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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 57 (CLAS): **Change the requirements for the major and minor in Ancient Mediterranean Studies**

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1. **Delete:** On page 103, the information for Classics:

Concentration in Classical Languages and Literatures

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours, including: 20 hours from Greek and/or Latin language courses: GRK 305, 306, 405, 406; LAT 307, 308, 407, 408; 4 hours from the Classical civilization courses: 250, 325, 326, 385, 386, 425, 426; 8 additional hours chosen from LAT 212 (if taken before enrolling in upper level Latin courses), 300-400 level Greek and Latin language courses, 200-400 level civilization courses; and CLAS 498. Note: if pursuing Latin licensure, all 20 hours of language courses must be Latin.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None. Courses dealing with the Greco-Roman world offered by other departments may be substituted for the Classical Civilization course with prior approval of department chair. Competency at the intermediate level in French or German is recommended.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency will be demonstrated by a final examination consisting of two hours of written translation of Latin and/or Greek and successful completion of CLAS 498, which includes formal presentation of the research conducted in the course.

Concentration in Classical Civilization

This program is recommended for those students who have interest in the general culture of the ancient world and do not necessarily desire a high level of proficiency in Latin or Greek, or for those who simply wish to broaden their education. This concentration is not recommended for students who wish to go to graduate school in Classics or Archaeology.

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours, including 4 hours from CLAS 325 or 326; 4 hours from CLAS 385 or 386; 4 hours from CLAS 425 or 426; 8 hours from Greek and/or Latin language courses at the 200-400 level; 12 additional hours from 200-400 level Classical Civilization courses; and CLAS 498. ANTH 225, PHIL 250 or 255 may be substituted for one of the courses in the 12 additional hours. Other elective courses may also be substituted with prior approval of department chair.
- II. Required courses outside major—None
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency will be demonstrated by a final examination consisting of one hour of written translation of Latin or Greek and successful completion of CLAS 498, which includes formal presentation of the research conducted in the course.

Latin with Teacher Licensure

Licensure as a teacher of Latin requires the completion of the Classical Languages and Literatures concentration with all 20 hours of language courses being Latin. See Education section for additional required professional education courses.

Minor in Classics

At least 20 hours: CLAS 498 and 16 hours chosen from CLAS 260, Greek or Latin language courses (LAT 212, GRK/LAT 305-308, 405-408), and Classical Civilization courses (CLAS 250, 325, 326, 385, 386, 393, 425, 426). Note: to receive credit for LAT 212, it must be taken before enrolling in upper level Latin language courses.

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

Major in Ancient Mediterranean Studies

- I. Required courses in the major—36 hours, including AMS 498; 4 hours from 300-400 level Greek or Latin language courses; 4 hours from Topics in Social Inquiries: AMS, GRK, or LAT 301 and 302; 4 hours from Topics in Reception: AMS, GRK, or LAT 401 and 402; 8 hours from the following topics (courses must come from different topics): Topics in Literary Genres and Periods (AMS, GRK, or LAT 315 and 316), Topics in Daily Life and Culture (AMS, GRK, or LAT 325 and 326), Topics in Art and Archaeology (AMS, GRK, or LAT 385 and 386), and Topics in Ancient History (AMS, GRK, or LAT 425 and 426); and 12 additional hours, at least 8 of which must be at the 300-400 level, chosen from AMS 215, 250, 260, LAT 212 (if taken before enrolling in upper level Latin courses), and other 300-400 level AMS, GRK, and LAT language and topical courses not previously used. Courses cannot double-count for specified requirements. If pursuing Latin licensure, student must complete 20 hours of Latin language courses.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None. Courses dealing with the ancient Mediterranean world offered by other departments may be substituted for the Ancient Mediterranean Civilization courses with prior approval of department chair.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency will be demonstrated by successful completion of both a 300- or 400-level Greek or Latin language course and AMS 498, which includes formal presentation of the research conducted in the course.

Latin with Teacher Licensure

Licensure as a teacher of Latin requires the completion of the Ancient Mediterranean Studies major with 20 hours of Latin language courses. See Education section for additional required professional education courses.

Minor in Classics

At least 20 hours: 16 hours including AMS 498 and 12 additional hours, at least 4 of which must be at the 300-400 level, chosen from AMS 215, 250, 260, LAT 212, and AMS, GRK, and LAT courses at the 300-400 level. Note: to receive credit for LAT 212, it must be completed before enrolling in upper-level Latin language courses.

Impact: There will be no negative impact on staffing or resources, as we will continue to offer the same number of courses. We do anticipate that this change may have a positive impact on the number of majors in our department and on our number of graduates. Moving the senior exam from an external to an internal format will lighten the load for students and faculty alike.

Rationale: Over the past few years, we've had several (mostly) transfer students who were unable to complete the language portions of the current curriculum that offers concentrations in the Classical Languages and Literatures and in Classical Civilization because of the number of specific language courses required and the current frequency of offerings; consequently, they either dropped the major or moved it to a minor. By eliminating the two concentrations, we offer all students the flexibility to take a combination of Greek, Latin, and Ancient Mediterranean Civilization courses that works best for them and for their future career plans while also taking courses that expose them to diversity in subjects and approaches. They will work closely with their major advisor to map out a 2-year, 3-year, or a 4-year plan for their courses. Students who wish to earn Latin licensure will still be able to take all required courses, either all at UNC Asheville or with additional Latin courses offered online through the UNC Language Consortium. We are now the only university in North Carolina that offers teaching licensure in Latin, so we wish to retain that option for our students.

For the competency requirement, students will not have to take an additional exam outside of their regular coursework in their senior year, so this will make the competency process more straightforward and easier to manage. Faculty also will no longer have to schedule, set, proctor, and grade a language competency exam that is external to their current courses. This change is in keeping with the change to a single Ancient Mediterranean Studies major in that it simplifies requirements and provides for greater flexibility and student choice. This change does not reduce the competency requirement, but only moves it to a different format within the requirements of the curriculum.