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## COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

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

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### PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Request for approval to add the Master of Arts in Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature (16.9999).

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature currently offers graduate degree programs in French, Spanish, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature. Continual low degree productivity at the masters' level has prompted the department to re-examine their degree offerings. The Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature will roll all of the current stand-alone Masters' degrees into a single degree program with six different concentrations. The single degree program will be called a Master of Arts in Language, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature (16.9999). There will be six unique concentrations under this umbrella degree: French, Teaching of French, Spanish, Teaching of Spanish, Comparative Literature, and Linguistics.

### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

The termination of the individual degree programs and the roll-up into the new degree will be effective Fall 2016.

### 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

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

**UNIVERSITY:** Florida Atlantic University

**PROGRAM NAME:** French

**DEGREE LEVEL(S):** M.A./M.A.T

**OLD/CURRENT CIP CODE:** 16.0901

**NEW/REQUESTED CIP CODE:** 16.9999

**NEW CIP CODE EFFECTIVE TERM:** Fall 2016  
(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 (LLCL) currently offers graduate and undergraduate degree programs in French, Spanish and Linguistics. Continual low degree productivity at the masters level, particularly for French, has prompted the department to re-examine their degree program offerings. During the current academic year, the Department will move forward with a plan to roll up the masters degrees in French, Spanish and Linguistics into a "Modern Language and Linguistics" (working title) degree program under the CIP 16.9999. We are requesting a change in the French CIP as indicated above, and will come forward with a plan for curriculum changes for the roll up and a change in the name of degree from "French" to "Modern Languages and Linguistics" (working title). The M.A./M.A.T in Spanish and the M.A. in Linguistics will be terminated as part of the curriculum change/roll up plan with appropriate teach out plans. **As an initial step in this process, the Department is requesting that the CIP for the M.A./M.A.T in French be changed to the CIP 16.9999.**

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

There will be no impact on the current faculty as the coursework offered in the department will be the same. The degree requirements will simply be repackaged where students will be able to get an M.A. in “Modern Languages and Linguistics” (working title) with a concentration in French, Spanish, linguistics, or comparative literature (currently a concentration under the linguistics degree program). Current students in the terminated degree programs that are being rolled into the new degree will be considered with a teach out plan as the final changes discussed in #1 have been rolled out. Faculty feel that adding the linguistics degree in the roll up gives them an interesting edge that can be marketed effectively to future potential applicants, and can be used effectively for students to better market their skill set upon graduation.

**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.**

As the requested CIP change only impacts the programs housed in a single academic department, we see no negative impact on any other programs or departments at FAU. A positive change (when the entire plan in #1 is rolled out) will be to make the masters program in LLCL more productive by combining students with an interest in French, Spanish, linguistics and comparative literature into a single rolled up degree program. As far as within the SUS, we see no impacts. Other SUS institutions have made or are currently planning such rollups, but FAU is the only university in the SUS that will incorporate linguistics in the roll-up.

**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.**

Both the current CIP for our Masters in French and Spanish are currently listed as Programs of Strategic Emphasis (PSE). The new CIP that we are proposing is not currently used in the SUS, and therefore not on the list of PSE programs. We are working under the assumption that as our 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.

Not applicable.

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.

Not applicable.

CIP Change Request Form - Signatures Page

  
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Signature of Requestor/Initiator

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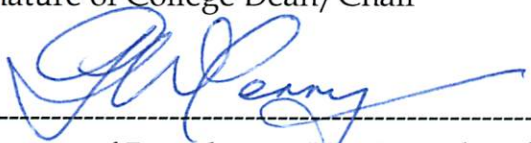
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Signature of College Dean/Chair

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Signature of President or Vice President for Academic Affairs

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From: Marcella Munson   
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Date: October 6, 2015

Re: MA/MAT Degree Rollups in LLCL

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In response to the Board of Governors' concern over degree productivity, the Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature will be rolling all of our current stand-alone Master's degrees into one single umbrella degree with six different concentrations.

This single umbrella degree will be called:  
**MA in LLCL**

The authorized CIP code for this umbrella degree will be:  
**CIP 16.999 "Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, Other"**

The six unique concentrations under this umbrella degree will be:

- MA in LLCL: **FRENCH**
- MA in LLCL: **TEACHING OF FRENCH**
- MA in LLCL: **SPANISH**
- MA in LLCL: **TEACHING OF SPANISH**
- MA in LLCL: **COMPARATIVE LITERATURE**
- MA in LLCL: **LINGUISTICS**