



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Michael K. Young  
President

October 14, 2014

Dean Robert C. Stacey  
College of Arts and Sciences  
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Dear Bob:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the suspension of admission to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Comparative Islamic Studies. A copy of the suspension request is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization is authorized to suspend admission to the program from autumn quarter 2014 to summer quarter 2015.

The information should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael K. Young".

Michael K. Young  
President

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Gabe Skoog (with enclosure)  
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)  
Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure)



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**CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE  
 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

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After college/school/campus review, send a signed original and 1 copy to the Curriculum Office/FCAS, Box 355850.  
 For information about when and how to use this form: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwcr/1503instructions.pdf>

<b>College/Campus</b> Arts & Sciences/Seattle	<b>Department/Unit</b> Near Eastern Languages and Civilization	<b>Date</b> 05/07/14
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**New Programs**

- Leading to a Bachelor of \_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_ degree.
- Leading to a Bachelor of \_\_\_\_ degree with a major in \_\_\_\_.
- Leading to a \_\_\_\_ Option within the existing major in \_\_\_\_.
- Leading to a minor in \_\_\_\_

**Changes to Existing Programs**

- New Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_.
- Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_.
- Revised Program Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_.
- Revised Requirements for the Option in \_\_\_\_ within the major in \_\_\_\_.
- Revised Requirements for the Minor in \_\_\_\_.

**Other Changes**

- Change name of program from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_.
- Change delivery method or location of program.
- New or Revised Continuation Policy for \_\_\_\_.
- New Honors Requirements for \_\_\_\_.
- Eliminate program in Comparative Islamic Studies *pending RCEP*

*Suspension Aut 2014 - Sum 2015*

Proposed Effective Date: **Quarter:**  Autumn  Winter  Spring  Summer **Year: 2015**

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**EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE**

For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

The faculty voted unanimously in favor of eliminating the NELC major option in Comparative Islamic Studies. There were several reasons for this. First, the faculty member who initiated the major option has not been at UW for many years, and so the option has lacked faculty leadership since that time. Second, NELC has created a new major option in Comparative Civilizations that will meet the needs of students wishing to make Islam a focus of their studies. For students who have focused on Islam, their course works will be clear in their transcripts. The faculty also realizes that the contemporary Near East and Central Asia represents a continuum and blend of numerous religious traditions and the Comparative Civilizations major option better represents the department's holistic interdisciplinary approach. Thus, since the changes that we propose for our second major option already make it a comparative enterprise, the major option in Comparative Islam is now redundant. We, therefore, propose its elimination effective Summer 2015. In the interim, we also propose suspending admission to the major until Spring 2015.

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED**

List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. \*See online instructions.

Department/Unit:	Chair/Program Director:	Date:
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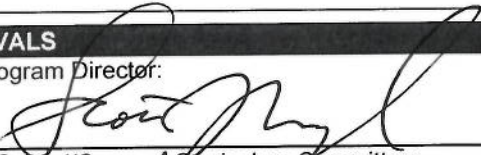
Catalog Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

**PROPOSED CATALOG COPY**

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications). **Please note:** all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

**APPROVALS**

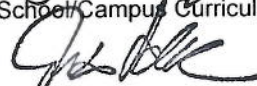
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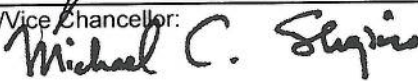
College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee:



Date:

8/26/14

Dean/Vice Chancellor:



Date:

8/26/14

Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:



Date:

10/10/2014

**POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)**

Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:

Date:

## Jennifer A. Payne

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**From:** NELC Undergraduate Advisor <nelcua@uw.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 03, 2014 9:25 AM  
**To:** Jennifer A. Payne  
**Subject:** RCEP

Jennifer,

Yes we plan on doing and RCEP. We already have approval from the dean for dropping it and are awaiting his next action.

Thanks,

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