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RE: Request to Discontinue Named Option: International Studies Major, “Global Commons/Global Environment” Option

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On December 1, 2015, the L&S Academic Planning Council considered the attached request to formally discontinue one of the options offered under the L&S International Studies Major, which is administered by the International Studies Program under the Institute for Regional and International Studies. As noted in the proposal, declaration of the Global Commons/Global Environment option were suspended several years ago; there are currently no students in the program, and no need to “teach out” a cohort of students (though it will be necessary to revise various lists of courses that meet program requirements). If any students stopped out of the program prior to completing it, re-entry procedures for campus dictate that students whose programs have been discontinued during their absence (and who would otherwise have been permitted to continue when they were last enrolled) should be readmitted to the college from which they left, and placed in a program with a special code to indicate that they must consult with their academic dean in order to move to a new major. In the case of Global Commons/Global Environment Option students, their most likely program will be the International Studies Major without a named option.

The L&S APC unanimously approved this request. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Assistant Dean Klein.

Note added by Jocelyn Milner, 12/4/2015: The named option will become unavailable in Spring 2016, as soon as the discontinuation can be made effective.