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SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS  
COMMISSION ON COLLEGES

July 10, 2013

Dr. Jimmy G. Cheek  
Chancellor  
The University of Tennessee  
527 Andy Holt Tower  
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Dear Dr. Cheek:

Thank you for your letter of January 14, 2013, notifying the Commission on Colleges of the institution's consolidation of five B.A. degree majors in various languages into a unified B.A. in Modern Foreign Languages, effective fall 2013.

In October, the Undergraduate Council Curriculum Committee of faculty approved the consolidation of the existing B.A. majors in French and Francophone Studies, German, Hispanic Studies (Spanish), Italian, and Russian Studies into a single baccalaureate degree program. The following languages previously available as minors are also included in the new major: Chinese, Italian, Japanese, and Portuguese. Students enrolling in the new B.A. in Modern Foreign Languages will select one language as their area of concentration within the unified major.

Students currently enrolled in individual language programs will be advised that they may complete their studies in those majors without interruption, and no faculty positions will be lost. Only one course was dropped, which will be combined with an existing course.

**We approve the closure of the B.A. in individual languages listed above and request no further information.**

Best regards,



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President

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cc: Dr. Mary Lewnes Albrecht, Associate Vice Chancellor  
Dr. Steven M. Sheeley

