

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 38: **Increase the credit hours for DRAM 145 from 1 to 2;
Revise the hours required for the major in Drama**

Effective Date: Fall 2016

1. Delete: On page 118, the entry for DRAM 145:

145 Play Reading (1)

Reading and discussion of dramatic literature from a variety of periods and genres. Fall and Spring.

Add: On page 118, in place of deleted entry:

145 Play Reading (2)

Reading and in depth discussion of dramatic literature from a variety of periods and genres. May be repeated as topics vary for a total of 8 hours of credit. Fall and Spring.

2. Delete: On page 116, in item I under **Major in Drama:**

I. Required courses in the major—39 hours consisting of 24 hours from the Drama core:

Add: On page 116, in place of deleted entry:

I. Required courses in the major—40 hours consisting of 25 hours from the Drama core:

Impact: The change actually reflects a more accurate workload of faculty for the course, so the impact is a more honest representation and it will also allow for more than a superficial discussion on the subject matter. Doing this will not change resources regarding faculty but will increase by 1 the number of hours in the major.

Rationale: After several years of teaching DRAM 145, we have determined that the amount of preparation needed by faculty is far in excess of the 1 credit given to the workload. Pedagogically, two hours would allow for greater in-depth conversations and evaluation of student's comprehension on the play readings and better fit into the current mode of scheduling as we are also looking at expanding other courses.

Because many students are interested in reading the plays of more than one playwright, we have had to create special topics courses so that students would be able to take this course multiple times as the topics have varied. Adding the option to repeat the course will eliminate that problem. Along with that with the course being offered both Fall and Spring, it presents numerous opportunities for students to take the course (which they can only take 4 times). By the number of majors that we average, every student should have an opportunity to take the course at least the 1 time as required for the major.