

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL  
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE  
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

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**PRESENTED BY:** Gordon Hill, Chair, Academic Programs Committee

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 16, 2009

**SUBJECT:** **Program Termination – Classical and Near Eastern  
Archaeology**

**DECISION REQUESTED:**

*It is recommended:*

That Council approve termination of the Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology field of specialization in the BA Four-year and Honours programs in Arts & Science, effective on graduation of the students presently enrolled.

**PURPOSE:**

Terminations of academic programs are approved by Council.

**SUMMARY**

The attached documents describe this proposal. At its March 24, 2009 meeting, the Academic Programs Committee of Council discussed this proposal with Associate Dean Tom Steele and received additional information regarding program enrolments in social science programs. The Committee agreed to recommend approval of this program termination, effective on the graduation of the students presently enrolled.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Report form for program termination; memos from department and college; enrolment statistics.

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**Report Form for Program Termination  
University of Saskatchewan**

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**Department:** Archaeology and Anthropology  
**College:** Arts & Science  
**Program(s) to be deleted:** Classical & Near Eastern Archaeology  
**Effective date of termination:** July 2009

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**1. List reasons for termination and describe the background leading to this decision.**

Brief background

Since its inception in 1995, the Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology (CNEA) Program has been delivered through the Department of Archaeology, with its core courses offered by members of that Department and by Prof. Foley of STM College. The program was successful in preserving the profile of "Classical" culture within the institution as the former Classics Department came under threat of dissolution. With the establishment of the Classical, Medieval and Renaissance Studies (CMRS) program, as the former Classics Department was absorbed into the Department of History, that issue was perhaps no longer pressing. However, the CNEA program and its courses attracted a solid cohort of Archaeology students, some of whom have gone on to graduate programs in both Near Eastern and Classical areas.

The Proposal

In its 2007/8-2011/12 Strategic Plan, the Department of Archaeology (now Archaeology and Anthropology) proposed, as part of an initiative to streamline its diverse programs, to incorporate Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology into its BA 4-year and Honours Program (See pp. 10-11 of the Strategic Plan presented in May 1007). As of 2010, Old World Archaeology as offered by the CNEA program would be fully integrated into the Department's Archaeology Programs, with principal focus on Syro-Palestinian Archaeology. All the Near Eastern ARCH courses presently offered in the CNEA program would continue to be offered (namely ARCH 116, 243, 244, 252, 257, 258, 356, 362, 385, 465, 466); the core Classics component (CLAS 240, 242, 247, 248, 356 and 357) would continue to be offered within the Department by Prof. Maingon until her retirement.

This integration of the CNEA program into Archaeology is both logical and practical. While the distinct title CNEA highlighted the focus of the students' major in the Archaeology of the Mediterranean and Near East, these students received the same fundamental training in field-work and interpretation of the archaeological record as their fellow students majoring in an Archaeology BA with a North American focus. In the consolidated program students who wish to proceed onto Graduate work in Near Eastern

areas will have the same preparation at the Undergraduate level as before. Moreover, the relatively small numbers of graduates in CNEA (ranging between 2 and 10 per year over the last 10 years) would suggest that bureaucratically the integration of CNEA into an overarching ARCH program might be more efficient.

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## **2. Technical information.**

2.1 Courses offered in the program and faculty resources required for these courses.

All the Near Eastern ARCH courses presently offered in the CNEA program will continue to be offered (namely ARCH 116, 243, 244, 252, 257, 258, 356, 362, 385, 465, 466); the core Classics component (CLAS 240, 242, 247, 248, 356 and 357) will continue to be offered within the Department by Prof. Maingon until her retirement.

2.2 Other resources (staff, technology, physical resources, etc) used for this program.

None.

2.3 Courses to be deleted, if any.

None

2.4 Number of students presently enrolled.

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2.5 Number of students enrolled and graduated over the last five years.

Graduates from 2004 to 2008:

7 (seven) BA 4-year

7 (seven) BA Honours

1 (one) BA Honours Certificate

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## **3. Impact of the termination.**

### Internal

3.1 What if any impact will this termination have on undergraduate and graduate students? How will they be advised to complete their programs?

All students currently working on a Classical & Near Eastern Archaeology program will be able to complete the degree requirements for graduation.

3.2 What impact will this termination have on faculty and teaching assignments?

There is no impact on faculty or teaching assignments.

### 3.3 Will this termination affect other programs, departments or colleges?

The Dept. of Archaeology and Anthropology is affected in a positive way inasmuch as it will gain a cohort of students and will, with a new program clearly encompassing both Old and New World areas of specialization within the framework of a standard foundation, offer students majoring in ARCHAEOLOGY a more comprehensive program. The formal integration of the CNEA courses cannot but enhance the BA in ARCHAEOLOGY.

