



MEMORANDUM

To: Julio Frenk
University President

From: Linda L. Neider
Chair, Faculty Senate

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Date: April 22, 2021

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2020-77(B) – Inactivate the Ph.D. in International Studies, Department of International Studies, College of Arts and Sciences.

The Faculty Senate, at its April 21, 2021 meeting, had no objections to inactivate the Ph.D. in International Studies in the Department of International Studies for the College of Arts and Sciences. The program was established in 2013 in order to deal with the backlog of students who were in the program. No new students have been admitted since fall 2013. There are four students currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program: three are scheduled to graduate in spring 2021, and one was to be dismissed from the program. The three remaining students should complete the program by spring 2021.

The proposal is enclosed for your reference.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.


LLN/rh/va

Enclosure

cc: Jeffrey Duerk, Executive Vice President and Provost
Leonidas Bachas, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Maryann Tobin, Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Richard Grant, Professor, College of Arts and Sciences

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2020-77(B) – Inactivate the Ph.D. in International Studies, Department of International Studies, College of Arts and Sciences.

PRESIDENT’S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: 5/28/21
(President’s Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Dean Leonidas Bachas, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY
(pending any additional approval by the Board of Trustees)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

Program Change Request

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Program Inactivation Proposal

Date Submitted: 12/03/20 9:10 am

Viewing: **Ph.D. in International Studies : INTL_PHD**

Last edit: 03/09/21 1:40 pm

Changes proposed by: Maryann Tobin (m.tatum)

Catalog Pages Using
this Program

[Ph.D. in International Studies](#)

Date of Closure **05/12/21**
(when new students will no longer be admitted)

Final Catalog Edition 2020- 2021

Proposer(s) Name **Dr. Richard Grant**

Reason for Closure **The College of Arts & Sciences is requesting to close the PhD in International Studies effective at the end of the Spring 2021 semester.**

This interdisciplinary PhD program in International Studies, established through Faculty Senate Legislation 2013-07B, has not admitted any new students since Fall 2013, in order to deal with the backlog of students who were in the program. Retirements and departures of tenured faculty over the past seven years have resulted in a shortage of available faculty to manage the doctoral students while also teaching courses for the undergraduate major, one of the largest in the College. Further, the corresponding International Studies MA program has seen a reduction in student applications possibly indicating a shift in student interests to other existing or newly-established graduate programs within the College and the University.

Describe the number of students currently enrolled in the program and when they are expected to complete the program

There are four students currently enrolled in the INS PhD program: 3 are scheduled to graduate Spring 2021 and 1 will be dismissed from the program this week. No new students have been admitted since Fall 2013. All three students have completed their coursework and are in the dissertation stage of the program. All should complete the program by Spring 2021, otherwise they will have reached the limit of extensions and allowances to the Graduate School's Time to Completion policy.

Explain how current students will be helped to complete their program of study

Current faculty are engaged with these students as members of dissertation committees. The faculty will continue to do so until the students' scheduled completions in Spring 2021. If the request to close the program is approved for the end of Spring 2021, current students will not be affected.

Describe any additional charges/expenses students will incur due to the program closure, if any

N/A. As this is an interdisciplinary program, all departmental resources remain and no additional expenses due to program closure will be incurred.

Describe how current faculty and/or staff will be affected by the program closure, if at all, and how they will be redeployed or helped to find new employment, if needed

N/A. All faculty in the interdisciplinary PhD program will maintain their primary appointments in their home departments. Graduate courses will continue to be offered to accommodate other graduate programs that include INS courses. In addition, INS faculty appointed to the Department of International Studies will continue to teach the 100+ undergraduate international studies majors and other Arts and Sciences students.

Explain how and when any affected parties (students, faculty, staff) will be informed of the impending closure

Faculty in the interdisciplinary program voted to close the PhD on 11/20/20. The program staff person was also present. As all students in the program are expected to graduate Spring 2021 (otherwise they will have exceeded all reasonable time for completion as defined by the Graduate School). Current students will be informed of the closure upon the approval of the College faculty. However, if the request to close the program is approved for the end of Spring 2021, current students will not be affected.

Please list the authors of this proposal including name, rank/title, program/department, and school.

Proposer(s) Name

In Workflow

1. PG University Accreditation
2. PG INS Chair
3. PG AS Faculty
4. PG AS Dean
5. PG University Accreditation
6. PG GR School
7. PG Graduate Council
8. PG GR Dean
9. PG FS Office for GWC
10. PG FS GWC
11. PG Faculty Senate
12. PG FS for President
13. PG FS President Approved
14. PG Pending SACSCOC Approval
15. PG Pending Deactivation
16. PG Registrar

Approval Path

1. 02/24/21 3:50 pm
Patty Murphy (pxm491): Approved for PG University Accreditation
2. 03/04/21 7:41 am
Richard Grant (rgrant): Approved for PG INS Chair
3. 03/04/21 9:26 am
Maryann Tobin (m.tatum): Approved for PG AS Faculty
4. 03/05/21 11:47 am
Leonidas Bachas (l.bachas): Approved for PG AS Dean
5. 03/05/21 11:51 am
Patty Murphy (pxm491): Approved for PG University Accreditation
6. 03/09/21 1:42 pm
Tiffany Plantan (tplantan): Approved for PG GR School
7. 03/19/21 10:35 am
Tiffany Plantan (tplantan): Approved for PG Graduate Council
8. 03/20/21 3:10 pm
Guillermo Prado (gprado): Approved for PG GR Dean

