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**To:** [Martin, Andrew](#)  
**Cc:** [Sutherland, Sue](#); [Smith, Randy](#); [Griffiths, Rob](#); [Reed, Katie](#); [Duffy, Lisa](#); [Hunt, Ryan](#); [Grinstead, John](#); [Vankeerbergen, Bernadette](#); [Renga, Dana](#); [Horn, David](#)  
**Subject:** Proposal to deactivate the Portuguese major leading to the Bachelor of Arts  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026 5:24:46 PM  
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Andrew:

The proposal from the Department of Spanish and Portuguese to deactivate the Portuguese major leading to the Bachelor of Arts was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on April 8, 2026. Thank you for attending the meeting to respond to questions/comments.

No additional level of internal review/approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Council's next Annual Activities Report to the University Senate (July 2026).

My office will now work with you on the approval process with the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

The Office of the University Registrar will work you with any implementation issues.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair of the Council, Professor Sue Sutherland (.43), or me.

Randy



**W. Randy Smith, Ph.D.**

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**Subject:** Informational items--Deactivations  
**Date:** Friday, March 13, 2026 3:14:35 PM  
**Attachments:** [Informational Item Bachelor of Arts Personalized Study Plan Major Deactivation.pdf](#)  
[Informational Item Bachelor of Science Personalized Study Plan Major Deactivation.doc](#)  
[Informational Item Bachelor of Science Vision Science Major Deactivation.doc](#)  
[Informational Item BA Portuguese.pdf](#)  
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Dear Randy and Katie,

Please find attached four informational items to share at an upcoming CAA meeting. All are requests for undergraduate major deactivations to conform with Ohio SB1.

The deactivations are for:

- BA Personalized Study Plan
- BS Personalized Study Plan
- BS Vision Science
- BA Portuguese

Professor Ila Nagar, Chair of ASCC, shared the proposed deactivations as informational items at the ASC Curriculum Committee meeting today, Friday, March 13, 2026

Best regards,  
Bernadette



**Bernadette Vankeerbergen, Ph.D.**

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March 13, 2026

W. Randy Smith, Vice Provost  
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Dear Randy:

The College of Arts and Sciences is requesting Council on Academic Affairs approval for the deactivation of the Portuguese major, which is offered through the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. Low enrollment is the reason for proposed deactivation, as stipulated by SB1. There are no students currently enrolled in the program.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed in support of this request.

Sincerely,

Andrew W. Martin  
Associated Dean for Undergraduate Education  
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March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Dear Dr. Nagar,

I write you today to request that the Portuguese Major be deactivated.

We have had fewer majors than the number required by SB1 over the last several years. On this basis, we request to have the major deactivated.

There is no concern for current majors being able to finish, because we do not have any.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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