

**Request for Authorization to Discontinue Bachelor of Science Degrees in
French Language Teacher Education and German Language Teacher Education
(CIP 13.1325 and CIP 13.1326) at Western Carolina University**

Western Carolina University requests authorization to discontinue the Bachelor of Science degrees (B.S.Ed.) in French Language Teacher Education and German Language Teacher Education.

Rationale:

WCU asked to discontinue the B.S.Ed. in German Education after a systematic review of teacher education programs in 2006. A recommendation to do the same with French Education came a year later. Both programs had histories of very low enrollment (i.e., fewer than five graduates per year for five consecutive years and no students currently enrolled). The demand for teachers in these languages is also low in western North Carolina. For instance, there were only two high schools in the region that offered German in 2006. WCU continues to offer the B.A.Ed. in Spanish Education as enrollment and regional demand are higher for this language.

Given the state of the programs there were no faculty or staff assigned to the programs nor were there any resources to reallocate.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Governors authorize Western Carolina University to discontinue the Bachelor of Science degrees (B.S.Ed.) in French Language Teacher Education and German Language Teacher Education effective October 2010.