

Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate

MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate

From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Colby Kervick, Co-Chair

Date: October 7, 2021

Re: Approval of a proposal from the College of Arts and Sciences for a no contest termination of the Italian Minor

On October 7, 2021, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the actions recommended in the following memo.

The Curricular Affairs Committee approved a proposal from the CAS Department of Romance Languages and the College of Arts and Sciences to terminate their minor in Italian. This is a no contest termination, approved by the faculty in the Italian program as well as the CAS curriculum committee. In addition, the no-contest termination was approved by electronic vote of the broader CAS Faculty at the meeting of April 20, 2021; the results of the vote for the proposal were 11 votes for, 2 votes against, and 2 abstentions.

Termination of the Italian minor has no implications for loss of faculty and/or staff. The minor in Italian Studies will remain. Italian faculty will be able to continue to teach in the existing Italian Studies minor and teach more courses in English that can serve wider curricular needs, supporting a variety of other CAS majors and minors.

The minor in Italian has had an average of 8 students over the last 3 years and has graduated an average of two students per year with the minor over that same period. Currently, there are 4 students enrolled in the Italian minor, 2 first-year students, one junior and one senior. Students in the minor can enroll in the Italian Studies minor, which will remain.

If approved by the Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees, the no contest termination should go into effect during the 2022-23 catalog year.