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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to terminate the major in Latin (thesis option) under the M.A. degree will be an agenda item for the December 5, 2008, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

David E. Shipley, Chair  
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Dr. Arnett C. Mace, Jr.  
Professor Jere W. Morehead

## DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF DEGREE PROGRAM

1. Institution: University of Georgia                      Date: March 18, 2008
2. School/College: Arts and Sciences
3. Department: Classics
4. Degree: Master of Arts, Latin (#0495)
5. Deactivation: \_\_\_\_\_ or Termination: \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_
6. Last date students will be admitted to this program: Summer, 2008
7. Last date students will graduate from this program: Summer, 2010 (or sooner)
8. Abstract of terminated program:

The Classics Department initiated a revision of its M.A. program about two years ago. At that time the program consisted of three M.A. degrees, one in Latin, one in Greek, and one in Classical Languages; the revision was designed to reduce the number of the degrees from three to two, and was proposed in three parts, the first two of which have now been approved by the University Council and fully implemented:

(1) The M.A. Classical Languages was revised and approved to provide for three “areas of emphasis,” Greek, Latin, and Greek and Latin, instead of only the current single “Greek and Latin” option. This proposal accorded with new UGA and Regents policies allowing for official “areas of emphasis” that can appear on transcripts and diplomas. Students electing either the Greek or the Latin emphasis are strongly encouraged to take at least some coursework in the second language; students electing the joint Greek and Latin emphasis are required to demonstrate proficiency in both languages.

(2) A new M.A. Latin (non-thesis option) (#0494) was proposed and approved, which substitutes additional coursework, a research portfolio, and final assessment activities in lieu of a conventional thesis, exclusively as an option for secondary-school Latin teachers.

The current proposal is one of two that complete the third part of the program revision, by:

(3) terminating both the M.A. Greek (the few students wishing to pursue graduate study in Greek alone will enroll in the Classical Languages program with Greek as their area of emphasis) and the old M.A. Latin (students wanting to concentrate in Latin now may pursue either the M.A. in Classical Languages with the Latin “area of emphasis,” or, if they plan careers in high-school teaching and prefer this option, the new non-thesis M.A. in Latin).

The two students currently in the Latin degree program (Gephardt and Yaggy) will be able to continue (and there are no students in the M.A. Greek program), as all courses required by the degree continue to be offered for the M.A. in Classical Languages degree; no faculty or other department curricula will be negatively impacted by the program terminations.

There are no plans for reactivation of either the M.A. Greek or the M.A. Latin.