

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM

Date: 3/22/21

Submitted by: Miguel Gonzalez-Abellas

SUBJECT: Deletion of B.A. in German

Description: This is a proposal to delete the B.A. in German

Rationale: The program has been struggling for a while, with no more than 5 active majors at any given point in the last few years, and only one new major declaration in the last three years before we stopped taking new majors over a year ago. More than half the low enrollment classes in the department (3 or less students) have been in German in the last few years. Declining enrollments in German are a national trend and it is thus unlikely that the number of majors will increase significantly. Discontinuing the faculty line in German and the program will conserve resources.

Financial Implications: None

Proposed Effective Date: *Fall 2021*

Request for Action: Approval through WUBOR

Approved by: *AAC on date*

FAC on date

Faculty Senate on date

Attachments Yes No

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES PROGRAM DELETION FORM

	Chair's Signature	Recommendation		Review Date
Department	<u>Miguel Gonzalez-Abellas</u>	<u>Approve</u>		<u>2020-10-21</u>
Division	<u>Michael OBrien</u>	<u>Approve</u>		<u>2020-12-04</u>
Dept. of Educ.	<u>N/A</u>			
<small>(If relates to teacher certification program.)</small>				
Dean	<u>Laura Stephenson</u>	<u>Approve</u>		<u>2021-01-12</u>
Curriculum Committee	<u>Rebecca Meador</u>	<u>Approve</u>		<u>2021-01-27</u>
Accepted by CFC	<u>Michaela Saunders</u>	<u>Approve</u>		<u>2021-02-09</u>
CAS Faculty	<u>Michaela Saunders</u>	<u>Approve</u>		<u>2021-03-04</u>

Approved By: Faculty Senate _____ University Faculty _____ WU Board of Regents _____

Program: Bachelor of Arts in German (CIP:)

1. Reason for this program deletion?

At this point, there is only one major at Washburn, who should be graduating this December. The program has been struggling with majors, with no more than 5 active majors at any given point in the last few years, and only one new major declaration in the last three years before we stopped taking new majors over a year ago. More than half the low enrollment classes in the department (3 or less students) have been in GE in the last few years.

Declining enrollments in German have been a national trend in the last few years. The Modern Languages Department is not getting a position without a good amount of tentative majors or any potential spike in interest, not especially in these times of budget cuts. Considering the trends in German language studies nationally, and the low enrollments at WU, that spike in interest does not seem likely, and therefore recruiting a lecturer or assistant professor for German does not seem feasible.

Therefore, having a program but not an instructor is not a good situation, coming close to false advertising. Modern Languages, at their meeting on September 22, voted 4-1 to delete the program.

2. Complete description.

3. Is the program being deleted from the catalog being replaced with another program? No

If so, please explain.

No. We keep our BA programs in French and Spanish, along with minors in French, Spanish, International Studies, and Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino/a Studies (the last one with the History Department).

We plan to keep the GE code for the first year language in German, which we currently teach.

4. Is the content of this program being distributed to another program? No

No.

5. Does this change affect any other departments? No

No. There is a foreign language requirement for BA programs, but it is only the first year, and we have a few options (five) currently available. For programs that require a minor, we also have several minors (four).