

**Request by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for Authorization for Joint Degree Programs in German Studies with Duke University.**

**Introduction**

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill requests authorization for joint degree programs at the master's and doctoral levels (CIP 16.0501) with Duke University effective July 2009. Since UNC CH currently has Board-approved degree programs at the master's and doctoral level in this area, this is just a request for approval of joint programs with Duke University.

**Program Description**

This would be the first public-private university venture in German graduate education in the nation. The goal is by merging two outstanding programs to become an internationally acclaimed center of excellence for graduate training, research, teaching, and scholarly exchange in German Studies. The merged programs would have a joint admission process and would together serve approximately the same number of students jointly as are being served separately. The students in the programs will have access to the full academic resources of the two institutions. The faculties from the two schools have worked out the curriculum and program requirements, and an administrative memorandum governing the programs has been signed by the two Provosts.

**Resources**

No new resources or facilities will be needed for the joint programs.

**Diploma**

As required by UNC Board Policy, the successful graduates of the programs will be awarded a diploma carrying the names of both institutions.

**UNC Tomorrow**

This represents a collaboration not requiring additional resources that will result in a stronger program. International language and cultural studies provide an opportunity to foster global understanding among the faculty and students and will draw international visitors to further foster international understanding in the broader community.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's request for joint degrees at the master's and doctoral levels in German Studies with Duke University (CIP 16.0501) effective July 2009.