The CMRS program (Dept. of History) is affected. The Near Eastern ARCH courses listed in within its options will continue to be offered. The CLAS courses in Greek and Roman Art and Archaeology will continue to be offered through the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology for as long as Prof. Maingon remains in the Department. Since these courses, although delivered by that department, have remained under the administrative control of the Department of History, it will become the responsibility of CMRS to see to their continuing to be offered. Should the courses cease to be offered, clearly students wishing to specialize in Greek or Roman Archaeology will have to consider programs at other institutions.

At the level of impact on students, ARCH majors interested in Near Eastern areas of specialization will in no way be inconvenienced, and will in the same way as those focusing on North American areas benefit from the consolidated broader range of courses available in their program.

### 3.4 If courses are also to be deleted, will these deletions affect any other programs?

No courses from this program have been proposed for deletion.

### 3.5 Is it likely, or appropriate, that another department or college will develop a program to replace this one?

As stated above in section 1, as of 2010, Old World Archaeology as offered by the CNEA program would be fully integrated into the Department's Archaeology Programs, with principal focus on Syro-Palestinian Archaeology. Students interested in Old World Archaeology will receive the same fundamental training in field-work and interpretation of the archaeological record as their fellow students majoring in an Archaeology BA with a North American focus. In the consolidated program students who wish to proceed onto Graduate work in Near Eastern areas will have the same preparation at the Undergraduate level as before.

### 3.6 Is it likely, or appropriate, that another department or college will develop courses to replace the ones deleted?

No courses have been deleted as part of this program.

3.7 Describe any impact on research projects.

None.

3.8 Will this deletion affect resource areas such as library resources, physical facilities, and information technology?

None.

3.9 Describe the budgetary implications of this deletion.

None.

External

3.10 Describe any external impact (e.g. university reputation, accreditation, other institutions, high schools, community organizations, professional bodies).

None.

3.11 Is it likely or appropriate that another educational institution will offer this program if it is deleted at the University of Saskatchewan?

Not in Saskatchewan.

Other

3.12 Are there any other relevant impacts or considerations?

None.

3.13 Please provide any statements or opinions received about this termination.

Concerns from the History Department and the Classical Medieval and Renaissance Studies program were received over the potential deletions of certain courses currently taught by Professor Maingon. The program deletion did not include any course deletion proposals with it, therefore the Academic Programs and Standards for the Humanities, Fine Arts and Social Sciences Committee could not warrant holding the proposal back for Challenge. It was further felt by the Committee that if these course deletion proposals do come forward, all programs and departments affected will have to be consulted with prior to the approval of the potential proposals.

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**(Optional)**

**4. Additional information.**

Programs which have not undergone recent formal reviews should provide additional relevant information about quality, demand, efficiency, unique features, and relevance to the province.

N/A

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**Fornssler, Cathie**

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**From:** David Meyer [david.meyer@usask.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 9:02 AM  
**To:** Fornssler, Cathie  
**Subject:** Re: Deletion of the CNEA program

To: Cathie Fornssler  
Committee Coordinator  
Academic Programs Committee of Council

From: David Meyer  
Head  
Dept. of Archaeology and Anthropology

Re: Deletion of the Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology Program

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The Department of Archaeology and Anthropology supports the deletion of the Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology Program. In large part, this is because, with the imminent retirement of Dr. Alison Maingon, we will not long have available the faculty expertise to deliver this program.

Thank you

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**Fornssler, Cathie**

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**From:** Tom Steele [tom.steele@artsandscience.usask.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 3:53 PM  
**To:** Fornssler, Cathie  
**Cc:** Tom Steele (tom.steele); Harley Dickinson; Gordon Hill; Sandra Paradis  
**Subject:** Re: memo from Dean's Office regarding CNEA deletion

Cathie:

I anticipate that Harley will send something in addition to what I've included below. Please let me know if you need this in another format.

===== Tom

The CNEA program drew heavily upon Professor Maignon's academic expertise, and therefore the deletion of the CNEA program is a natural consequence of her retirement. The Archaeology program has been re-designed to integrate elements of the CNEA program, enabling future students to pursue these academic interests within the revised Archaeology program. Furthermore, a realistic plan has been developed to allow current CNEA students to complete their programs.

Through the Integrated Planning process the College of Arts & Science has been asked to innovate within the core rather than pursuing add-on programs. The consolidation of CNEA elements within the core Archaeology program is thus consistent with the College's planning parameters, and provides the opportunity for the Archaeology Department to pursue new areas of innovation.

