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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal for a new minor in Vietnamese Language and Literature will be an agenda item for the October 21, 2016, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

William K. Vencill, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav



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Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
Office of the Dean

August 24, 2016

Dr. Pamela S. Whitten
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Provost
The Administration Building
University of Georgia

Dear Provost Whitten,

The Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee and Senate has reviewed and approved the following proposal:

Vietnamese Language and Literature Minor

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Jean Martin-Williams
Associate Dean

PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

1. School/College: **Franklin College of Arts and Sciences**

2. Department/Division: **Comparative Literature/ Humanities**


3. Proposed Program: **Vietnamese Language and Literature Minor**

4. Proposed Starting Date for Program: **Fall 2017**

5. Program Descriptions - including prefixes, numbers, and titles of required courses, total credit hours (must be 15-18 hours), residency requirements (if any), and grade requirements (if any):

See attached

Signatures:

	<i>CMLT</i>	<i>3-14-2016</i>
Department Head	Department	Date
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School/College Curriculum Committee Chair	School/College	Date
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Dean	School/College	Date
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University Curriculum Committee Chair		Date

* This follows the similar lists of courses required for the existing minors in Chinese/Japanese/Korean Language and Literature.

Chinese—http://www.bulletin.uga.edu/HTMLFiles/m_chinese_lang_lit.html

Japanese—http://www.bulletin.uga.edu/HTMLFiles/m_japanese_lang_lit.html

Korean—http://www.bulletin.uga.edu/HTMLFiles/m_korean_lang_lit.html

* Currently, Ming Trang Thi Nguyen teaches all the VIET language courses, and she has taught VIET 3007 as well. The CMLT courses on East Asian literature, cultures, and cinema are regularly offered by the following faculty members of the department:

Dezso Benedek, Masaki Mori, Karin Myhre, Yuanfei Wang, Hyangsoon Yi

Depending on the professor, any of the CMLT courses can have a Vietnamese component.

Factual Data and Supporting Elements

• Recent enrollments in Vietnamese courses at UGA:

Class	Fall 2012	Spring 2013	Fall 2013	Spring 2014	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Fall 2015	Spring 2016
VIET 1001	22		30		31		32	
VIET 1002		17		23		25		25
VIET 2001	14		15		22		22	
VIET 2002		7		3		12		12
VIET 3001	Not offered		Not offered		Not offered		12	
VIET 3007					10		Not offered	
VIET 3002								12
Total		2012-2013: 60		2013-2014: 71		2014-2015: 100		2015-2016: 115

• An estimated annual number of graduates with a minor in Vietnamese Language and Literature at this point: 8-10.

- Only four universities in the Southeast, including the University of Alabama, the University of Florida, the University of New Orleans, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, apparently have Vietnamese language programs. According to our Internet research, however, the presence of those programs on those school websites is minimal, if any, and we assume that their size is small if they exist.
- Currently, a minor in Vietnamese is offered only at California State University, Fullerton: <http://ed.fullerton.edu/vietnamese/>
- Meanwhile, mainly due to postwar immigration and U.S.-born offspring, the Vietnamese population has seen a dramatic increase in the past few decades. The 2013 Vietnamese population in Georgia alone is 52,866 as the sixth largest among all the states, while its national aggregate amounts to 1,724,508, according to <http://vietv.com/10-vietnamese-population-united-states.html>.
- As a result, there is a strong demand for a Vietnamese minor from students who want to utilize it for their careers as bilingual professionals, such as those who plan to work with Vietnamese patients and their communities in the medical field, as well as from their parents who want to see an official proof of their children's accomplishments in Vietnamese proficiency for the continuation of their cultural heritage in the United States.
- In addition, to have the minor program in place will enhance the Vietnamese language program, in terms of the planned exchange program with a counterpart institution in Vietnam. This is because Vietnamese families tend to choose and trust a school abroad with a full-fledged language program to send their children to.
- The Vietnamese Student Association (VSA), with Crystal Le cnle95@uga.edu as current president, promotes the Vietnamese culture and the collegiality of approximately 60 members at UGA. Another student organization that focuses on speaking the language is in its planning stage.
- Overall, to create a Vietnamese minor program will be a pioneering project on a national level. As such, once realized, it will help attract to the University of Georgia more students interested in Vietnam, especially Vietnamese-American students who take their cultural heritage seriously. When they graduate, they will become U.S. assets to strengthen the tie between Vietnam and the United States that has steadily been growing economically and geopolitically.