



February 22, 2013

Mr. James D. Spaniolo
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Dear Mr. Spaniolo:

Thank you for your letter of July 16, 2012, notifying the Commission on Colleges that The University of Texas at Arlington is phasing out several degree programs over the next few years.

M.A. Humanities/M.A. Humanities – Literature (Phase out by May 31, 2013)

Students currently enrolled in the M.A. 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.

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 closure of this program will have little or no impact on office staff.

M.A. Anthropology (Phase out by August 31, 2015)

Students currently enrolled in the M.A. 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 2012-2013 academic year 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.

Faculty teaching in this program will continue teaching in the B.A. Anthropology and minor programs offered by the department. The closure of this program will have little or no impact on office staff.

B.A. Russian (Phase out by August 31, 2019)

B.A. German (Phase out by May 31, 2015)

B.A. Modern Languages (Phase out by May 31, 2015)





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Students enrolled in these B.A. programs have been notified by email from the undergraduate advisors that they must complete their degrees by the dates listed. Sufficient course offerings will allow students in the major to complete the degree. 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.

M.S. Geology (Phase out December 31, 2014)

This program is being consolidated as an option within the M.S. 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 M.S. in Geology by December 14, 2014, or changing their major to Environmental and Earth Sciences. No disruption in obtaining the degree is expected. The courses and the faculty teaching the courses remain unchanged.

M.A./M.S. Interdisciplinary Studies (Phase out August 31, 2015)

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 graduated in December 2012. No other students have been admitted to the program, so the last students in the program will have finished the degree. Courses for this program were taught as faculty overloads or by adjunct faculty, so no faculty members will be affected by this closure.

We approve the termination of these programs and require no additional information.

Please note that, because of recent changes in U.S.D.O.E. regulations, closure of a program requires notification and submission of a teach-out plan for approval (rather than only notification). In the future, notification and the teach-out plan should be submitted at least three months prior to the closure. The date of closure is that date on which no new students will be admitted to the program.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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