

**PROPOSAL: Bachelor of Arts in English**

Background

The Undergraduate Studies Council of the Faculty Senate has approved changing the name of the Bachelor of Arts in English to the Bachelor of Arts in English: Literature and Language. The field of English studies has become more complex in recent decades and now includes a good deal more than literature, creative writing and professional writing under their traditional definitions. Each of these specialties has engaged different facets of the surrounding world and the possible approaches in each has proliferated. The proposed revision to the English major that accompanies this name change, will retain a core of literary and language studies while having a generous allowance of electives that encourages students of literature to explore both the manifold complexities of literature and the larger opportunities in English studies. Students of the revised major will have greater opportunities to explore both writing in the contemporary world and genres of creative writing. The name change proposed here reflects these revisions in the program.

Recommended Action

Rename the Bachelor of Arts in English to the Bachelor of Arts in English: Literature and Language.