

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents  
**From:** Board Office  
**Subject:** Termination of B.A. Degree in Social Studies  
University of Iowa  
**Date:** November 5, 2001

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**Recommended Action:** Approve the University of Iowa request to terminate the B.A. degree in Social Studies.

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**Executive Summary:**

- The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Education at the University of Iowa request permission to terminate the B.A. degree in Social Studies.
- Board policy (*Procedural Guide §6.20*) requires Board approval prior to the termination of a program.

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**Background:**

- During the past twenty years, only 16 undergraduate degrees with a major in Social Studies have been awarded, and none at all between 1989-1999. A single student is currently enrolled, and increased enrollments are not expected.
- Prior to 1988, students completing the major fulfilled teaching certification standards, but since then students wishing to earn social studies certification have been required to earn a major from one of the social science disciplines.
- The program offers no courses of its own and students are asked to complete 60 semester hours of course work from departments in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences social sciences group.
- The program does not lead to secondary education licensure, nor do any professional or graduate schools seek majors with this specific background. There are no immediate career paths for students who complete this major.

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**Analysis:**

Proposed  
Procedures

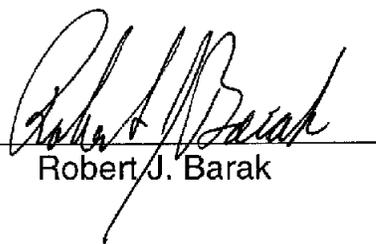
- The B.A. in Social Studies would be closed to new admissions upon Board approval.
- The student currently enrolled in the B.A. program would be given appropriate guidance and time to complete the program according to Board policy.

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Institutional  
Evaluations/  
Approvals/  
Endorsements

- The program was evaluated according to the University of Iowa "Criteria for Institutional Enhancements and Reductions."
- Approved by the faculty and deans of the College of Education and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- Endorsed by the President's Council on Strategic Implementation, and the Provost.

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