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Professor James Thompson
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Dear Dean Thompson,

I am writing to request approval for a small change to the requirements for three of the major concentrations in Classics: Greek, Latin, and Combined Greek and Latin. Students in these majors are required to complete a certain number of courses in Greek and/or Latin language and literature above the introductory and intermediate sequence. Currently, students who write a Senior Honors Thesis can count these courses (CLAS 691H and 692H) towards this upper-level language requirement; in fact, the Tar Heel Tracker counts these courses towards that requirement automatically. It has recently become apparent, however, that not all the Honors projects of our current students involve the reading of Latin and Greek texts in their original languages, at least not in the quantity which would be the equivalent of that read in a normal upper-level language course. In one recent instance this gap between the spirit and the letter of the law resulted in a complicated and problematic situation.

We would accordingly like to make two changes to the current policy: first, to limit the amount of Senior Honors Thesis credit that may count towards the language requirement to one 3-credit course; second, to require that this substitution not be made automatically, but only with the recommendation of the thesis supervisor and the approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies. The Department faculty discussed these changes in our meeting of 3 September 2014, and they voted unanimously in favor of them.

Attached is the current language in the Undergraduate Bulletin and the proposed new language. I also attach the form that we propose to use in the future to approve and record this substitution. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any further information.

Yours,

James B. Rives
Kenan Eminent Professor and Chair

Current Language in the Undergraduate Bulletin

B.A. Major in Classics: Greek

Core Requirements

- CLAS 391
- GREK 204 or 205
- Five additional courses in Greek above GREK 205 (includes CLAS 691H and 692H for honors students)
- HIST 225 or a course numbered 400 or above in Greek history

Additional Requirements

- GREK 101, 102, and 203

B.A. Major in Classics: Latin

Core Requirements

- CLAS 391
- HIST 226 or a course numbered 400 or above in Roman history
- LATN 204 or 205
- Six additional courses in Latin above LATN 205 (includes CLAS 691H and 692H for honors students)

Additional Requirements

- LATN 101, 102, and 203

B.A. Major in Classics: Combined Greek and Latin

Core Requirements

- Greek emphasis: five Greek courses above GREK 205; three Latin courses above LATN 205; CLAS 391; and HIST 225 or 226
- Latin emphasis: five Latin courses above LATN 205; three Greek courses above GREK 205; CLAS 391; and HIST 225 or 226
- CLAS 691H and 692H can substitute for any two courses above 205 in either the Greek emphasis or the Latin emphasis.

Additional Requirements

- GREK 101, 102, 203, and 204 or 205
- LATN 101, 102, 203, and 204 or 205

Proposed New Language

B.A. Major in Classics: Greek

Core Requirements

- CLAS 391
- GREK 204 or 205
- Five additional courses in Greek above GREK 205 (~~includes CLAS 691H and 692H for honors students~~ CLAS 691H or 692H may on petition count towards this requirement)
- HIST 225 or a course numbered 400 or above in Greek history

Additional Requirements

- GREK 101, 102, and 203

B.A. Major in Classics: Latin

Core Requirements

- CLAS 391
- HIST 226 or a course numbered 400 or above in Roman history
- LATN 204 or 205
- Six additional courses in Latin above LATN 205 (~~includes CLAS 691H and 692H for honors students~~ CLAS 691H or 692H may on petition count towards this requirement)

Additional Requirements

- LATN 101, 102, and 203

B.A. Major in Classics: Combined Greek and Latin

Core Requirements

- Greek emphasis: five Greek courses above GREK 205; three Latin courses above LATN 205; CLAS 391; and HIST 225 or 226
- Latin emphasis: five Latin courses above LATN 205; three Greek courses above GREK 205; CLAS 391; and HIST 225 or 226
- CLAS 691H or 692H ~~can~~ may on petition substitute for ~~any two courses~~ one course above 205 in either the Greek emphasis or the Latin emphasis.

Additional Requirements

- GREK 101, 102, 203, and 204 or 205
- LATN 101, 102, 203, and 204 or 205

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PETITION TO COUNT HONORS THESIS CREDIT TOWARDS THE MAJOR LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Students writing an Honors thesis may request that one semester (3 credits) of their thesis project (CLAS 691H or 692H) count towards the upper-level language requirement of their major (i.e., courses above GREK/LATN 205). In order to receive this substitution, students should discuss appropriate readings with their thesis supervisor and obtain his or her approval. Supervisors: please note that the amount read should be at least the equivalent of what would be covered in a normal Greek or Latin course at the 220 level. Students must then complete this form and present it to the Director of Undergraduate Studies, who will sign it and approve the substitution in the student's record. The student must lastly submit the completed and signed form to the Department Secretary so that a record may be kept in the Department's files. The deadline for submission is the end of March. Students: please note that in signing this form you are testifying under the Honor Code that you have read the works listed below in the original Greek or Latin. It is the student's responsibility to obtain from his or her supervisor or other committee members any needed assistance with reading these texts.

STUDENT NAME: _____ PID: _____

MAJOR: _____ YEAR: _____

THESIS TITLE: _____

WORKS READ (may attach a separate sheet):

SIGNATURES OF APPROVAL REQUIRED:

STUDENT DATE

THESIS SUPERVISOR DATE

DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES DATE