



**PCC Proposal to Rename the Ph.D. in “German Language and Literature” to  
“German Studies” (Senate Document #20-21-24)**

**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 Ph.D. in “German Language and Literature” to “German Studies” (Senate Document #20-21-24), 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:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darryll J. Pines".

**Darryll J. Pines  
President**

**Date:**

**12-10-2010**

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

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

**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**

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

**ISSUE**

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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)**

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

**COMMITTEE WORK**

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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**

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The Senate could decline to approve this program name change.

## **RISKS**

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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**

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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 21:20:42 GMT  
Mehl Penrose (mpenrose): Approved for D-SLLC Curriculum Manager
2. Mon, 29 Jun 2020 21:21:25 GMT  
Mehl Penrose (mpenrose): Approved for D-SLLC PCC Chair
3. Mon, 29 Jun 2020 21:22:14 GMT  
Mehl Penrose (mpenrose): Approved for D-SLLC Chair
4. Wed, 09 Sep 2020 19:15:51 GMT  
Betsy Yuen (myuen): Approved for ARHU Curriculum Manager
5. Wed, 16 Sep 2020 18:11:06 GMT  
Alejandro Caneque (acaneque): Approved for ARHU PCC Chair
6. Fri, 18 Sep 2020 17:33:27 GMT  
Ralph Bauer (bauerr): Approved for ARHU Dean
7. Wed, 21 Oct 2020 19:27:30 GMT  
Michael Colson (mcolson): Approved for Academic Affairs Curriculum Manager
8. Sun, 01 Nov 2020 14:40:29 GMT  
Angela Ambrosi (aambrosi): Approved for Graduate School Curriculum Manager
9. Sun, 01 Nov 2020 14:47:55 GMT  
Angela Ambrosi (aambrosi): Approved for Graduate PCC Chair
10. Mon, 02 Nov 2020 15:38:37 GMT  
Steve Fetter (sfetter): Approved for Dean of the Graduate School
11. Fri, 06 Nov 2020 15:24:51 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)

Date Submitted: Mon, 29 Jun 2020 21:01:28 GMT

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**Last approved: Wed, 16 Oct 2019 14:53:04 GMT**

**Last edit: Thu, 08 Oct 2020 14:54:48 GMT**

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**

Doctoral

**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**

Doctor of Philosophy

**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:

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)

Course	Title	Credits
Coursework beyond the master's degree		24
<b>Dissertation Research Requirements</b>		
GERM899	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12
Total Credits		36

## 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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