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I. DEPARTMENT / PROGRAM

Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures / Classical Languages Option

II. SUMMARY

These proposed modifications (1) revise the total number of credits required for the Classical Languages option to 39 credits; (2) establish a Classics Core by combining the Lower-Division Core classes and 12 credits of the Language Emphasis Requirement; (3) clarify the remaining Language Emphasis Requirement by re-writing the requirement as "an additional 15 credits of Greek and Latin Language. Students must complete a minimum of 9 credits of each language." (4) further simplify Language Emphasis Requirement by removing distinction between Language Emphasis core and Language Emphasis Electives and eliminating the rule for Latin emphasis or Greek emphasis; (5) eliminating the Degree Electives category; (6) further refine the Classics Core by eliminating CLAS 155L Survey of Greek and Roman literature, including a required upper-division history class, and adding a required Classics Capstone Proseminar.

The purpose of these changes is to bring all three options in Classics in line with one another. All three options will require the same total number of credits, require the completion of a core of classes (24 credits), and will require a minimum of 2 years of either Greek or Latin.

III. ENDORSEMENTS AND APPROVALS

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*Other Affected Programs:

none

Dean: Christopher Cormer

* Are affected because: (a) required courses incl. prerequisites or corequisites, (b) perceived overlap in content areas, or (c) cross-listing of coursework

IV. TYPE OF PROGRAM MODIFICATION

☑ Majo: ☐ Minor ☐ Option ☐ Teaching major / minor

☐ Other, Please describe:

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Date: 9/16/16

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Date: 9/29/16
V. CATALOG LANGUAGE

Attach the **proposed changes** with the proposed changes clearly identified.

VI. JUSTIFICATION

These program modifications are proposed in response to concerns regarding the complexity of the requirements for the three options in Classics. The complexity arises primarily from the options requiring differing numbers of credits and some options having several options within them. In the case of Classical Languages option, students currently have a choice of Language Emphasis (either Greek or Latin) within the Language Emphasis Requirement. The verbiage of the various permutations is confusing, and the method of counting the credits of languages is obscure. We therefore propose to simplify these requirements by counting the total number of credits of Greek and Latin beyond those required in the Classics Core. The Classics section is proposing streamlining the requirements to reduce confusion and promote a clearer advising process. These concerns were initially brought to the Classics section by Assoc. Dean McNulty and Liz Ametsbichler, chair of MCLL.

Require 39 credits for the Classical Languages option: This is a reduction of 3 credits from the current requirements. This is accomplished by eliminating the Degree Electives category and incorporating an upper-division history class into the Classics Core. This simplifies the overall requirements while maintaining the same depth of language preparation and only minimally impacting the breadth of classes in translation.

Reframe the Language Emphasis Requirement by incorporating the two years of either Greek or Latin in the Classics Core. Further confusion arises from the fact that in one option language is presented in Language Emphasis Requirements and another as Language Component and as Language Requirement in a third. These changes bring uniformity in the catalog language resulting in a clearer advising experience. The rule stipulating the Language Emphasis within the Language Emphasis Requirement ("For a Latin emphasis: complete 12 credits in Latin beyond LATN 102 plus 3 credits in Greek beyond GRK 102. For a Greek emphasis: complete 12 credits in Greek beyond GRK 102 plus 3 credits in Latin beyond LATN 102.") is unnecessarily convoluted in part resulting from a Language Emphasis Core that is based on one year of each language. We can simplify the catalog verbiage by starting with a Classics Core which requires 12 credits of a single language and then add the Degree Requirement of an additional 15. There are no changes in the total number of credits required, but the catalog will be greatly simplified.

Remove CLAS 155L from the requirements. There is a tremendous overlap of material of this survey throughout the Classics curriculum. Although we teach the iliad, for example, in CLAS 251 with different methods and discuss different issues, many of the students have already encountered it in CLAS 155. The curriculum of CLAS 155 will be more appropriately addressed in classes such as CLAS 160, CLAS 251, CLAS 252, CLAS 365, HSTR 301, HSTR 302, HSTR 304, etc. Furthermore, there is significant overlap between CLAS 155 and LS 151. Removing this class from the requirements will reduce curricular redundancies.

Create a senior capstone experience as CLAS 399: Classics Proseminar. This class will serve as an advanced writing course for our majors. The course will have different topics depending on the faculty teaching it, and will serve as a research methodology course based on rotating topics. By creating a more uniform Classics Core, students in this class will be able to do advanced work in philology, history, literature, regardless of which option they have chosen to major in. Students will be encouraged to participate in undergraduate research conferences, and will be better prepared should they decide to pursue a graduate degree in Classics.

The uniformity of the Classics Core will also allow students to begin one option and smoothly transfer to another as their academic interests may change.

VII. SUBMISSION

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