



W. Randy Smith, Vice Provost  
Council on Academic Affairs  
University Square South  
CAMPUS

Dear Randy:

I am pleased to endorse the proposal by the College of Arts and Sciences to create an Integrated Arts and Sciences BA. This major will be delivered entirely online, and the college is collaborating with Ohio State Online to administer the degree.

This major is an important curricular initiative in the college. The goal is to provide a path back to the university for individuals who started their college journey but for whatever reason were forced to delay completion. The curriculum itself is quite flexible, allowing students to focus on specific subject matter areas that align with their previous academic interests and current or future career goals. The college is also excited about how this online curriculum will support military-connected students, a priority of President Carter. The college has regularly engaged with the office of Military and Veteran's Services to ensure that this program aligns with the needs of that student population.

The program features two unique courses to support student success. The first course, ASC 2900, provides a reintroduction to the college experience, covering such topics as the curricular pathways available to students and providing information regarding financial literacy and mental health resources. The capstone course, ASC 4900, creates an opportunity for students to reflect on their academic journey and how they can use their degree to achieve their career aspirations.

The program will initially be supported by one FTE advisor who has a long history of working with non-traditional students. The college plans to hire more advisors as the program grows. The program is also supported by ASC's Office of Distance Education and a core group of faculty who have helped develop the courses and proposal.

The proposed curriculum is thoughtfully designed and brings together courses from across the college of Arts and Sciences. The major does not duplicate any other currently offered at Ohio State. The proposal has the full support of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Sincerely,

David Horn  
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences  
Professor, Department of Comparative Studies