SPECIAL REPORT

OF THE

ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL

concerning

REVISION TO THE MINOR
IN GERMAN
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Describe the Revisions you are Proposing.

German and Scandinavian studies last revised its major and minor requirements in 2007. In order to increase the flexibility of our program we decided to revise the current requirements for the German and Scandinavian studies major and minor (in the German concentration). The proposed changes for the minor aim to increase the language proficiency of our students without changing the number of required courses.

Provide a brief overview of the process for developing this proposal.

1. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee discussion and development
The German and Scandinavian Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee met regularly during the academic year 2016/2017 to review the existing major concentrations and minors in German and Scandinavian studies. This included consulting the Curriculum Review we had undertaken for Dean Hayes in 2016 and the Dean’s comments and assessing our curriculum as a whole.
2. German and Scandinavian Studies program review and approval

After the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee in German and Scandinavian studies had developed a curriculum proposal for the revision of the German and Scandinavian concentrations and minors, this was presented to the full German and Scandinavian studies faculty for review, discussion, and approval. The review stage took place over the course of several faculty meetings during the spring semester 2018 and early fall semester 2018. After agreed upon revisions, the final proposal was approved by a unanimous vote of the German and Scandinavian studies faculty.

Describe the purpose and particular goals for this proposal.

We are proposing to offer more flexibility for the minor in the German concentration. In line with many of the other languages taught in our department, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, we are proposing that German 240 (fourth-semester German) now become a requirement rather than a prerequisite and that we reduce the number of required culture courses from two to one. This change will increase the number of German language courses from three to four above the level of German 230 (third-semester German).

Resources

If this proposal requires no additional resources, say so and briefly explain why. If this proposal requires additional resources, explain how they will be paid for. Indicate how many new enrollments are expected as a result of these revisions and how the courses will accommodate them.

This proposal does not require additional resources.

Curriculum

Describe both the current and proposed curricula for this minor, indicating any changes. If the revisions include courses that have not yet received permanent status, please note their status as experimentals or in the Faculty Senate workflow. If the proposed revision does not affect the curriculum, please note so here. If you would like to attach any curricular worksheets or other materials describing the current or proposed curriculum, you may attach them below.

Please see attached.

MOTION: That the Faculty Senate approve the Revision to the Minor in German, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 18-029.