



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

May 8, 2023

Randy Smith, Chair
Academic Affairs Curriculum Committee

Dear Randy,

The Department of Comparative Studies would like to change its BA in Comparative Studies by removing our formal concentrations (Comparative Cultural Studies, Comparative Literature, Comparative Ethnic and American Studies, Folklore, Science and Technology Studies). The reduction in TT faculty over the past decade has created a situation where we no longer have the faculty expertise required to staff the courses that students need to complete these concentrations. The goal of this revision is to eliminate the frustration and confusion that arises when students confront the absence of necessary course offerings and to clarify the role of mentoring and faculty advising that will increase student satisfaction.

The changes have been approved unanimously by the faculty of the department. Details are provided in the attached document.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Barry Shank
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Director, Humanities Institute
Acting Chair Pro Tem
Director Undergraduate Studies

