SPECIAL REPORT

OF THE

ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL

concerning

REVISION TO THE
HISTORY MAJOR
(#4757)

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The Academic Matters Council recommends approval of this proposal.

Please describe your proposal

We propose to add a single course to provide a foundation for students in the major. This course will focus exclusively on introducing students to the study and methods of history as a field. This course will be a requirement for all history majors.

Please describe the existing program requirements, listing all required courses and available electives, as well as any additional requirements, and continuation or admissions policies.

Please see the attached PDF of the History Major Checklist. This course will fit into category C (Upper-level courses).
Please describe the requirements that you are proposing, listing course requirements, elective options, as well as any additional requirements, and continuation or admissions policies.

We propose the addition of a single, 200-level course in the methods of studying history, described in detail in New Course Proposal 4895 (please see that proposal). Students will need to pass the class with a C- or better to earn the history major.

Please provide the rationale for these revisions.

Currently we have no course exclusively focused on historical methodology in the History Department, and are proposing one (in New Course Proposal 4895); nor do we have a specific degree requirement for this topic, which we are therefore proposing in this program change.

Academic Requirements Review

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.

This proposal requires no additional resources because department faculty will teach these classes (2-3 / semester) in place of electives. For further information, please see New Course Proposal 4895.
History Major Checklist

Name: __________________________ ID: __________________________ Date: ________________

Part I: Complete 12 courses, at least 3 units each, distributed as follows:

A. Two Semester Introductory Survey - Complete one pair
   - History 100 and 101 (Western Thought)
   - History 110 or 112 and 111 (World History)
   - History 114 and 115 (China)
   - History 120 and 121 (Latin America)
   - History 130 and 131 (Middle East)
   - History 110 or 112 and 161 (Africa)* we will adjust your ARR. Let us know*
   - History 180 and 181 (History of Science)

   1) _______ 2) _______

B. Two Courses, any level, from History 100 to History 499.

   3) _______ 4) _______

C. Seven courses:
   - EITHER any seven upper-level courses numbered 200-499,
   - OR any six upper-level courses (200-499) plus one 1OD-level course in African, Asian, Latin American, Middle Eastern or World History. (110, 111, 112, 114, 115, 116, 120, 121, 130, 131, 160, 161)

   5) _______ 6) _______ 7) _______ 8) _______ 9) _______ 10) _______ 11) _______

D. One Junior-Year Writing Seminar, History 450
   We do not accept the Junior Year Writing from other departments, even for double majors.

   12) __________

Part II: Area Requirements. Appropriate courses used for requirements A, B, C and D above may also count as fulfilling the Area Requirements, E and F, and G.

E. One course in Pre-1500 History: __________

F. Two courses on Africa, Asia, and Latin America, the Middle East or the World: 1) _______ 2) _______

G. One Integrative Experience Course (primary major only): ________________________________

H. History Department Orientation attended: ________________________________

Notes:
- A GPA of 2.0 is required in the courses used to satisfy requirements A, B, C, D, E, F, and G above.
- History courses taken pass/fail or with a grade lower than C do not count toward major requirements.
- Majors must take a minimum of 4 upper-level courses in the UMass Amherst or 5-Coll History Depts.
- Certain courses in departments other than History, as approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies, may count toward the major, but the maximum number of such courses is 3 with no more than 2 from a single department. List available upon request.
- Departmental internships are pass/fail and do not satisfy major requirements.
- Questions on the foreign language requirements go to the HFA College Advisors.
What Skills Will I Acquire as a History Major at UMass?

You will be gain:

- Critical thinking skills
- Independent thinking skills
- Oral presentation skills
- Ability to process, analyze, & evaluate information
- Writing skills
- Experience in working with PHO faculty
- from your research

How to declare or find out more about the History Major or Minor:

Come to 611 or 613 Herter. We will explain the history major or minor requirements, talk to you about your plans, and look over what courses you have completed. We can then sign you into the history major or secondary major or minor! (Minors must be completed before we can update SPIRE)

To set up an appointment, contact

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History Department Undergraduate Advising: Fall 2017 Hours

- Dir. of Undergrad Studies: Prof Joye Bowman, Herter 611 advising@history.umass.edu pre approvals; Course selection; Grad school prep; all advising questions welcome! Fall office hours: Tuesdays 1:00-2:30, Wednesdays 1:00-3:00, Thursdays 11:15-12:15;

- Honors Coordinator: Prof. Jason Moralee, Herter 629, jmoralee@history.umass.edu; Honors program; Department honors: writing a thesis: Any honors questions for honors or non honors students. Office hours: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 & appointment.

- Internships and Career Advisor: Mark Roblee, Herter 622 internships@history.umass.edu Resume writing, career and internship advice, cover letters, all career & internship questions. Office hours: Tuesdays through Fridays 2:00-5:00 & appointment.

- Undergraduate Program Assistant Suzanne Bell, Herter 613 undergrad@history.umass.edu Course selection, information on the requirements of the history program, questions about campus programs. Office hours: 9-4:30 Monday through Friday (appointments suggested)

- Peer Mentors: 612 Herter. See http://www.umass.edu/history/peer-mentors Contact Suzanne for specific office hours of each mentor.

MOTION: That the Faculty Senate approve a Revision to the History Major, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 18-073.