

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 28 (HIST): **Increase credit hours and change descriptions of HIST 250 and 451;**
(revised) **Decrease credit hours and change description of HIST 452**

Effective Date: Fall 2015

1. Delete: On page 164, the entry for **HIST 250:**

250 The Historian's Craft (3)

A study in the practice and writing of history, its evolving methods, theories, and content, with attention to both academic and public history. Because this course is designed to prepare students for research and writing in the history major, it should be taken before the student takes upper-division history courses. This course is intended for History majors and minors. Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Fall and Spring.

Add: On page 164, in place of deleted entry:

250 The Historian's Craft (4)

A study in the practice and writing of history, its evolving methods, theories, and content, with attention to both academic and public history. The course is designed to provide students with a thorough grounding in the study of historiography, of the latest methods of conducting research in primary and secondary sources, and involves intensive instruction and practice in writing. Because this course is designed to prepare students for research and writing in the history major, it should be taken before the student takes upper-division history courses. This course is intended for History majors and minors. Fall and Spring.

Impact: This change will have no known negative impact on the History major, minor and university requirements. These changes will not affect the department's staffing or resource needs. See Appendix I and II.

Rationale: The additional credit hour will allow for more in-depth development of the skills necessary for the proper practice of the historian's craft.

2. Delete: On page 164, the entry for **HIST 451:**

451 Senior Seminar Preparation (1)

Preliminary research for the Senior Research Seminar. Taken in the semester prior to taking HIST 452, students will investigate possible topics for the senior thesis, choose a thesis topic, and conduct research into the historiography of the chosen topic. Prerequisite: HIST 250; 12 hours in History, to include 6 hours of 300-level HIST. Fall and Spring.

Add: On page 164, in place of deleted entry:

451 Senior Seminar Preparation (2)

Preliminary research for the Senior Research Seminar. Taken in the semester prior to taking HIST 452, students will investigate possible topics for the senior thesis, choose a thesis topic, conduct research into the historiography of the chosen topic, complete a historiographical essay, and begin their primary source research for their thesis.

Prerequisite: HIST 250 and 16 additional hours in History, to include 8 hours of 300-level HIST. Fall and Spring.

Impact: This change will have no known negative impact on the History major, minor and university requirements. These changes will not affect the department's staffing or resource needs. See Appendix I and II.

Rationale: Students often waited until the beginning of the semester when they took HIST 452 to get serious about their research. With the addition of a credit hour, students will be required to complete their secondary source research and begin their research in primary sources in the semester prior to the seminar and should result in improvements in the senior thesis.

3. Delete: On page 164, then entry for **HIST 452:**

452 Senior Research Seminar (3)

A research seminar in which a student conducts a supervised investigation of a selected subject. An IP grade may be awarded at the discretion of the instructor. Prerequisites: HIST 250, 451. Fall.

Add: On page 164, in place of deleted entry:

452 Senior Research Seminar (2)

A research seminar in which a student completes a supervised investigation of a selected subject begun in HIST 451. An IP grade may be awarded at the discretion of the instructor. Prerequisites: HIST 250, 451. Fall.

Impact: This change will have no known negative impact on the History major, minor and university requirements. These changes will not affect the department's staffing or resource needs. See Appendix I and II.

Rationale: The reduction in credit hours balances the hours between HIST 451 and 452 to more effectively spread the work of conducting research and writing a quality senior thesis.