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REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PORTUGUESE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Action Requested: Approve the request by the University of Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts in Portuguese in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Council of Provosts and Board office staff reviewed the proposal and recommend approval.

Description of program. The BA in Portuguese prepares students to be multilingual global citizens, providing them with diverse cultural perspectives; critical and creative thinking skills; opportunities to develop language abilities; and awareness of contemporary and historical issues related to the Hispanic world.

Reason for proposed termination. Due to the very low student enrollment and interest in this program over the past several years, this is intended to be a permanent change.

Effect on current students. There are no students currently declared in the Portuguese BA.

Application, Enrollment and Completion Trends. There were three students enrolled in this program between Fall 2019 and Fall 2021, two of whom graduated with this degree. There have been no students enrolled in this program since Fall 2021.

	Applications	Enrollment	Completions
2023	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0
2020	0	3	2
2019	0	3	0

Impact on resources. This change will allow the department to focus on the Spanish major and minor, the Portuguese minor, and the Spanish and Portuguese general education courses. It will not result in any changes to staff, faculty, or facilities.

Impact on workforce. Students will still be able to take courses that develop fluency in Portuguese language and cultures if it would be advantageous for them to do so for their careers.

Alternative programs. There are no other colleges or universities in the state of Iowa that offer programs in Portuguese.

Effective date of termination. Upon approval by the Board of Regents.