

# LETTER OF NOTIFICATION – 11

## RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAMS (Consolidation or Separation of Degrees)

1. Institution submitting request: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
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3. Title(s) of degree programs to be consolidated:  
French, Master of Arts  
German, Master of Arts
4. Current CIP Code(s): French, MA: 16.0901  
German, MA: 16.0501
5. Current Degree Code(s): French, MA: 5320  
German, MA: 1480
6. Proposed title of consolidated program: Modern Languages, Master of Arts
7. Proposed CIP Code: 16.9999
8. Proposed Effective Date Fall 2014
9. Reason for proposed consolidation:

In an effort to better prepare our graduates for the changing job market, the German and French sections are instituting a new MA requiring six hours of technology / pedagogy courses within the 36 hours required for the traditional German and French MA degrees. Currently, many students elect to take these courses, but this change would formally require the courses as a six hour core for a new combined M.A. in Modern Language with a Concentration in German or French. As these courses are currently already being offered, the changes would require no additional investment of resources.

10. Provide **current** and **proposed** curriculum outline.

**The Master of Arts Degree in Modern Languages, German Track:** The Master of Arts degree in Modern Languages, German Track offers course work related to the greater German-speaking world, including Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. The program offers a traditional, canon-centered degree in literary history. Students concentrate primarily on courses investigating literary epochs and particular genres that are focused on literary analysis and research. Graduates of the program generally continue study at the doctoral level at other institutions or complete alternative licensure or the M.A.T. to teach at the secondary level. Doctoral training in cultural studies and translation is also offered in conjunction with the Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies Program.

**Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree Modern Languages, German Track:** Aside from deficiencies, a minimum of 36 semester hours of course work is required for the degree, 6 hours of which must be selected from the following courses: WLLC 4023, WLLC 4033, or WLLC 5063. Each candidate must pass a comprehensive examination covering

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course work and a reading list. Upon admission to this program the candidate will be assigned an adviser who, in consultation with the candidate, will design a suitable program for the candidate. The adviser, in consultation with other members of the department, will select an examination committee for the comprehensive written and oral examinations. Detailed program descriptions, including reading lists and examination procedures, are available from the department.

**The Master of Arts Degree in Modern Languages, French Track** offers course work related to the literary and cultural histories of the greater Francophone world, focusing on France. The program provides advanced preparation in literary analysis and

research and offers training for teaching French at the college level, including the most recent technological techniques in teaching foreign languages. Graduates of the program receive a solid preparation to pursue a Ph.D. or to teach at the college or secondary levels. Our comprehensive curriculum enables students to pursue careers in education, government, international organizations and other business opportunities either abroad or within the United States. In conjunction with the Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies program (CLCS), the program contributes to the Master's and Ph.D. programs for students working in either Francophone literature, translation, French literature or French cultural studies.

**Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree in Modern Language, French Track:**

Aside from deficiencies, a minimum of 36 semester hours is required for the degree; 6 of the hours must be selected from the following courses: WLLC 4023, WLLC 4033, WLLC 5063 or other approved WLLC courses. Each MA candidate will submit a list of their course work to the graduate adviser before taking the comprehensive exam, which is comprised of a written and an oral exam. The content of the MA exam covers course work and the reading list. All course selections must be approved by the graduate adviser.

11. Provide current and proposed organizational chart.

Current & proposed organizational chart (no change)



12. Amount of funds available for reallocation? N/A

13. Are the existing degrees offered off-campus or via distance delivery? No

14. Will the proposed degree be offered on-campus, off-campus, or via distance delivery? No

15. Identify off-campus location. N/A

16. Provide documentation that proposed program has received full approval by licensure/certification entity. (A program offered for teacher licensure must be approved by the Arkansas Department of Education prior to consideration by the Coordinating Board).

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17. Provide copy of written notification to other institutions in the area of the proposed program and their responses.

President/Chancellor Approval Date:

Board of Trustees Notification Date:

Chief Academic Officer:

Date:

