

**Academic, Research and Student Success Committee Meeting
May 14, 2025**

Program Closures

Master of Science in Publishing
University of Houston-Victoria

The University of Houston-Victoria requests approval to close the Master of Science in Publishing. The program was launched in 2009, but shifts in the priorities of the College, as well as the publishing industry have caused the program to languish. During the 2021-2022 academic year, five students completed the program. One student completed the program in 2022-2023 and seven students completed in 2023-2024. Many of these students were double majors (MS Publishing and MFA Creative Writing). Class enrollments are also low. In Spring 2025, only eight students, plus two internship students, had enrolled. During Fall 2024, of the 17 enrollments across the two classes offered, only one was a declared Publishing major. Before the close of registration for the Fall 2024 semester, academic advisors will contact the students in the program, informing them of the closure and providing a degree map/timeline for completion of degree requirements. The Interim Provost will announce the program closure during regular meeting(s) of the Executive Committee and President's cabinet. This program does not maintain close ties to community partners that would be impacted by the program closure. There is one faculty member assigned to the Publishing program and in accordance with Board of Regents policies, has been issued a 12-month notice, leading to an August 31, 2026 termination date.

Master of Arts in World Cultures and Literature
University of Houston

The University of Houston requests approval to close a Master of Arts in World Cultures and Literature. The program closure is requested due to low student demand. The department enrolled its last new student in spring semester 2023, and after that date it stopped considering new students for admission to this program. All students enrolled in the program have now graduated from the program, so no teach-out plan is required. No faculty or student implications. The department will continue to offer a Global Cinema Graduate Certificate and a Graduate Certificate in Applied Linguistics in Teaching Chinese. Department faculty and the department chair are aware of the proposed closure and were involved in the decision to close it due to low demand. This program is not separately accredited, and no community partners are directly involved in this degree.