

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE  
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action

**APC Document 81:** **Change course description for CLAS 495;  
Move CLAS 495 and 499 from separate listings under the  
Greek and Latin courses to the end of the Classics  
course listing section**

**1. Delete:** On pages 108 and 109, the entries for CLAS 495:

**495 Senior Research Thesis (3)**

Students will be trained in research methods as a basis for completing a thesis on a departmentally approved research topic of their choice. Prerequisite: senior standing. Fall.

**Add:** On pages 108 and 109, in place of deleted entries:

**495 Senior Research Thesis (3)**

Supervised independent study on a departmentally approved research topic of the student's choice, leading to completion of a thesis. Prerequisite: senior standing. See department chair.

**2. Delete:** On pages 108, 109 and 110, the entries for CLAS 495 and 499:

**495 Senior Research Thesis (3)**

Supervised independent study on a departmentally approved research topic of the student's choice, leading to completion of a thesis. Prerequisite: senior standing. See department chair.

**499 Undergraduate Research in Classics (1-6)**

Independent research under the supervision of a faculty mentor. An IP grade may be awarded at discretion of instructor. May be repeated for a total of 6 hours credit. See department chair.

**Add:** On page 111, after the entry for CLAS 393, Epic and Tragedy:

**Additional Courses in Classics**

**495 Senior Research Thesis (3)**

Supervised independent study on a departmentally approved research topic of the student's choice, leading to completion of a thesis. Prerequisite: senior standing. See department chair.

**499 Undergraduate Research in Classics (1-6)**

Independent research under the supervision of a faculty mentor. An IP grade may be awarded at discretion of instructor. May be repeated for a total of 6 hours credit. See department chair.

**Impact Statement:** The proposed changes will have no negative impact on staffing or other departmental resources. CLAS 495, Senior Research Thesis, is being eliminated as a required course for Classics majors, so the semester in which the course is offered is changing to reflect that it won't be a regularly scheduled course.

**Rationale:** CLAS 495 has often been under-enrolled and taught as an unpaid overload by Classics faculty. In keeping with the university-wide move toward restructuring the curriculum to make it more sustainable, the Classics department has been working towards eliminating overloads. Although the course has proved to be unsustainable as a requirement, the department will continue to offer the course to select students who want to write a senior thesis as an honors capstone experience under the individual supervision of a faculty adviser.

There are currently duplicate catalog entries for CLAS 495 and 499, with listings under both the Greek and Latin sections. Because there is no differentiation in the course titles as to the language studied in the courses (all have a CLAS prefix), there is no reason to have them duplicated in the catalog, especially since CLAS 495 is being removed as a required course for the major. Moving the CLAS 495 and 499 entries to the end of the listing of Classics courses will reinforce that these courses can be taken by students in any of the concentrations in the Classics major.