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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 45 (ENGL): **Revise the Major in English requirements for
K-6 and Creative Writing Teaching Licensure**

Effective Date: Fall 2024

1. Delete: On page 154, under **Major in English with a Concentration in Literature:**

- I. Required courses in the major—40 hours, including: LIT 240, 324, 334, 335; one course from LIT 325, 326, 327 or 330; one course from LIT 328, 329, 346, 363, 364, or 369; two courses from LIT 440, 484, 488, or 490; 8 additional hours in LIT at the 300-400 level. Note: LIT 340 cannot be used to fulfill the required elective hours within the major.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency is demonstrated by successful completion of two courses from the following: LIT 440, 484, 488, or 490.

Add: On page 154, in place of the deleted entry:

- I. Required courses in the major—40 hours, including: LIT 240, 324, 334, 335; one course from LIT 325, 326, 327 or 330; one course from LIT 328, 329, 346, 363, 364, or 369; 8 additional hours in LIT at the 300-400 level; two courses from LIT 440, 484, 488, or 490. Students seeking K-6 teaching licensure can take EDUC 327, 338, and 342 in lieu one of these 400-level courses. Note: LIT 340 cannot be used to fulfill the required elective hours within the major.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency is demonstrated by successful completion of two courses from the following: LIT 440, 484, 488, or 490. Students seeking K-6 teaching licensure can use EDUC 327, 338, and 342 for competency in lieu of one of the required 400-level courses.

2. Delete: On pages 154-55, under **Major in English with a Concentration in Creative Writing:**

- I. Required courses in the major—44 hours, including: LANG 260; two different courses from LANG 361, 363, 365, or 366; two different courses from LANG 460, 487, or 494; LIT 240, 324, 334, 335; one course from LIT 325, 326, 327 or 330; and one course from LIT 328, 329, 346, 363, 364, or 369.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency is demonstrated by successful completion of two courses from the following: LANG 460, 487, or 494.

Add: On pages 154-55, in place of the deleted entry:

- I. Required courses in the major—44 hours, including: LANG 260; two different courses from LANG 361, 363, 365, or 366; two different courses from LANG 460, 487, or 494 (students seeking K-6 teaching licensure can take EDUC 327, 338, and 342 in lieu one of these 400-level courses); LIT 240, 324, 334, 335; one course from LIT 325, 326, 327 or 330; and one course from LIT 328, 329, 346, 363, 364, or 369.
- II. Required courses outside the major—None.
- III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency is demonstrated by successful completion of two courses from the following: LANG 460, 487, or 494. Students seeking K-6 teaching licensure can use EDUC 327, 338, and 342 for competency in lieu of one of the required 400-level courses.

Impact: These changes update the major requirements for both the Literature and Creative Writing concentrations within the English major for students who are also seeking K-6 licensure. The changes lower the number of required English courses by one for these students. We do not anticipate any significant resource implications with our faculty, considering that there are not many K-6 students who major in English, e.g., there are five in fall 2023 semester. Nevertheless, there are enough of these students to warrant a curriculum change to facilitate their progress through the major and the licensure track.

Rationale: The English with Teacher Licensure and English: Creative Writing with Teacher Licensure majors are both just for students majoring in one of the English concentrations and getting a 6-9 Language Arts and/or a 9-12 English license. The English with Teacher Licensure major has 32 required hours in addition to PSYC 319, bringing the total to 36 hours, and the English: Creative Writing with Teacher Licensure major has 44 hours in addition to PSYC 319, bringing the total to 48 hours. Students in each of these programs take an additional 32 hours for licensure, making the total hours 68 for English with Teacher Licensure, and the total hours 80 for English: Creative Writing with Teacher Licensure.

K-6 licensure students have a different path, as they choose one of the straight majors (English: Concentration in Literature or English: Concentration in Creative Writing) and then have to add on the K-6 licensure. Students who major in English: Concentration in Literature and get a K-6 license take 40 hours for the major and 52 hours for licensure, for a total of 92 hours, and students who major in English: Concentration in Creative Writing and get a K-6 license take 44 hours for the major and 52 hours, for licensure for a total of 96 hours. The number of hours required for the students seeking a K-6 license and majoring in either English: Concentration in Literature or English: Concentration in Creative Writing is substantially more than either 6-9 and/or 9-12.

This update to the requirements for English majors with K-6 licensure students mitigates, in an albeit small way, the disparity between the hours required for the English with Teacher Licensure majors and the English: Creative Writing with Teacher Licensure majors (68 to 88 for English: Literature and 80 to 92 for English: Creative Writing). It also brings K-6 licensure in line with the 400-level requirements of English with Teacher Licensure majors and English: Creative Writing with Teacher Licensure majors, which only require one 400-level course.