

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 36: Change the Major and Minor Requirements for French

Effective Date: Fall 2014

1. Delete: On p. 147, under **Major in French:**

- I. Required courses in the major—27 hours above the 220 level, including: FREN 300, 310, 320, 340, 341; three courses from the 400 series; plus a 300-400 level elective. Note: FREN 400 is required for teacher licensure students.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None.
- III. Foreign language requirement—Satisfied by major courses in French.
- IV. Special departmental requirements—Oral competency: oral competency will be tested after FREN 300. Capstone project: competency in French will be demonstrated by a capstone project consisting of research plus oral and written presentations on French language, literature or civilization, to be carried out in one of the 400-level courses, as approved by the Department chair. Students must demonstrate satisfactory oral competency before undertaking the capstone project. Computer competency: students demonstrate computer competency through completion of the capstone project.

Add: On page 147, in place of the deleted entry:

- I. Required courses in the major – 28 hours: FREN 300, 325, 340, 341; and three courses at the 400-level. Note: FREN 400 is required for teacher licensure candidates. Students whose level of proficiency does not allow them to start with FREN 300 will be required to complete appropriate prerequisite courses prior to beginning at the 300-level. At least one-half of the hours required for the major must be completed at UNC Asheville.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None.
- III. Special departmental requirements—Competency in French will be demonstrated by a capstone project consisting of research plus oral and written presentations on French language, literature or civilization, to be carried out in one of the 400-level courses, as approved by the Department Chair. Oral competency will be tested after completion of FREN 300. Students must demonstrate satisfactory oral competency before undertaking the capstone project.

2. Delete: On p. 147, under **Minor in French**

18 hours in courses numbered 300 or above, including: FREN 300, 310, 320, 340 or 341; two electives, at least one at the 400 level. Students must earn a minimum 2.00 grade point average on all minor courses taken at UNC Asheville. One half of the hours required for a minor must be completed at UNC Asheville, to include at least 6 semester hours of 300-400 level courses.

Add: On page 147, in place of deleted entry:

20 hours: FREN 230, 300, 325, 340 or 341; and one elective at the 400 level. Students whose level of proficiency does not allow them to start with FREN 230 will be required to complete appropriate prerequisite courses prior to beginning the courses for the minor. One half of the hours required for the minor must be completed at UNC Asheville. Students must earn a minimum 2.00 grade point average on minor courses taken at UNC Asheville. At least one-half of the hours required for a minor must be completed at UNC Asheville, to include at least 6 semester hours of 300-400 level courses.

Impact: The proposed changes will have no negative impact on staffing or other departmental resources.

Rationale: Changing upper division courses from three credit hours to four and reducing the number of required courses for the major to seven and the minor to five allows us to offer all courses on a more regular basis with the current staffing and reduce the number of individual courses needed for students to progress towards graduation. Course descriptions are being updated and corrected to reflect current practice.