

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

**Date:** September 16, 2021

**Department/Division:** Classics

**School/College/Unit:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

**Proposed Effective Date:** Spring 2022

### PROGRAM NAME CHANGES:

Current Program Name: Classical Languages (M.A.)

Proposed Program Name: Classics (M.A.)

### JUSTIFICATION:

The Classics Department of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences proposes to change the major name of the Master of Arts in Classical Languages to the Master of Arts in Classics. The three existing areas of emphasis (Greek, Latin, and Greek and Latin) will continue to be offered under the new name, and a fourth area of emphasis in Classical Culture is being submitted for consideration.

The proposed name better reflects the nature of the program, which requires students to gain expertise in areas of Classics besides the languages. Many of the students in the program already complete research projects on archaeology, ancient history, or the reception of classical culture, and the current name is not relevant to the breadth of their scholarship. The proposed name is consistent with the practice of peer institutions, such as the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and Florida State University, which offer M.A.'s in Classics rather than in Classical Languages. It also reflects recent developments in the field of Classics, which is increasingly valuing scholarship in history, reception, and material culture as much as in Latin and Greek. The professional organization for Classicists in the United States recently changed its name from the American Philological Association to the Society for Classical Studies to show better the breadth of the discipline. Finally, the proposed name parallels the name of the undergraduate major, Classics (A.B).

### APPROVALS:

Attach documentation of approval from all involved units.

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28 September 2021

**Application for a degree name change from M.A. Classical Languages to M.A. Classics**

Dear Dean Martin-Williams,

Please find attached an application for a degree name change of the current M.A. Classical Languages to the proposed M.A. Classics.

The vote of the Graduate Faculty of the Department of Classics was 10 yes/ 0 no in support of the name change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mario Erasmo'.

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