THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 40:   **Change the demonstration of competency in Philosophy**

Effective Date: Fall 2013

1. **Delete:** On page 243, under Major in Philosophy, item III:

    Other departmental requirements-Demonstration of major competency: senior comprehensive exam. Demonstration of oral competency: completion of PHIL 402. Demonstration of computer competency: completion of PHIL 402.

    Add: On page 243, in place of deleted entry:

    Other departmental requirements-Major competency is satisfied in PHIL 499 by demonstration of basic logic skills and knowledge of the history of philosophy. Oral competency is demonstrated in PHIL 402.

Impact Statement: Changing the method of determining major competence will have no known negative impact on the Philosophy major, minor and university requirements. It will also not affect the department's staffing needs and course offerings. This change should have a positive impact in streamlining the process and tool used to determine major competency in our department.

Rationale: This change takes into account the fact that students in PHIL 499 are already expected to demonstrate basic logic skills and have a familiarity with the history of philosophy literature. So this change allows us to articulate a more efficient way of determining major competency in philosophy. The computer competency requirement is being removed in light of SD0412F, which allows departments to no longer require a demonstration of computer competency for graduation.