PROPOSAL TO CLOSE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM AT LANCASTER UNIVERSITY IN LANCASTER, ENGLAND (INTA 311)

RATIONALE: The CIE is proposing to close the Lancaster University program due to high costs, low student participation, and because we currently offer numerous options in the UK.

Lancaster University is the most expensive option in the United Kingdom. As a result, we often only send 1 student per year. Administering a program for one student is not an effective use of CIE staff. Additionally, Lancaster has declined to enter into an exchange agreement with UW-Eau Claire, whereas Winchester, Aberdeen, Glasgow, and Stirling Universities all have exchange options as part of the inter-university agreements. The exchange option brings international students to UW-Eau Claire and thus enriches the campus life for the entire UW-Eau Claire community. UW-Eau Claire students have multiple opportunities to study within the UK through the program options:

- Harlaxton, England
- Winchester, England
- Aberdeen, Scotland
- Glasgow, Scotland
- Stirling, Scotland

Based on the program cost, low volume of student participation, the lack of an exchange option, and staffing issues associated with the program, the CIE proposes to close the Lancaster program.