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## COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM – BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LANGUAGES, LINGUISTICS AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE**

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### PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Request for approval to add the Bachelor of Arts in Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature (16.0101).

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature currently offers undergraduate degree programs in French, Spanish, and Linguistics. The Department will roll all of the current stand-alone Bachelor's degrees into a single umbrella degree program with concentrations. This change is consistent with the changes made at the graduate program level in 2016. The single degree program will be called a Bachelor of Arts in Language, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature (16.0101).

### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

The termination of the individual degree programs and the roll-up into the new degree will be effective Fall 2018.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The courses required in the umbrella degree program are the same courses required in the individual degree programs. Therefore, the new degree program will not require any curriculum changes, additional faculty, or financial resources.

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**Supporting Documentation:** Program CIP Change Form

**Presented by:** Dr. Russell Ivy, Associate Provost for Programs and Assessment

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**PROGRAM CIP CHANGE REQUEST FORM**  
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida

**UNIVERSITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ Florida Atlantic University, Boca campus \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable, please include the campus)

**PROGRAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ French \_\_\_\_\_

**DEGREE LEVEL(S):** \_\_\_\_\_ BA \_\_\_\_\_  
(B, M, Ed.D., Ph.D., etc)

**OLD/CURRENT CIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_ 16.0901 \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW/REQUESTED CIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_ 16.0101 \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW CIP CODE EFFECTIVE TERM:** \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2018 \_\_\_\_\_  
(First term for students in the program using the new CIP code)

*Please use this form to notify the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida that an institution intends to change the CIP code for an already existing degree program and begin reporting enrollments and degrees data under the new CIP code. This action will allow for more accurate data analysis of enrollment and degree productivity as well as it will initiate any necessary changes to the articulation manuals and online search tools.*

**1. Provide a short background and rationale for the CIP change request.**

The Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature currently offers graduate and undergraduate degree programs in French, Spanish, and Linguistics, as well as a Italian Studies program under Languages and Linguistics (LLIT). The MA degrees were consolidated in September 2015, and it is logical that the same happens to the undergraduate degrees.

Low degree productivity at the BA-level, including for French, has prompted the department to re-examine its degree program offerings and to roll up the BA degrees in French, Spanish, and Linguistics under one umbrella as "Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature" with concentrations in these three areas and including Italian.

We request a change in the French CIP as indicated above, and plan no immediate changes to the French curriculum other than the degree title (from French to Languages Linguistics, and Comparative Literature: French). The BA in French will be terminated. As an initial step in this process, the department requests that the CIP for the BA in French be changed to the CIP 16.0101.

**2. Explain the impact of the proposed change on the current faculty and current and future students.**

No changes to the BA in current French course offerings are part of this proposal. Course offerings remain identical. We do foresee that the existence of the umbrella format will greatly facilitate advising, while the new degree title will be to the advantage of the degrees' marketability.

**3. Provide evidence that considerations have been given to the impact of this CIP change on existing programs at the university, and the possibility that the program using the new CIP will duplicate already existing programs at other SUS institutions.**

No negative impact on other programs or departments at FAU are foreseen as the requested CIP change only affects the programs housed in a single academic unit. To the contrary, a positive impact will be that the BA program in Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature becomes more productive by combining students with an interest in either French, Spanish, or Linguistics (and Italian) into a single rolled up program. Within the SUS we are the only department that considers Linguistics as part of the degree consolidation. We see no impact whatsoever.

**4. If applicable, please explain how the CIP change will impact the program's listing in a Programs of Strategic Emphasis (PSE) category. Please provide a rationale to support the need for the program to be included in a PSE category, if it is not already included in a PSE category.**

The current CIPs for the BA in Spanish and French are currently listed as Programs of Strategic Emphasis (PSE). The new CIP is currently not used in the SUS except for the our MA degrees consolidated in September 2015. We are working under the assumption that the new proposed degree program with the new CIP will largely include foreign languages which are on the PSE list, that it will eventually be included on the PSE list if the CIP change is approved.

**5. For baccalaureate programs please identify any related changes to the approved common prerequisites and degree program length.**

The common prerequisites remain identical to the existing ones.

**6. If this is a baccalaureate program, please list the common prerequisites for the current CIP code as listed in the program's curriculum and the common prerequisites associated with the new CIP code.**


Common requisites for the current CIP code are:

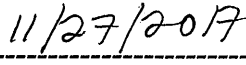
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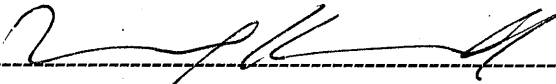
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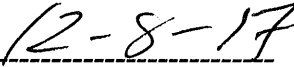
These common prerequisites remain UNCHANGED for the new CIP code.

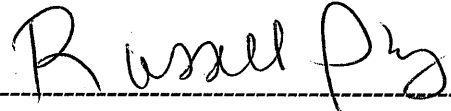
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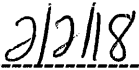
  
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Signature of Requestor/Initiator

  
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Date

  
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Signature of College Dean/Chair

  
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Signature of President or Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

  
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MEMORANDUM

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Date: November 20, 2017

To: Undergraduate Programs Committee

From: Myriam S. Ruthenberg, Director of Undergraduate Studies

Cc: Marcella Munson, Chair 

Re: Degree Consolidation of BA degrees in LLCL

The Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters wishes to bring 3 degree programs and 1 degree concentration under one umbrella, without changes to the current degree requirements. For this reason the new, single major can be implemented as of Fall 2018. Students will not be adversely affected as there is no need for phase-out measures.

What prompts this decision are the following factors:

- It addresses the BOG's concern over degree productivity;
- It is the logical next step after the consolidation in November 2015 of our graduate degree programs with the same name;
- The very title of the degree indicates knowledge beyond merely foreign language skills;
- The new title will make students better placed for graduate work here or elsewhere;
- The new degree title will make students more marketable.

The existing stand-alone BA degrees are:

- BA in French
- BA in Linguistics
- BA in Spanish

The existing concentration (track) under Linguistics is:

- LL: Italian.

The single umbrella BA degree will be called "**Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature,**" and the four concentrations will be:

- BA. in LLCL: French
- BA. in LLCL: Italian
- BA. in LLCL: Linguistics
- BA. in LLCL: Spanish.

The new, authorized, CIP code for this umbrella degree will be:  
**CIP 16.0101 "Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature."**

- Attachments: 1) Program CIP Change Request form (BA in French)  
2) Termination form for the BA degree in French  
3) Termination form for the BA degree in Linguistics, and  
4) Termination form for the BA degree in Spanish  
5) Catalogue changes.

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Department Chair: <u><i>Malle</i></u>	<u>11/27/2017</u>
College Curriculum Chair: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u>11/30/17</u>
College Dean: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u>12/8/17</u>
UUPC Chair: <u><i>JR</i></u>	<u>12-11-17</u>
Undergraduate Studies Dean: <u><i>Eme Schatt</i></u>	<u>12/19/17</u>
UFS President: _____	_____
Provost: <u><i>Russell Dy</i></u>	<u>2/2/18</u>