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Statement of Faculty Senate Action

**APC Document 82: Changes to requirements for Classics Major and Minor**

**Effective Date: Fall 2013**

**1. Delete:** On page 105, the requirements under **Concentration in Greek:**

- I. Required courses in the major—30 hours, including CLAS 211, 495; 3 hours from the classical Culture courses; 18 hours of language courses chosen from 320, 330, 340, 360, 400, 410, 450, 460; and 3 hours chosen from additional Culture courses, 300-400 level CLAS language courses, or special topics courses covering Greek themes. Using special topics courses to fulfill major requirements needs prior approval of the department chair.
- II. Required courses outside major—None. Courses dealing with the Greco-Roman world offered by other departments may be substituted for the Culture course with prior approval of department chair.
- III. Foreign language requirement—The major program satisfies the requirement, but additional competency on the intermediate level in Latin, German or French is recommended.
- IV. Major and oral competency will be demonstrated by a comprehensive departmental examination consisting of 3 hours of written Greek translation, one hour of essays on Classical culture, and a one-hour oral examination on literature, history and culture based on student readings over the course of study and on content of the thesis completed for CLAS 495. Computer competency will be demonstrated through successful completion of CLAS 495.

**Add:** On page 105, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses in the major—30 hours, including 18 hours of Greek language courses chosen from CLAS 320, 330, 340, 360, 400, 410, 450, 460; 3 hours from the Classical Civilization courses; and 9 hours chosen from CLAS 211 (if taken before enrolling in upper level Greek language courses), 300-400 level Classics language courses, additional Classical Civilization courses, or special topics courses covering Greek themes. Using special topics courses to fulfill major requirements needs prior approval of the department chair.

- II. Required courses outside major—None. Courses dealing with the Greco-Roman world offered by other departments may be substituted for the Classical Civilization course with prior approval of department chair. Additional competency at the intermediate level in Latin, German or French is recommended.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major and oral competency will be demonstrated by a comprehensive departmental examination consisting of 3 hours of written Greek translation, one hour of essays on Classical culture, and a one-hour oral examination on literature, history, and culture based on student readings over the course of study.

**2. Delete:** On page 105, under **Concentration in Latin:**

- I. Required courses in the major—30 hours, including CLAS 212, 495; 3 hours from the classical Culture courses; 18 hours of language courses chosen from 313, 332, 352, 412, 422, 432, 452, 462, 468; and 3 hours chosen from additional Culture courses, 300-400 level CLAS language courses, or special topics courses covering Latin themes. Using special topics courses to fulfill major requirements needs prior approval of the department chair.
- II. Required courses outside major—None. Courses dealing with the Greco-Roman world offered by other departments may be substituted for the Culture course with prior approval of department chair.
- III. Foreign language requirement—The major program satisfies the requirement, but additional competency on the intermediate level in Greek, German or French is recommended.
- IV. Major and oral competency will be demonstrated by a comprehensive departmental examination consisting of 3 hours of written Latin translation, one hour of essays on Classical culture, and a one-hour oral examination on literature, history and culture based on student readings over the course of study and on content of the thesis completed for CLAS 495. Computer competency will be demonstrated through successful completion of CLAS 495.

**Add:** On page 105, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses in the major—30 hours, including 18 hours of Latin language courses chosen from CLAS 313, 332, 352, 412, 422, 432, 452, 462, 468; 3 hours from the Classical Civilization courses; and 9 hours chosen from CLAS 212 (if taken before enrolling in upper level Latin language course), 300-400 level Classics language courses, additional Classical Civilization courses, or special topics courses covering Latin themes. Using special topics courses to fulfill major requirements needs prior approval of the department chair.
- II. Required courses outside major—None. Courses dealing with the Greco-Roman world offered by other departments may be substituted for the Classical Civilization course with prior approval of department chair. Additional competency at the intermediate level in Greek, German or French is recommended.

- III. Other departmental requirements—Major and oral competency will be demonstrated by a comprehensive departmental examination consisting of 3 hours of written Latin translation, one hour of essays on Classical culture, and a one-hour oral examination on literature, history, and culture based on student readings over the course of study.

**3. Delete:** On page 106, the entry under **Concentration in Greek and Latin:**

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours, including CLAS 211, 212, 495; 3 hours from the classical Culture courses; 21 hours of language courses (with at least 6 hours in each language) chosen from 313, 320, 330, 332, 340, 352, 360, 400, 410, 412, 422, 432, 450, 452, 460, 462, 468; and 3 hours chosen from additional Culture courses, 300-400 level CLAS language courses, or special topics courses covering Greek or Latin themes. Using special topics courses to fulfill major requirements needs prior approval of the department chair.
- II. Required courses outside major—None. Courses dealing with the Greco-Roman world offered by other departments may be substituted for the Culture course with prior approval of department chair.
- III. Foreign language requirement—The major program satisfies the requirement, but additional competency on the intermediate level in German or French is recommended.
- IV. Major and oral competency will be demonstrated by a comprehensive departmental examination consisting of 3 hours of written Greek and Latin translation, one hour of essays on Classical culture, and a one-hour oral examination on literature, history and culture based on student readings over the course of study and on content of the thesis completed for CLAS 495. Computer competency will be demonstrated through successful completion of CLAS 495.

