

Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template/Abbreviated Template with Curriculum

Institution Submitting Request: *University of Utah*
 Proposed Title: *Department of World Languages and Cultures*
 Currently Approved Title: *Department of Languages and Literature*
 School or Division or Location: *College of Humanities*
 Department(s) or Area(s) Location: *College of Humanities*
 Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs):
 Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs):
 Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): *01/01/2016*
 Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date: *MM/DD/YEAR*

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

Regents' General Consent Calendar Items		
<i>R401-5 OCHE Review and Recommendation; Approval on General Consent Calendar</i>		
SECTION NO.		ITEM
5.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor*
5.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emphasis*
5.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	(CER P) Certificate of Proficiency*
5.2.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	(GCR) Graduate Certificate*
5.4.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Administrative Unit
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Consolidation
5.4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conditional Three-Year Approval for New Centers, Institutes, or Bureaus
5.4.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Center
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Institute
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Bureau
5.5.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs
5.5.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Consolidation
5.5.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name Change of Existing Programs
5.5.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Discontinuation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Suspension
5.5.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Administrative Unit

**Requires "Section V: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template*

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

Signature

Date: *MM/DD/YEAR*

Printed Name: *Name of CAO or Designee*

¹ CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

Program Request - Abbreviated Template
University of Utah
Name Change to Department of World Languages and Cultures
08/30/2015

Section I: Request

The Department of Languages and Literature requests permission to change its name to **Department of World Languages and Cultures**. Departmental faculty discussed the proposal at the March 25, 2015 faculty meeting. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

Section II: Need

The new name "Department of World Languages and Cultures" better reflects our teaching and research mission. We would like to add the word "World" because currently the department offers instruction in more than 25 different languages and cultures. We think it is important to replace Literature with "Cultures" because our research and teaching has grown beyond the more traditional literature instruction to include culture in a much broader sense. We feel that it is vital to our success and to that of the U of Utah community to accurately describe the department's purpose and contributions.

Section III: Institutional Impact

The new name will better reflect what our department actually does and how it contributes to the education of our students. It is expected that the name Department of World Languages and Cultures will attract more students and will help us to better communicate our contributions across campus and the Utah community. The new title will align us more prominently with the University's efforts towards Global Engagement (Office of Global Engagement). It will also make us a more recognizable participant in the State of Utah's dual language immersion efforts, increasing our visibility to the students who will begin attending our institution beginning in the fall of 2016. We see the proposed name change in line with larger initiatives here at the U and in the State of Utah toward educating a bi-lingual population. Finally the name change is in line with the national trend to emphasize cultural studies.

Section IV: Finances

There are no costs associated with this request except minimal costs to change letter heads and web site entries.



September 14, 2015

Office of Undergraduate Studies
Curriculum Administration
111 Sill Center
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Dear Curriculum Administration,

I support the proposal of the faculty of the Department of Languages and Literature to change the department name to the Department of World Languages and Cultures. The proposed change more clearly defines the important curriculum and research purpose of the department. It also aligns with University and national trends of similar departments to focus on language instruction and cultural awareness.

This proposed name change has potential of enhancing enrollment and majors. The current curriculum supports a degree program in Language and Culture so existing courses will be implemented. I agree with the department's assessment that this change will positively impact the University and students with little expense to the department.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can provide additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dianne Harris'.

Dianne Harris
Dean

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