



July 16, 2012

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to notify you that The University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington) is phasing out several degree programs over the next few years because the programs were not producing an adequate number of degrees.

Degree Title	Program Name	CIP Code	Phase-out Date
MA	Humanities	24.0103.00	5/31/ 2013
MA	Humanities – Literature	24.0103.00	5/31/2013
MA	Anthropology	45.0201.00	8/31/2015
MS	Geology	40.0601.00	12/31/2014
MA/MS	Interdisciplinary Studies	30.9999.01	8/31/2015
BA	German	16.0501.00	5/31/2015
BA	Russian	16.0402.00	8/31/2018
BA	Modern Languages	16.0101	5/13/2015

MA Humanities/MA Humanities - Literature

Students currently enrolled in the MA Humanities program have been notified by email from the graduate advisor that they must complete their degrees by May 31, 2013. There are sufficient course offerings to allow completion. The bulk of the students are already at the thesis state, and those still needing organized course work can take courses already being taught by other programs, due to the interdisciplinary nature of the program. Additionally, some students have opted to switch to a MA program in a related discipline.

Tenured and tenure-track faculty have been reassigned within existing programs. Because the program is interdisciplinary, most of the faculty already have full-time assignments in their own departments. The only staff member affected is the Program Director, who is a full professor in the Department of Political Science and will return to teach full time in that program. The closure of this program will have little or no impact on office staff, because the positions were shared with other, larger programs.

MA Anthropology

Students currently enrolled in the MA Anthropology program have been notified by email from the graduate advisor that they must complete their degrees by August 31, 2015. There are sufficient enrollments for the coming academic year (2012-13) to continue to offer several Anthropology courses for these students. In subsequent years, these students will have access to master's level courses cross-listed with senior-level undergraduate courses, as well

as thesis supervision by the Anthropology faculty. The College of Liberal Arts and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology anticipates no difficulties in helping current students complete the degree.

Faculty formerly teaching in this program will continue teaching in the BA Anthropology and minor programs offered by the department. The staff member who has been serving as the part-time graduate advisor for the MA will assume some additional teaching duties when the advising position ends. The closure of this program will have little or no impact on office staff, because the positions were shared with other, larger programs.

BA Russian, BA German, BA Modern Languages

Students currently enrolled in these BA programs have been notified by email from the undergraduate advisors that they must complete their degrees by the dates listed in the summary table on the first page. Robust course enrollments from students seeking a minor in these areas will result in sufficient course offerings to allow students in the major to complete the degree. Similarly, the faculty in these areas will continue to teach the courses required for the minors and for the Globalization and Translation certificate. Tenure line faculty will teach courses formerly taught by adjuncts. The adjunct pool has been reduced through normal attrition due to resignations and retirements. Likewise, office staff will not be affected.

MS Geology

This program is being consolidated as an option within the MS in Environmental and Earth Sciences. As of September 1, 2011, no new students were admitted to this program. Current students were notified via email from the graduate advisor that they have the option of completing their MS in Geology by December 14, 2014, or changing their major to Environmental and Earth Sciences. A meeting was also held with students to answer any questions. The change did not affect the coursework that the students must complete for the degree, so no disruption in obtaining the degree is expected. The courses and the faculty teaching the courses remain unchanged.

MA/MS Interdisciplinary Studies

Currently enrolled students were notified in class about the program phase-out and that they would be able to graduate in the program they started. That class will graduate in December 2012. No other students have been admitted to the program, so the last students in the program will have finished the degree in December of 2012. Courses for this program were taught as faculty overloads or by adjuncts, so no faculty members will be affected by this closure, except that Interdisciplinary Studies faculty will have no graduate courses. No additional staff was devoted to this program.

Please let me know if the Commission requires any additional information.

Sincerely,



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