

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY, LAKE CAMPUS Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, Lake Campus

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/REQUEST

This program clearly meets Regents' standards for baccalaureate degrees. No concerns were identified in the review.

Request: Wright State University requests approval for a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies for the Lake Campus. The BA in Liberal Studies is currently offered at the main (Dayton) campus of Wright State University. The proposed program is an extension of the existing degree to the Lake Campus. The Lake Campus degree is identical to the main campus degree and reflects the same expectations for curriculum and faculty. The College of Liberal Arts will retain complete academic control of the program and award the degree.

The B.A. in Liberal Studies degree is designed for students seeking an interdisciplinary educational experience to meet a variety of academic and professional goals, including a 2 + 2 degree structure to meet degree completion needs for individuals with an associate of arts degree in English or a closely related humanities, social science or fine arts discipline. The degree is designed to facilitate the development of communication and critical thinking skills and might serve as a pre-law curriculum or as preparation for careers in fine arts related positions or publishing.

Students, with significant faculty advising support, develop a program comprising core and concentration requirements combined with additional coursework that provides graduates with preparation for employment and career advancement (e.g., business, computer science, communication, education and public administration). Interdisciplinary courses provide additional opportunities for students to design a degree that meets specific interests or needs (e.g., international studies, women's studies).

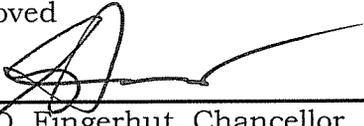
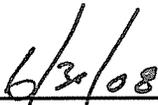
Enrollments: Wright State University anticipates enrollments of 8-20 students per year in the program, including transfer students and students with associate degrees.

Curriculum: The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies provides a balance of introductory and advanced work in areas of specialization: humanities, fine arts and social sciences. Students are required to meet a writing intensive requirement as well as completing the upper-division requirements (60 hours) of the College of Liberal Arts.

Resource/Faculty Needs: As a result of retirements in the last five years, Wright State University – Lake Campus has experienced significant change in its full-time tenure track faculty members in English and liberal studies.

Resources are sufficient to offer the BA in Liberal Studies to students at the Lake Campus.

End of Comment Period: June 18, 2008
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

Approved		
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor		Date