

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 41 (CLAS): **Change the narrative for the Classics major to reflect the reduction in number of concentrations**

Effective Date: Fall 2018

1. Delete: On page 103, the introductory narrative for Classics:

The department offers five concentrations: Greek, Latin, Greek and Latin, Classical Studies, and Latin with Teacher Licensure. All programs draw on a common core of material, but their emphases are different, and all aim to give the student as complete a background in Greco-Roman culture as possible. Strong emphasis is placed both on acquiring the linguistic skills necessary to be able to read the ancient texts in their original languages and on gaining an understanding of the cultures in which Western culture is firmly rooted. A Classics degree is an excellent general intellectual training, and does not limit the student to any one future career.

Add: On page 103, in place of deleted entry:

The department offers three concentrations: Classical Languages & Literatures; Classical Civilization; and Latin with Teacher Licensure. All programs draw on a common core of material, but their emphases are different, and all aim to give the student as complete a background in Greco-Roman culture as possible. Strong emphasis is placed both on acquiring the linguistic skills necessary to be able to read the ancient texts in their original languages and on gaining an understanding of the cultures in which Western culture is firmly rooted. A Classics degree is inherently interdisciplinary, provides excellent general intellectual training, and does not limit the student to any one future career.

Impact Statement: Reducing our concentrations from five to three will not change the number of hours required for the degree overall. By combining the study of Greek and Latin into one concentration, we give our majors more flexibility in their choices within the major, thus ensuring on-time graduation. In the past, we have had students who needed one or two additional Greek or Latin courses beyond what was offered in order to meet the minimum required hours (this was usually due to declaring the major after the beginning of the sophomore year). Sometimes students had to delay graduation, or else our faculty had to commit to an independent study as an overload course. Our new configuration should eliminate the need for such solutions. These changes have been discussed with Dean Strehl and approved.

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

Rationale: The reduction in the number of concentrations in Classics will make our major more sustainable.