

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 Studies Major

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 major in Italian Studies. This is a no contest termination, supported by the faculty in the Italian program as well as the CAS curriculum committee. Additional support was noted by the chair of the Department of Romance Language. Further, as this was a proposal initiated by the college and not the department, a rationale and support letter were provided by the Associate Dean and Dean of CAS. The no-contest termination was also approved by electronic vote of the CAS Faculty at the meeting of April 20, 2021; the results of the vote for the proposal was 11 votes for, 2 votes against, and 2 abstentions.

The chair of the department of Romance Languages reported that the termination of the major 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 major in Italian Studies has had an average of 5 students over the last 3 years and has graduated two students per year on average with the major over that same period.

Currently, there are 4 students enrolled in the Italian Studies major, one sophomore and three seniors. Because the Italian Studies minor will remain, the one sophomore student will be able to complete the major.

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