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Graduate programs are on the chopping block

It is saddening that when financial exigencies in academia arise, program cuts are among the first remedies. Because of a financial shortfall in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the graduate programs in the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies are on the chopping block.

The University of Florida, the state's flagship university, presently has not only the only doctoral program in German in Florida, but one of the few remaining in the South. In this era of globalization, shouldn't the planners be considering expanding academic programs that deal with foreign languages, literatures, cultures and ideas?

Vigorous graduate programs in a first-rate university supplement each other. Some that will be diminished by the loss of German are anthropology, English, linguistics, music history, philosophy and religious studies, to mention a few. Perhaps these programs are, or soon will be, on the block with German.

The world will not end without the graduate programs in the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies, but Florida will be a bit poorer.

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