



FORM A  
College of Arts and Sciences

Revised 05/08/2009

PROPOSAL SUMMARY AND ROUTING FORM

Proposal Title: Terminate Interdisciplinary Humanities Minor

Initiating Unit or Individual: Humanities Area

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Date or Term of Proposal Implementation: Fall 2010

X Group I - A – New degree/major or major, redirection of a current offering, or elimination of a degree, major or minor

- Group I - B – New minors or concentrations
- Group II - A – Minor curriculum clean-up and course changes
- Group II - B – New Course
- Group III - Certificates
- Group IV – Off-Campus Programs

Group/Individual	Signature	Date	Vote/Action *
Program or Academic Unit Faculty		1-2/06	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support with Concerns <input type="checkbox"/> Not Support
Department Faculty		11-11-09	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support with Concerns <input type="checkbox"/> Not Support
Department Head		12-1-09	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support with Concerns <input type="checkbox"/> Not Support
College Curriculum Committee		1/26/10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support with Concerns <input type="checkbox"/> Not Support
Dean		2-1-10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support with Concerns <input type="checkbox"/> Not Support
University Curriculum Committee		2/8/10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support 8-0 <input type="checkbox"/> Support with Concerns <input type="checkbox"/> Not Support
Senate		3/2/10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support 1-nay <input type="checkbox"/> Support with Concerns <input type="checkbox"/> Not Support
Academic Affairs		3/2/10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support with Concerns <input type="checkbox"/> Not Support

\* Support with Concerns or Not Support must include a list of specific concerns. Votes must be shown for faculty groups. Administrators check appropriate action taken.

**To be completed by Academic Affairs**

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President (Date Approved)

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Board of Trustees (Date Approved)

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President's Council (Date Approved)

**1. Proposal Summary**

(Summary is generally less than one page. Briefly: state what is proposed with a summary of rationale and highlights. Additional rationale may be attached.)

**In preparation for Academic Program Review, we conducted an initial study of the minor. That study revealed that of the three students ever associated officially with the minor, two of them have stopped attending the university. The third student will graduate at the end of the Spring 2010 semester. In addition to the minor essentially having no students enrolled, there are no courses dedicated exclusively to the minor. The area has concluded, therefore, that there is no value in maintaining the program, and we are seeking the termination of the minor. The Humanities Area still has six other minors, some of which are quite robust in terms of curriculum and enrollment. We would prefer to dedicate our energies to those other programs.**

**2. Summary of All Course Action Required\***

**a. Newly Created Courses to FSU:**  
**Prefix            Number            Title**

**b. Courses to be Deleted From FSU Catalog:**  
**Prefix            Number            Title**

**c. Existing Course(s) to be Modified:**  
**Prefix            Number            Title**

**d. Addition of existing FSU courses to program**  
**Prefix            Number            Title**

**e. Removal of existing FSU courses from program**  
**Prefix            Number            Title**

**3. Summary of All Consultations**

**Form Sent (B or C)**

**Date Sent**

**Responding Dept.**

**Date Received & by Whom**

**Not applicable**

**4. Will External Accreditation be Sought? (For new programs or certificates only)**

**Yes**

**No**

**If yes, name the organization involved with accreditation for this program.**

**5. Program Checksheets affected by this proposal.**

**Interdisciplinary Humanities Minor**

## **PROGRAM, MAJOR, OR MINOR CHECK SHEET(S)**

Insert both the current curriculum check sheet (if applicable) followed by proposed curriculum check sheet" and/or "academic program requirements" list.

- **LABEL CHECK SHEETS AS "FORM D CURRENT" and "FORM D PROPOSED."**
- **Checksheets should indicate total credits, General Education requirements per catalog guidelines (include course levels), and the minimum number of 300 and 400 level courses.**
- **Indicate all course prerequisites.**
- **Indicate any special admissions, continuation, or graduation requirements.**

### **Why Choose the Interdisciplinary Humanities Minor?**

A minor in Interdisciplinary Humanities involves broad study of the culture of a given place and time, whether it be contemporary America, ancient Greece, or the Far East. It considers how artists, writers, and intellectuals have responded to the challenges of their own time. Students examine the historical political, economic, and social developments of a certain time or place, and then evaluate the cultural expressions (philosophy, history, religion, art, music, drama, literature, and film) in light of those conditions. Interdisciplinary Humanities expose students to many concepts, develop their skills of interpretation and critical thinking, and enable students to become cultural and social critics.

### **Admission Requirements**

This Interdisciplinary Humanities minor is open to any student admitted to Ferris State and pursuing a baccalaureate degree. The minor is designed to complement any Ferris major program.

### **Graduation Requirements**

An academic minor may only be awarded upon completion of a baccalaureate degree at Ferris State. This minor requires a minimum of 18 credits with a minimum 2.0 grade average in these courses.

Also, 50 percent of the credits for a minor must be taught by Ferris State University.

### **More Information**

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### **Required Courses Credit Hours**

Required Courses (6 Credits)

HUMN 101 Classical and Medieval Period 3

HUMN 102 Renaissance to 20th Century 3

Choose 3 Credits from the following:

HUMN 202 African-Amer Cult Expression 3

HUMN 230 Women-the Arts-and Society 3

RELG 325 Eastern Religions 3

FILM 360 Gender and Race in Film 3

ARTH 203 African American Art History 3

ARTH 325 Women and Art 3

Electives (Choose 9 Credits)

RELG 326 Western Religions 3

HUMN 327 Mythology 3

ARTH 312 American Art 3

ARTH 310 History of 20th Century Art 3

**\*\* Informational Item Only \*\***

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
Closure of Interdisciplinary Humanities Minor

March 5, 2010

During the 2009-2010 academic year, faculty and administrators in the College of Arts and Sciences conducted their Academic Program Review of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Minor. The review resulted in the recommendation to close the Interdisciplinary Humanities Minor, and is supported by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The college believes this minor does not attract enough students. To date they have one student enrolled, and that student will graduate at the end of Spring Semester 2010. The Humanities Department still has six other minors, some of which are quite robust in terms of curriculum and enrollment. The department prefers to dedicate their energies to these minors.

The recommendation was considered and supported by the University Curriculum Committee on March 1, 2010 and the Academic Senate on March 2, 2010. On March 3, 2010, following review of all materials and data, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs conferred with the President and recommended closure of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Minor.

The President concurred with the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs' recommendation and is hereby notifying the Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee of this action, pursuant to Board-approved *Academic Affairs – Academic Programming* policy, subpart 3-205, as it relates to degree minors.

**Committee Action:** None. Informational only.

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**Committee Action:** Endorse the Administration's recommendation to close the Interdisciplinary Minor, at the end of Fall Semester 2010. in accordance with applicable Board-approved policies, for full Board approval on March 5, 2010.