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# UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

**DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE**

**TO: Cathie Fornssler, Committee coordinator**  
**FROM: Harley Dickinson, Vice Dean, Social Sciences, College of Arts & Science**  
**DATE: February 24, 2009**  
**RE: College support for deletion of CNEA**

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This is to confirm the information and interpretation Associate Dean Tom Steele provided regarding deletion of the CNEA program. Professor Maingon's position has been bridged and a new faculty member already is in it. The decision to not replace Professor Maingon was taken after considerable and widespread discussion. It reflects the current research and programming priorities in the Department of Archaeology & Anthropology as specified in the Department's approved academic plan. The shift of focus for professor Maingon's position also is consistent with the faculty complement plan for the Department, Division of Social Sciences, and the College of Arts & Science.

I hope this, combined with Associate Dean Steele's memo, addresses the concerns of the APC. If you have any additional questions please contact me.



From: David Meyer, Head  
To: Cathie Fornssler, Coordinator  
Academic Programs Committee of Council  
Cc:  
Subject: CNEA Program Deletion  
Date: March 11, 2009

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In May of 2007, we finalized our Department's strategic plan for 2007/08-2011-12. In this plan, we recognized that Dr. Angela Lieverse would be joining our faculty on July 1, 2007. In so doing, Dr. Lieverse would bring to our Department expertise in biological anthropology and zooarchaeology, thus complementing Dr. Walker's expertise, but also allowing core courses in those subjects to be taught if he is on sabbatical or administrative leave. Dr. Lieverse's position was bridged to Dr. Maingon's retirement, which will occur at the end of June 2010. This bridging arrangement was entered into with the realization that certain of Dr. Maingon's classes could no longer be delivered by our Department, particularly those in Classics. Therefore, it was also realized that the CNEA program was in jeopardy. This prompted us to propose the deletion of the CNEA program and, we stated in our strategic plan:

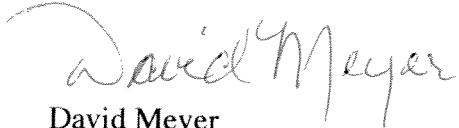
"Prof Alison Maingon and Prof. Chris Foley (St. Thomas More College) have been primarily responsible for the operations of this program. Although the current program has remained healthy, the faculty complement is simply too small to have much of an impact" (2007:10-11).

I should note, also, that in 2007-08 fifteen students completed our archaeology B.A. Four-year and Honours programs while three completed the B.Sc. Four-year and Honours programs. In comparison, over the past years, from two to 10 students have annually graduated in the CNEA program.

The deletion of the CNEA program will not involve any deletion of Archaeology classes or of any Classics classes in Greek and Roman archaeology; however, it will require adjustments in our overall archaeology programs, which include B.A. and B.Sc. programs at the four-year and honours levels. I plan to undertake this revision of our archaeology programs this summer. Our plan is to establish three streams: (1) archaeology of the northern plains and boreal forest, (2) historical archaeology and (3) Syro-Palestinian archaeology. The latter will incorporate the Near Eastern component of the CNEA program. As we indicated in our strategic plan, "the outcome here would be a more fully integrated Archaeology program overall, but would also provide a consistent Old World focus in the department ..." (2007:11). The latter would complement our considerable strength in the archaeology of the northern plains and western interior boreal forest.

Our revised archaeology programs will also include relevant Anthropology classes. This is particularly appropriate since the Anthropology programs were transferred to our department as of July 1, 2008 and we are in the process of integrating the anthropology and archaeology offerings.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Meyer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

David Meyer  
Professor

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<b>Social Sciences Type B</b>	<b>Declared Major</b>	<b>2004/2005 Total</b>	<b>2005/2006 Total</b>	<b>2006/2007 Total</b>	<b>2007/2008 Total</b>	<b>2008/2009 Total</b>
	Aboriginal Public Admin	1	5	7	9	13
	Anthropology	34	11	13	26	24
	Anthropology and Archaeology		8	19	7	1
	Archaeology	71	40	32	59	66
	Business Economics	73	98	67	61	83
	Classical and Near East Arch	12	13	12	9	10
	Economics	175	82	83	113	105
	Geography	86	61	55	57	62
	International Studies	110	81	99	120	123
	Land Use and Enviro Studies	54	38	46	55	54
	Native Studies	102	56	35	48	31
	Northern Studies					2
	Political Studies	157	98	102	144	162
	Psychology	563	384	344	403	482
	Public Administration	18	13	15	28	27
	Regional and Urban Development	43	29	50	61	58
	Regional and Urban Planning					19
	Sociology	462	305	243	300	285
	Sociology of Biotechnology	5	3	1	2	3

Numbers of students declared in Type 'B' programs within the College of Arts & Science.