

## Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate

### MEMO

To: Faculty Senate  
From: Colby Kervick, Co-chair Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate  
Date: January 5, 2023  
Re: Approval of a no-contest termination of the B.A. in European Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences

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The CAC unanimously approved a proposal to terminate the B.A. in European Studies (ES) in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) due to low enrollment, and related curricular changes in a substantial revision of the major and minor in Global Studies which would include a new regional concentration in European Studies. The ES major has had an average of 2.6 students enrolled at any one time over the past five years. Specifically, the breakdown of students with an ES major, per year, is as follows:

- 2021-22 1 students
- 2020-21 3 students
- 2019-20 2 students
- 2018-19 4 students
- 2017-18 3 students

The low numbers have produced few graduates: a little over one student on average a year during the same period. Graduation figures over the last five years for the major range from 0-1 students. While there is low demand for the major, there is strong interest in the courses focusing on the region. Students majoring in Classics, French, German, Global Studies, History, Political Science, Spanish, and other areas continue to fill courses exploring the culture, history, and impact of Europe, demonstrating the broad appeal of this coursework. It is just that students do not combine those separate courses into an ES major.

The termination of the ES major has no effect on faculty or staff positions. Nor will it have any effect on the myriad of courses which currently count for the major; those are generally popular across a range of majors and minors, and that popularity is anticipated to continue. The proposer's hope is that by creating a regional studies concentration within the already popular Global Studies major and minor, that students will be able to combine their existing interests in broad global processes and developments, with a particular focus on the region of Europe. Terminating the ES major, while simultaneously allowing students to pursue ES as a concentration within Global Studies, allows core courses to serve other majors and programs, while still maintaining a pathway for those who would like to explore the region in depth. The unanimous faculty vote for no-contest termination in CAS occurred on 10/18/2022 and the proposal is supported by the CAS curriculum committee, the department chair and Dean.

If approved, by the Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees, the changes will be implemented starting Fall 2023.