

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, the University Curriculum Committee received a request from Larry Williams, Vice Provost and Dean of University College, to approve the closure of the BA in Honors Studies, offered by the Honors College. Dr Diem, Dean of the Honors College, initiated the request.

The BA in Honors Studies is not central to the mission of the Honors college. All honors students have an academic major outside of the honors college.

The rationale for a separate degree in Honors Studies was that some students wanted to have more flexibility in the design of their majors. But this can now be accomplished with the new BA in Multidisciplinary Studies (which now has 15 students who are enrolled in the Honors college).

In all only 3 students have graduated in Honors Studies since its inception in 2007.

There are currently no majors, and so no existing students will be disadvantaged by the closure of the major.

The committee voted to approve closure, and recommends that the Senate do the same.

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