

**Request for Authorization to Combine Four Master's Programs into a
Single Program at Appalachian State University**

ASU requests authorization to do the following:

Discontinue the Master of Arts (MA) Degree in Romance Languages, French (CIP 16.0999)
Discontinue the Master of Arts (MA) Degree in Romance Languages, Spanish (CIP 16.0999)
Discontinue the Master of Arts (MA) Degree in Romance Languages, French (Teaching) (CIP 16.0999)
Discontinue the Master of Arts (MA) Degree in Romance Languages, Spanish (Teaching) (CIP 16.0999)

Combine the above four degrees into a single degree:

Master of Arts (MA) in Romance Languages (CIP 16.0999).

This change was recommended by a campus task force that reviewed low enrollment programs in fall 2008. The clientele for these degrees is primarily k-12 and community college teachers of French and Spanish. Graduate coursework for both French and Spanish has moved to a hybrid online and face-to-face format delivered in Hickory and to an on-campus summer institute intended to serve foreign language teachers from a broader geographical region. Combining all teaching tracks of both languages into a single degree enables the department to pool students and share faculty more efficiently than in stand-alone degree programs. These proposed changes have been approved by all appropriate bodies at the campus level.