February 28, 2012

The Department of Classical Studies wishes to make the following changes to our programs in classics and classical civilization. We feel that a sentence from our classics major should be deleted because it presently discourages students from picking up both Latin and Greek at Vanderbilt. And we wish to add a maximum limit on outside courses that can count for our classics and classical civilization majors and minors because a large number of such courses have been created in the last three years, and we want to ensure that students take a core of courses within our own Department. The requirements for our classical languages program will remain unaltered, for its purpose is already to encourage students to take as many advanced language courses as they can.

All eight members of the Department present voted in favor of the changes on 11/16/11.

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Catalog changes:

Program of Concentration in Classics
Students complete at least 30 hours in classics, Greek, Latin, or eligible courses in ancient philosophy or history of art (see below), at least 6 hours of which must be in Greek courses numbered above 204 or in Latin courses numbered above 104. Only one of the elementary language sequences (either Greek 201–202 or Latin 100 or 101–102) may be applied toward the 30-hour requirement.

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The following courses may be counted toward a major or minor in classics or classical civilization: History of Art
115F_09, 256, 264, 266, and 268; Jewish Studies 122; Philosophy 210 and 218. Other courses may be counted with the approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies, but a minimum of 18 hours must be in courses from Classics, Greek, and/or Latin.

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Here it is...

From: Muise, Michael R
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012 10:47 AM
To: McGinn, Thomas A
Cc: Solomon, Daniel; Folgarait, Leonard
Subject: RE: Classical Studies major changes

Dear Professor McGinn,

Sounds good. Dr. Solomon's reminder came just in time with the upcoming final CEP meeting ;)

Sincerely,
Michael

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-----Original Message-----
From: McGinn, Thomas A
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012 10:43 AM
To: Muise, Michael R
Subject: RE: Classical Studies major changes

Dear Michael, my sense is that this initiative fell victim to the interruption of spring break. I'll get you something asap in any case....thanks for the reminder.

From: Muise, Michael R
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012 10:31 AM
To: Solomon, Daniel
Cc: McGinn, Thomas A; Folgarait, Leonard
Subject: RE: Classical Studies major changes

Dear Professor Solomon,

We still have not received formal request Professor McGinn.
CEP has their final meeting next week. In order to be on the agenda, we still need the formal proposal ASAP with Professor McGinn's approval.

Sincerely,
Michael
OK Michael, my attachment here takes care of the changes you have suggested. Plus, I deleted “or minor” from our list of pre-approved outside courses, because our definition of both minors already tells them to examine which courses count toward the corresponding majors.

Do I still need to get Tom McGinn involved though? I really want this in ASAP, so please either forward this or paste it into the previous document – whatever reaches the CEP before the deadline :) Thanks!
Daniel

From: Solomon, Daniel
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 9:29 AM
To: Muise, Michael R
Subject: Re: Question and RE: changes to major

Yes! Since it is their call I submit to their better judgment. I know other Departments get around this by listing all the courses that count towards various tracks and such, but I have always preferred the economy of our version. And to tell the truth, we do not want to be actively encouraging our minors to take courses outside our Department...

So if there is precedent, I would like to submit two versions; but if not (and if it thus makes us look indecisive), then let’s hedge our bets and go with your version:

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On 4/10/12 9:21 AM, "Michael Muise" <michael.muise@Vanderbilt.Edu> wrote:
Dear Professor Solomon,
Thank you! I do see your point regarding the language in the minor. Could you apply the change(s) to the proposal as you think best? With the limited time, we should make sure the proposal is as complete as possible before meeting.

For the reference to the minors, I cannot make that call. Both options appear valid. If you would like, I could include your email below as a question to the committee on which option they prefer. I am fairly certain they would prefer one over the other, but I cannot say which one. Presenting both would be the safest route to ensure there is no delay on that account.

Sincerely,
Michael
Thank you Michael for your thoughtful recommendations.

For the first point I was borrowing language from Anthropology but I can see how this might lead to ambiguity in our case. I like your second suggestion, but do you think we should change “and” to “and/or” to make it clear that any combination of Clas/Gk/Lat courses can count toward the required minimum?

Other courses may be counted with the approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies, but a minimum of 18 hours must be in courses from Classics, Greek, and/or Latin.

As for your second point: the wording of our minor already obliges the student to check “courses that count toward our concentration in CLAS/CCIV,” so I am hoping they will notice our new addendum at the bottom of that section. And shouldn’t we have the rule side by side with the list of outside courses that already count towards our majors and minors (History of Art 115F-09, 256, 264, 266, and 268; Jewish Studies 122; Philosophy 210 and 218)?

Still, if you think the following would be clear, then I have no objections:

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Thank you!
Daniel Solomon
DUS, Classical Studies

On 4/10/12 8:16 AM, "Michael Muise" <michael.muise@Vanderbilt.Edu> wrote:
Dear Professor Solomon,
The proposal looks in good form, but there is just one two questions.

**Question 1:**
The rule
“but a maximum of 12 hours of credit in another department or program may be counted toward the major requirements”
Sounds like up to 12 hours from a single department, with no limit on how many departments.

Would you rather have:
“but a maximum of 12 hours of credit in courses from other departments and programs may be counted toward the major requirements”
This would make the maximum from other departments in total 12 hours, meaning a minimum of 18 hours in CLAS/GRK/LAT.

Or, you could have:
Other courses may be counted with the approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies, but a minimum of 18 hours must be in courses from Classics, Greek, and Latin.

Question 2:
Could the version of this rule as it applies to the minor, be moved to the minors? Or, could the minors be given a statement referring students to this rule? A student with a minor in classics may not look at the major, and all rules for the minor must be stated in the description of the minor.

Answer about implementation:
When a major or minor changes through CEP, the new version becomes active in the Fall term following the A&S Faculty Meeting in which the change is approved. Thus, if approved in May, the new Classics major and minor would be active in Fall 2012.

All new declarations would be for the new version.
Students who declared the old version of the major and minor prior to Fall 2012 will remain on the old version. They have the option to switch to the new one, but we cannot force that upon them. The A&S Registrar’s office will maintain both versions of the major until the last student with the old version graduates. We can provide reports of who is on which version as needed.

Thank you!
Michael
Dear Jonathan and timothy,

Please see attached the proposal from Classics, approved by CEP on April 13, 2012, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

I will be asking the department to de-italicize the "or" in "ancient philosophy or history of art."

My best,

Leonard, CEP Chair

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