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**PROPOSED DEPARTMENTAL NAME CHANGE AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**FROM FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES**  
**TO WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**

**Action Requested:** Consider recommending to the Board that the proposed departmental name change be approved.

**Executive Summary:** ISU requests approval to change the name of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures to the Department of World Languages and Cultures. The Board Office and the Council of Provosts have reviewed the requested change and recommend approval.

The name change would more accurately communicate the nature of the department's educational and research programs and the department's focus on world languages and cultures.

**Background:** The proposed name better reflects the department's scholarly and curricular emphases. The change would parallel the department's scholarly and curricular shift from more traditional literary and linguistic studies to the broader study of culture through the scholarly examination of texts and other artifacts. The proposed change also parallels national trends in the naming of academic departments devoted to study and instruction in language, literature, and culture.

Board of Regents policy (§ 6.05C) requires Board approval of departmental name changes.

A copy of the university's written proposal is on file in the Board Office.