**Add:** On page 106, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours, including 21 hours of Greek and Latin language courses (with at least 6 hours in each language) chosen from 313, 320, 330, 332, 340, 352, 360, 400, 410, 412, 422, 432, 450, 452, 460, 462, 468; 3 hours from the Classical Civilization courses; and 12 hours chosen from CLAS 211, 212 (if taken before enrolling in upper level language courses), 300-400 level Classics language courses, additional Classical Civilization courses, or special topics courses covering Greek and Latin themes. Using special topics courses to fulfill major requirements needs prior approval of the department chair.
- II. Required courses outside major— None. Courses dealing with the Greco-Roman world offered by other departments may be substituted for the Classical Civilization course with prior approval of department chair. Additional competency at the intermediate level in German or French is recommended.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major and oral competency will be demonstrated by a comprehensive departmental examination consisting of 3 hours of written Greek and Latin translation, one hour of essays on Classical culture, and a one-hour oral examination on literature, history and culture based on student readings over the course of study.

**4. Delete:** On page 106, under **Concentration in Classical Studies:**

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours, including either CLAS 211 or 212; 250 or 354; 315 or 316; 350 or 356; 495. 6 hours from 343, 344, 345; 6 additional hours from Greek or Latin language courses; 9 additional hours from 300-400 level CLAS courses. ANTH 225, or PHIL 250 or 255 may be substituted for 3 of the 9 additional hours. Other elective courses may also be substituted with prior approval of department chair.
- II. Required courses outside major—None.
- III. Foreign language requirement—The major program satisfies the requirement.
- IV. Other departmental requirements—Major and oral competency will be demonstrated by a final examination consisting of one hour of written translation in Latin or Greek, one hour on a prepared essay topic, two hours on unprepared essay topics and a one-hour oral examination on literature, history and culture based on student readings over the course of study, and on the content of the thesis completed for CLAS 495. Computer competency will be demonstrated through successful completion of CLAS 495.

**Add:** On page 106, in place of deleted entry:

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours, including 3 hours from CLAS 250 or 354; 3 hours from 315 or 316; 3 hours from 350 or 356; 6 hours from 343, 344, 345; 6 hours from Greek or Latin language courses; and 15 additional hours from 300-400 level Classics courses. ANTH 225, PHIL 250 or 255 may be substituted for 3 of the 15 additional hours. Other elective courses may also be substituted with prior approval of department chair.
- II. Required courses outside major—None.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major and oral competency will be demonstrated by a final examination consisting of one hour of written translation in Latin or Greek, one hour on a prepared essay topic, two hours on unprepared essay topics, and a one-hour oral examination on literature, history and culture based on student readings over the course of study.

**5. Delete:** On page 107, under **Minor in Classics:**

Greek emphasis: 18 hours beyond the introductory level including CLAS 211; 12 hours from courses in Greek; 3 hours from courses in Culture.

Latin emphasis: 18 hours beyond the introductory level including CLAS 212; 12 hours from courses in Latin; 3 hours from courses in Culture.

Classical Studies emphasis: 18 hours including: either CLAS 211 or 212; 15 hours from courses in Culture or other electives substituted with prior approval of department chair.

**Add:** On page 107, under **Minor in Classics:**

Greek emphasis: 18 hours, including 15 hours of Greek courses beyond the introductory level and 3 hours from Classical Civilization courses.

Latin emphasis: 18 hours, including 15 hours of Latin courses beyond the introductory level and 3 hours from Classical Civilization courses.

Classical Studies emphasis: 18 hours, including 3 hours from a Greek or Latin language course beyond the introductory level, and 15 hours from Classical Civilization courses or other electives substituted with prior approval of department chair.

**6. Delete:** On page 107, the note under the entry for Greek 211, Intermediate Greek:

*Note: CLAS 211 or proficiency demonstrated to the satisfaction of the instructor is the prerequisite for all the following courses in Greek authors (CLAS 320-495). There is no linguistic prerequisite for the Culture courses.*

**7. Delete:** On page 107, the note under the entry for Greek 212, Intermediate Latin:

*Note: CLAS 212 or proficiency demonstrated to the satisfaction of the instructor is the prerequisite for all the following courses in Latin authors (CLAS 313-495). There is no linguistic prerequisite for the Culture courses.*

**8. Replace:** On page 110, the heading "Courses in Culture", with:

#### **Courses in Classical Civilization**

**Impact Statement:** The proposed changes will have no negative impact on staffing or other departmental resources. The changes are a result of the elimination of the requirement for Intermediate Greek and/or Latin courses for Classics majors and minors, and the elimination of CLAS 495, Senior Research Thesis, for Classics majors. These courses have often been under-enrolled, or have been taught as unpaid overloads by Classics faculty. Removing these as course requirements will not change the total number of required hours for the major or minor.

**Rationale:** Over the past several years, staffing our courses has meant that most, if not all, of the faculty members have taken on overloads, some of which have been for under-enrolled intermediate level Greek and Latin classes. In keeping with the university-wide move to restructure our curriculum and to make it sustainable, the Classics department has been working towards eliminating overloads and under-

enrolled courses over the past year and a half. Under our proposal, students will be able to move from second semester language courses to upper division without the intermediate courses. The department has changed textbooks to facilitate the transition from beginning to advanced courses, and we are beginning a transition to a four-credit-hour course model with our beginning Latin and Greek courses (CLAS 101-104), which, in combination with our new textbooks, will enable us to prepare students adequately without the intermediate course.

The Classics department also voted to remove CLAS 495 from the senior competency requirement in an effort to improve sustainability. We also hope to improve how we assess our students, by moving to a portfolio approach that will work better for all our students, especially those with documented special needs.