examination in a language other than English or German, which may be another Germanic language or a language related to the candidate's research;
2. comprehensive written examinations;
3. presentation of the dissertation, an original study in the field of specialization on a topic approved by the adviser and the examining committee; and
4. the oral defense of the dissertation (one to two hours)

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Program Modification Information

Impact on current students. It should be specifically acknowledged that students enrolled in the program prior to the effective date of any curriculum change may complete their program under the old requirements if they wish. The courses required must remain available, or suitable substitutions specifically designated.

There will be no impact on current students enrolled in the program and their ability to complete the degree in a timely manner due to the renaming of the program.

Linked Programs

Renaming Program

Provide a rationale for renaming the program.

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