Proposal for changes of the Major Requirements in Anthropology

Rationale for the changes:

Anthropology, as taught in our Department is a four-field discipline, consisting of Cultural Anthropology, Archaeology, Biological Anthropology and Linguistic Anthropology. When the current requirements for the Anthropology major were developed the Department did not have a linguistic Anthropologist and hence the teaching only reflected three of the four fields. Now that the Department does have a linguistic Anthropologist, the faculty voted to change the requirements to cover the whole discipline. The proposed changes are minor, yet will guarantee (1) that our students get exposed to a wider set of ideas, while at the same time (2) providing them with a more structured curriculum.

Proposed Changes:

The Department proposes only one change, adding Anth 105 as a requirement for all of our majors. All other requirements will stay the same (including the overall hour requirement and the hour requirement of 200-level classes). Therefore only one section of the requirements in the catalogue needs to be changed:

(1) Current section in the course catalogue with proposed changed:

*Program of Concentration in Anthropology*

The major in anthropology requires completion of at least 30 hours of course work, as follows:

1. Three Four 100-level surveys (Anthropology 101, 103, 104, and 105) covering three major the four subfields of anthropology: cultural anthropology, physical anthropology, and archaeology, and linguistic anthropology.
(2) New section for the catalogue

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1. Four 100-level surveys (Anthropology 101, 103, 104, and 105) covering the four subfields of anthropology: cultural anthropology, physical anthropology, archaeology, and linguistic anthropology.

**Faculty Vote:**

The Department voted on January 18th in favor of these changes. The tally was:
13 faculty members voted in favor of the proposed changes with one person abstaining from the vote.

No other units of the University are affected by these changes. The changes do not entail any additional costs nor do they constitute a substantial revision of the existing requirements. The Department therefore hopes that the changes can be put into place for the next academic year.

Dr. Lesley Gill, Chair Department of Anthropology

Dr. Norbert Ross, Director of Undergraduate Studies
Date: 2/19/2011
From: David Zald, Ph.D. Chair, Committee on Educational Programs
To: Faculty Council
Re: Change in Anthropology Major

The Anthropology Department has proposed a modification of the Anthropology major (attached). On 2-14-2011, the Committee on Educational Programs voted to approve the modification, with a vote of 3-0 (with 3 members absent).

Sincerely,

David Zald
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