

**COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES
COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS
STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

Date: May 12, 2009

To: Karen Cook, Chair
XLI Senate of the Academic Council

From: Philip Lavori, Chair, Committee on Graduate Studies
Ian Hodder, Chair, Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors

Re: Notification of Closing of the Interdisciplinary Program in Humanities

The graduate program in the Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities had in the past offered a joint PhD degree with several other departments in the School of Humanities and Sciences, as well as a Master of Arts degree. Last year the Committee on Graduate Studies determined that the Humanities joint PhD did not meet the current standards for joint degrees and asked the ISH to reformulate its program if it wished to have its authority continued.

The School of Humanities and Sciences has decided not to reformulate the PhD program and has also decided that the very small Master of Arts degree program (one to three students annually) should also be discontinued.

The School of Humanities and Sciences has also decided to close the undergraduate program of the Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities. ISH has had relatively few majors (fewer than 10 annually), and students who are interested in this area can find similar tracks that already exist in other departments.

The Committee on Graduate Studies received this notification on May 1, 2009, and agreed with the decision of the School of Humanities and Sciences. The Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors received its notification on May 3, 2009, and was also in agreement with the School's decision. No further action is necessary; this notification to the Senate is for archival purposes only.

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