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To: Westmont College Academic Senate

Proposal : Eliminating the European Studies major from our catalog

On behalf of the Modern Languages and the History department, we would like to propose that the European Studies Major be eliminated from our major offerings at Westmont. This proposal results from conversations between the History, the Art (Art history) and the Modern Languages departments.

There are three reasons for this request:

The major has failed to attract the interest of students: only three students have chosen this major since 2007, and none since 2010 (see addendum from the Registrar's office).

The major is redundant with the international studies track of the History major - much of what it proposes to accomplish can be done within this track.

The major's focus on Europe as a particular geographic area can easily be interpreted as privileging the study of white culture. We have no equivalent major for Asia, Africa, or the Americas. This is not the message we want to be sending about Westmont College.

Respectfully Submitted,

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