



PCC Proposal to Rename the Master of Arts in “German Language and Literature” to “German Studies” (Senate Document #20-21-23)

TO Darryll J. Pines | President

FROM Laura Dugan | Chair, University Senate

I am pleased to forward the accompanying legislation for your consideration and approval. Elizabeth Beise, Member of the Programs, Curricula, & Courses Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Rename the Master of Arts in “German Language and Literature” to “German Studies” (Senate Document #20-21-23), which the University Senate approved at its meeting on December 8, 2020. Please inform the Senate of your decision and any administrative action related to your conclusion.

Approved:

**Darryll J. Pines
President**

Date:

12-10-2020

Copies of this approval and the accompanying legislation will be forwarded to:

- Mary Ann Rankin**, Senior Vice President and Provost
- Reka Montfort**, Executive Secretary and Director, University Senate
- Michael Poterala**, Vice President and General Counsel
- Cynthia Hale**, Associate Vice President for Finance and Personnel
- John Bertot**, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
- Elizabeth Beise**, Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs
- Rhonda Smith**, Acting Director, Division of Academic Affairs
- Bonnie Thornton Dill**, Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
- Julie Koser**, Associate Professor and Department Head, School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Ralph Bauer**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Arts and Humanities
- Valérie K. Orlando**, Chair, Programs, Curricula, & Courses (PCC) Committee



Rename the Master of Arts in “German Language and Literature” to “German Studies” (PCC 20037)

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

REVIEW DATES SEC – November 18, 2020 | SENATE – December 17, 2020

VOTING METHOD In a single vote

**RELEVANT
POLICY/DOCUMENT** N/A

**NECESSARY
APPROVALS** Senate, President, University System of Maryland Chancellor, and Maryland Higher Education Commission

ISSUE

The School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (SLLC), within the College of Arts and Humanities, proposes to rename its Master of Arts 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 Ph.D. 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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In Workflow

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Approval Path

1. Mon, 29 Jun 2020 21:20:17 GMT
Mehl Penrose (mpenrose): Approved for D-SLLC Curriculum Manager
2. Mon, 29 Jun 2020 21:21:16 GMT
Mehl Penrose (mpenrose): Approved for D-SLLC PCC Chair
3. Mon, 29 Jun 2020 21:22:10 GMT
Mehl Penrose (mpenrose): Approved for D-SLLC Chair
4. Wed, 09 Sep 2020 19:15:44 GMT
Betsy Yuen (myuen): Approved for ARHU Curriculum Manager
5. Wed, 16 Sep 2020 18:11:04 GMT
Alejandro Caneque (acaneque): Approved for ARHU PCC Chair
6. Fri, 18 Sep 2020 17:34:15 GMT
Ralph Bauer (bauerr): Approved for ARHU Dean
7. Wed, 21 Oct 2020 19:27:26 GMT
Michael Colson (mcolson): Approved for Academic Affairs Curriculum Manager
8. Sun, 01 Nov 2020 14:40:24 GMT
Angela Ambrosi (aambrosi): Approved for Graduate School Curriculum Manager
9. Sun, 01 Nov 2020 14:47:53 GMT
Angela Ambrosi (aambrosi): Approved for Graduate PCC Chair
10. Mon, 02 Nov 2020 15:38:20 GMT
Steve Fetter (sfetter): Approved for Dean of the Graduate School
11. Fri, 06 Nov 2020 15:24:46 GMT
Valerie Orlando (vorlando): Approved for Senate PCC Chair

History

1. Sep 12, 2019 by Angela Ambrosi (aambrosi)
2. Oct 16, 2019 by William Bryan (wbryan)

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Last approved: Wed, 16 Oct 2019 14:52:47 GMT

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Changes proposed by: Julie Koser (jkoser)

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

Master's

Delivery Method

On Campus

Departments

Department

School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Colleges

College

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

Degree Awarded

Master of Arts

Proposal Contact

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Proposal Summary

We are proposing a name change for the BA major (and minor), MA, and PhD programs in order to bring them in line with peer institutions and the current state of the field. Additionally, this change will more accurately reflect the expertise of existing faculty and the content of curriculum offered at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The existing name "Germanic" accommodated the expertise of faculty members who researched and taught on the literatures and cultures of Scandinavia. These faculty members have since retired and the program has no plans to hire in these fields in the future. For these reasons, the program requests approval to rename the programs "German Studies."

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Program and Catalog Information

Catalog Program Requirements:

Thesis option: 30 credits

Non-thesis option: 30 credits

The M.A. degree program offers both a thesis and non-thesis option. For the thesis option, the student must complete 24 hours of coursework, the thesis with oral defense and a written comprehensive examination. The non-thesis option requires 30 hours of coursework, a mini-thesis with oral defense and a written comprehensive examination. For both options the comprehensives consist of two three-hour examinations based on the coursework and the M.A. reading list.

Course	Title	Credits
GERM620	Methods of German Literary Studies I: Theory	3
German courses at the 600-800 level		15
Thesis or Non-Thesis Requirements		12
Thesis:		
Electives		
GERM799	Master's Thesis Research	
Pass an oral defense and a written Master's comprehensive exam		
Non-Thesis:		
Electives		
Written Master's comprehensive exam		
Total Credits		30

¹ All Teaching Assistants are required to take SLLC601 for one credit. This course counts towards the total credits required.

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 is no significant impact on current students in completion of their program with the requested name change of the program.

Linked Programs

Renaming Program

Provide a rationale for renaming the program.

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