Career	Graduate				
Academic Structure					
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College of Arts and Sciences	International Studies				
Plan Type	Major and/or Degree				
Degree Type	Doctorate				
Degree Name					
Proposed Plan Code					
Proposed CIP Code					
Plan Name	Ph.D. in International Studies				
Will there be any subcomponents within the program such as concentrations, specializations, thesis/non-thesis options, or tracks?					
Effective Term					
First Term Valid					
Program Instruction Mode	In Person				
Where is the program offered?	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Location</th> <th>Please provide the % of instruction at each location.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Coral Gables Campus</td> <td>100</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Location	Please provide the % of instruction at each location.	Coral Gables Campus	100
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Coral Gables Campus	100				
Program Length (Years)	6				
Total Credits	66				

To Be Published in the Academic Bulletin

Program Overview

The Department's Ph.D. program's primary objective is to prepare a select group of highly qualified doctoral students for careers in academic teaching and research.

Program Mission Statement

Mission

The Department of International Studies provides a comprehensive curriculum that allows students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels to study contemporary international issues. INS courses include globalization, democratization, transnationalism, international political economy, global trade, conflicts and national security threats, human rights, new forms of civil society mobilization, cultural diversity in world politics, global environmental challenges, global public health, and world poverty. The curriculum revolves around the study of the accelerating processes of globalization and their far-reaching impacts on individual states, societies, economies and cultures.

Program Goals

Goals

The INS Program promotes, through its interdisciplinary reach, the exploration of various theoretical and analytical approaches and methodological techniques intended to offer students a broad program of study focused on the interaction between the local and the global, from the historical to the contemporary, while tracking possible alternative future scenarios and developments in the international system.

Student Learning Outcomes

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Students will select and use theories and methods to measure and assess, the interrelationships between foreign relations and governments, social movements and/or organizations.

Students will demonstrate the capacity to integrate and apply concepts and theories to ask coherent and original questions about international studies.

Students will demonstrate effective written, presentation and to integrate data with sound analysis and meaningful interpretation.

Curriculum Requirements

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The requirements include:

Complete a total of 66 degree credit hours (12 semester courses) to obtain the Ph.D. degree (i.e., 36 credit hours at the doctoral level beyond the MA degree).

Complete one seminar on quantitative methods and one seminar on qualitative methods in the social sciences.

Complete a sequence of two core seminars in two of the Program's three major fields of study:

International Relations;

Comparative Politics; and

International and Comparative Political Economy.

Pass

written MA exam in one of the Program's three fields of study and

written and oral examinations in two of the Program's three fields of study.

Complete at least one of the basic core seminars in the third (non-examination) field.

Complete the Doctoral Workshop.

Successfully defend a dissertation proposal/prospectus.
Pass a foreign language examination.
Complete 12 dissertation credit hours.
Research, write and orally defend a dissertation that makes an original contribution to knowledge.
See the [INS Graduate Student Handbook](#) for a complete description of the requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

Plan of Study

Admission Requirements

Rationale

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Market Demand

Relationship to Other Programs

Relationship to Undergraduate and Professional Programs

Library Resources Available and Needed to Support the Program

Laboratory Facilities, Equipment, and Space Available and Needed to Support the Program

Other Resources Available or Needed to Support the Program

Curriculum

Program Curriculum

Upload Syllabi for Any New Courses

Proposed Schedule of Course Offerings for the First Three Years

Faculty

Program Directors

Upload CV(s)

Program Faculty

Upload CV(s) Grad

Students

Applicant Pool

Enrollment Projections

Teaching or Research Assistants

Administration

Program Administration

Budget

Program Budget

Comparison

Documents

Attach Supporting Documentation

Reviewer **Patty Murphy (pxm491) (02/24/21 3:45 pm)**: SACSCOC was notified of this program closure on 12/31/2020. Approval is pending.

Comments **Maryann Tobin (m.tatum) (03/04/21 9:26 am)**: At a meeting of the College of Arts & Sciences faculty on February 23, 2021, the faculty voted in support of this proposal with one abstention.

Leonidas Bachas (l.bachas) (03/05/21 11:47 am): The Arts and Sciences faculty voted to approve this proposal on February 23, 2021. I support the proposed program inactivation

Tiffany Plantan (tplantan) (03/19/21 10:22 am): Proposal was discussed at the March 16, 2021 meeting of the Graduate Council and approved by Council members present (10 approved). Note, the proposal states that students currently enrolled in the program will complete the program by Spring 2021. We are aware of one student who is not expected to graduate until Summer 2021 and another who is not expected to complete the program until Spring 2022.

Robyn Hardeman (rhardeman) (03/27/21 2:20 pm): This proposal will be added to the Consent agenda for the General Welfare Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021.