SPECIAL REPORT

OF THE

ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL

concerning

REVISION TO “LITERATURE AND A RELATED DISCIPLINE” SUBPLAN IN THE COMPARATIVE LITERATURE MAJOR (#5019)

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The Academic Matters Council recommends approval of this proposal.

Please describe your proposal

We propose a minor clarification (not truly a change) to the "Literature and a Related Discipline" subplan in Comparative Literature.

Two concentrations will be featured within this subplan: "Film" and "Translation." For the "Film Concentration," students will take 4 upper-level Film courses, from any department, towards the "Related Discipline" component of the major. For the "Translation Concentration," students will take 4 upper-level Translation courses, from any department, towards this part of the major.
This proposal does not change the requirements for the subplan; it clarifies that Film and Translation are options within that plan. We have, in fact, had a Film Concentration (although it may have been called the Film Track) for many years. This proposal is to formalize its existence and to point out a similar opportunity for students to focus on Translation within the major.

Both of these concentrations should be permissible under the current description of the "Literature and a Related Discipline" subplan. This proposal is a clarification of that description and requires no changes to the ARR or major requirements.

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

As noted, the Film Concentration has existed (if perhaps informally— the history of this option is unclear) for some time. The Translation Concentration was first suggested in an Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting (in Comp Lit) in Fall 2017. In March 2018, at a meeting of the Comp Lit faculty as a whole, we voted to put both the Film and Translation Concentrations through CCMS to formalize them as further opportunities for our students.

Purpose and Goals

Describe the proposal's purpose and the particular knowledge and skills to be acquired.

The purpose of the proposal is to make it clearer to students that "Related Discipline" does not need to mean a different department (although it may mean that), but that it can also include interdisciplinary Film Studies and interdepartmental courses in Translation. It therefore increases the options and possibilities for our students within Comp Lit.

It also plays to the program's strengths, since we currently teach many courses in both Film and Translation.

Students who complete either of the concentrations will have a well-grounded, interdisciplinary knowledge of either Film Studies or Translation theory and practice.

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. For proposals involving instruction, indicate how many new enrollments are expected and whether the courses have room to accommodate them.

No additional resources. All courses that would fit into the proposed Concentrations are currently offered.

Curriculum

Provide a curriculum outline showing degree program requirements, requirements of any existing concentrations, requirements of proposed concentration, and how they relate. You may include this outline and any additional documents as attachments below.
Current requirements for the Literature and a Related Discipline subplan (which would not change):

6 courses in Comparative Literature
3 upper-level courses in the 1st language/literature
2 upper-level courses in the 2nd language
4 upper-level courses in the Related Discipline

Under the proposed clarification, students could take 4 Film or Translation classes to fulfill the "Related Discipline" requirement. Please note, again, that this is merely clarifying that film and translations are disciplines; it does not actually change the major.

MOTION: That the Faculty Senate approve a Revision to “Literature and a Related Discipline” Subplan in the Comparative Literature Major, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 18-071.