

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE  
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 68: Add new capstone course for Classics majors: CLAS 498**

**Effective Date: Fall 2014**

**1. Add:** On page 112, under Additional Courses in Classics, new course, **CLAS 498:**

**498 Senior Capstone: Classics in Translation (3)**

Senior capstone course taught in translation on varying topics. This interdisciplinary course integrates literary, historical and cultural issues and is required of Classics majors. The course is also open to advanced students in other majors who have completed the Humanities program or similar courses, and are interested in exploring texts and ideas that have influenced 2500 years of Western civilization of technology throughout. Students will demonstrate Writing and Information Literacy competencies in this course. Prerequisite: Senior standing. Fall.

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

**Rationale:** CLAS 498 will be taught by full-time Classics faculty, and the topic will vary from year to year. The course replaces the previous thesis requirement, which was removed in Fall 2013 because it proved to be unsustainable. Teaching the course in translation will enable the department to provide a common capstone experience that will accommodate all of our concentrations (Latin, Greek, and Classical Civilization). The course will also improve how we assess student competencies. The decision to add the course is partially in response to previous assessment experiences and feedback from the Director of Academic Assessment and from Institutional Effectiveness.