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Deadlines:

Regular proposals: October 18, 2002 to be implemented Fall 2003; Short-Term proposals: December 6, 2002 to be implemented Fall 2003
Regular proposals: February 14, 2003 to be implemented Spring 2004; March 21, 2003 short-term courses to be implemented Spring 2004

PROPOSAL TITLE: Changes to Social/Behavioral Science Requirements for History Majors

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DEPARTMENT: History

COLLEGE: LAS

If Liberal Arts & Sciences CHECK : x History/Humanities Math/Sciences Social/Behavioral Sciences
 x UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATE

THE ATTACHED **NON-GEN-ED** PROPOSAL IS BEST DESCRIBED BY THE ITEM(S) CHECKED.

New non-gen-ed course Non-gen-ed degree requirements
 Short-term non-gen-ed course x Major
 x Minor curricular changes (fewer than three) Minor, specialization, concentration, track, certificate program
 Existing non-gen-ed course

The following signatures REPRESENT APPROVAL

Department Chair: [Signature] Date: 10/17/02
Department Curriculum Chair: [Signature] Date: 10/17/02
Academic Dean: [Signature] Date: 10-31-02
College Curriculum Chair: [Signature] Date: 2/6/03
College Curriculum Committee OPEN HEARING Date: [Signature] Approved Not Approved

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Senate Curriculum Chair Signature: [Signature] Date: Senate Announcement/Vote: _____
Comments: Allows quicker completion of program requirements
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/PROVOST Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/25/03

Approved ~ Not Approved due to the following: Student Cr Hrs Faculty Load Hrs Equalized Cr Hrs

REGISTRAR

Date: 4/30/03 Course Description Received & Approved ~ Hegis Taxonomy & Course #: _____
Registrar Signature: [Signature]

NOTIFICATION FORWARD

SCC Chair Academic Dean Department Chair Registrar Sponsor(s)
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[Signature]

1. Abstract

Title: Changes to Social/Behavioral Science Requirements for History Majors

Sponsor: History Department

Summary:

The History Department, in reviewing its curriculum, has determined that our existing General Education requirements in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Bank are too rigid. These proposed changes will add flexibility, give students more control over their educational choices, and bring our program into closer alignment with practices in the best comparable institutions.

Implementation: Fall 2003

Resources: No additional resources required.

2. Details

Title: Changes to Social/Behavioral Science Requirements for History Majors

Sponsor: History Department

Suggested implementation: Fall 2003

Resources and staffing: The proposed changes do not affect resources and staffing in our department. The removal of some courses from our requirements may affect enrollments in those classes.

3. Rationale:

In its ongoing review of the history curriculum, the department has reviewed recommendations on standards for the history major from the Organization of American Historians and the American Historical Association; information on program requirements at a range of comparable institutions; course content as reflected in syllabi; and departmental experience in teaching and advising students.

We found that Rowan's history program was alone among respected institutions in requiring history majors to take several specific General Education courses in the social sciences. These requirements currently leave history students with no choices in the social/behavioral sciences bank. Particularly for students with coordinate majors in education, extensive fixed requirements make it difficult for students to complete their programs within four years. The lack of choice may also discourage students from taking active control of their education.

4. Essence of the Program:

We propose to revise our Gen Ed requirements as follows:

New Social and Behavioral Sciences Bank requirements:

- One course in Political Science (instead of required course Intro to Government 2207.100)
- One course in Economics (instead of required course Macroeconomics 2204.101)
- One Multicultural/Global course in Geography/Anthropology (instead of required courses World Regional Geography 2206.111 and Cultural Anthropology 2202.202)
- One elective

Requirements in other areas will remain unchanged.

5. Results of Consultation

See attached copies of responses from the following affected departments:

Elementary Education
Secondary Education
Geography/Anthropology
Political Science
Economics

Catalog Description:

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- One course in Economics
- One course in Political Science
- One multicultural/global course in
 Geography or Anthropology
- One elective

Dear Joy,

The Department of Elementary / Early Childhood Education has reviewed the proposed general education changes for students majoring in History. They will not cause any problems for our Elementary Education majors. In fact, the proposed changes will make it easier for transfer students to complete all their required courses.

We support the proposed changes.

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>>> Joy Deborah Wiltenburg 10/09/02 12:48PM >>>

Hi Bill,

This is our proposal for the gen ed changes I discussed with you a few weeks ago. I'd appreciate it if you could send me a comment that I can include in our "consultations" section.

Thanks,

Joy JOY< THIS LOOKS GREAT> IT DOES NOT CHANGE THE
SECONDARY ED PACKET IN ANY WAY> WE NEED TO MAKE THE
CHANGES ON OUR YELLOW HANDOUT TO STUDENTS< AND IT WILL BE
BUSINESS AS USUAL> THANKS< BILL CLARKE

Dear Joy,

The Geography and Anthropology Department is pleased to endorse the change you propose. Although it is generally valuable for students to take the introductory courses you have previously required, it is obviously of benefit to structure the flexibility into your program that would allow students of greater preparation or specialized interests to better serve their education.

Yours,
David Kasserman
Chair, Geography and Anthropology

>>> Joy Deborah Wiltenburg 10/09/02 12:57PM >>>

Dear David,

I'm attaching a proposal the History Dept. is planning to submit to the Curriculum Committee, with some changes that affect your department.

The main change is that instead of requiring the specific courses "World Regional Geography" and "Cultural Anthropology," we will require one gen ed M/G course in either geography or anthropology.

I'd appreciate it if you could send me your comment for inclusion under "consultations."

Thank you,

Joy Wiltenburg

Hi Joy,

It is fine for you to require one gen ed economics course, but this amounts to requiring either the intro macroeconomics or intro microeconomics course. Other econ courses have prerequisites.

I could not open your attachment.

Best wishes,

Tom Hamer, Chair

>>> Joy Deborah Wiltenburg 10/15/02 11:14AM >>>

I'm attaching a proposal the History Dept. is planning to submit to the Curriculum Committee, with a change that affects your department. Instead of requiring the specific course "Macroeconomics," we plan to require one gen ed course in economics.

I'd appreciate it if you could send me your comment for inclusion under "consultations."

Thank you,

Joy Wiltenburg

Joy,

There seems to be an error that will not allow me to open the attachment to your e-mail. However, so far as I can see, the change you suggest would be o.k. Another suggestion would be to require American Government rather than the Intro course. In many other universities American Government is a required course for all Liberal Arts majors and it is also especially important, I believe, for History majors to take. American Government serves as a prerequisite for several of our upper division courses, as well.

If I can provide any further information, please let know.

Bernadyne Weatherford

Chair, Political Science Department

>>> Joy Deborah Wiltenburg 10/09/02 01:00PM >>>

Dear Bernadyne,

I'm attaching a proposal the History Dept. is planning to submit to the Curriculum Committee, with a change that affects your department. Instead of requiring the specific course "Intro to Government", we plan to require one gen ed course in political science.

I'd appreciate it if you could send me your comment for inclusion under "consultations."

Thank you,

Joy Wiltenburg