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From: Nathan Huff, Art Department Chair
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Re: 4-unit reduction for Art History major

The Art Department would like to reduce the required number of units for the art history major by one 4-unit class. Specifically, we would like to eliminate the required, non-HIS, elective upper division cognate.

Rationale:

We've been asked to consider reducing the size of our departmental majors. That discussion is ongoing in our department, but as a result of our initial foray into the topic, we realized this small change can be made right away:

Currently students are asked to take one of the following upper-division cognates: ENG 101 Film Studies, (4), PHI 189 Aesthetics (4), or AN 145 Culture Theory (4). These cognates were envisioned as part of the major in 2008 when the major was added to the curriculum.

- a. The philosophy department has not offered Aesthetics in many years.
- b. With Carmen McCain's departure, we very likely will not have a full-time member of the faculty teaching Film Studies.
- c. With Serah Shani's departure, it is not clear we will have a full-time member of the faculty teaching Culture Theory.

In addition to staffing and availability questions, these useful theoretical cognates are most appropriate for students planning on graduate study in the discipline. They are not necessary for students who do not plan to pursue graduate studies. Students planning to attend graduate school can be encouraged to take them on their own initiative should they be offered and staffed.

The suggested changes are made on the next page.



Requirements for Art History Major: ~~45~~ 49 units

Required Basic Core: 13 units

- ART 010 2-D Design (4)
- ART 015 Drawing I (4)
- ART 093 Sophomore Project (1)
- ART 131 Theory and Criticism in the Arts (4)

History Cognate: 4 units

- One of the following:* (4)
 - HIS 099 Foundations of History (4)
 - HIS 198 Senior Research Seminar (4)

Lower Division Electives: 8 units

- Two of the following:* (8)
 - ART 021 Art History: Prehistoric to Gothic (4)
 - ART 022 Art History: Renaissance to Modern (4)
 - ART 023 Introduction to World Art (4)
 - IS 123, 126, or 128 Europe Semester (4)

Upper Division Electives: ~~20~~ 24 units

- At least five of the following:* (20)
 - ART 124 Italian Renaissance Art (4)
 - ART 125 Northern Renaissance Art (4)
 - ART 126 Seventeenth Century Art (4)
 - ART 127 Nineteenth Century Art (4)
 - ART 128 Modern and Contemporary Art (4)
 - ART 129 Special Topics in the History of Art (4)
 - ART 132 Museum Studies (4)
 - ART 133 Art, Theology and Worship (4)
 - ART 134 Land into Landscape: The Anthroposcentic Imagination (4)

- ~~*One of the following:* (4)
 - ENG 101 Film Studies (4)
 - PHI 189 Aesthetics (4)
 - AN 145 Culture Theory (4)~~