

**RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE THE BACHELOR OF ARTS
DEGREE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

WHEREAS, the bachelor of arts degree in interdisciplinary studies originally grew out of the bachelor of arts in liberal arts and sciences in 1996, as a way to provide degree support to the various majors in the newly formed Interdisciplinary Studies Program in the College of Human Resources and Education, now the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, the Interdisciplinary Studies Program underwent substantial reorganization and realignment in 2008-2009, resulting in moving several majors encompassed by this degree program to various existing departments, and creating a new Department of Religion and Culture (consolidating religious studies, Judaic studies, humanities, and Appalachian studies); and

WHEREAS, the bachelor of arts in interdisciplinary studies was the sole degree available to students in the Department of Religion and Culture until 2012, at which time the department successfully received approval from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) for a new bachelor of arts in religion and culture; and

WHEREAS, the bachelor of arts in interdisciplinary studies no longer serves the needs of students in the Department of Religion and Culture, or any other existing department at the university; and

WHEREAS, current students enrolled in the bachelor of arts in interdisciplinary studies degree will be notified of its discontinuance and given five years to complete the degree, with no new students admitted after December 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bachelor of arts in interdisciplinary studies be discontinued effective fall 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution to discontinue the bachelor of arts degree in interdisciplinary studies be approved.

June 3, 2013

Resolution to Discontinue the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies

- The former Department of Interdisciplinary Studies was restructured to become the Department of Religion and Culture (2009).
- The Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Culture was approved by SCHEV (July 2012).
- The B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies no longer serves the needs of students in the Department of Religion and Culture or any other existing department on campus.
- All students currently enrolled in the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies will be notified and given five years to complete the degree.