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Dear Dean Panter and members of the Administrative Boards:

I write to submit a request for revisions to curricular requirements for students majoring and minoring in English. Our requested revisions are small in scope, but will enable us to better meet the needs of our students and will create more flexibility for students pursuing interests in writing, digital and medical humanities, and global studies—to name a few emerging areas that will be more readily available for students.

For the major in English, we are requesting three revisions: 1) eliminating one of two courses currently required for the historical period of 1660-1900 and expanding the number of electives from three to four; 2) a revision of the lists of current courses that fulfill existing requirements; and 3) new bulletin language to reflect these changes.

For the minor in English we are requesting a revision of list of current offerings in the catalog that fulfill the requirement for a course in American literature.

Our Curriculum Committee has investigated the implementation demands associated with these changes and any potential impact these revisions might have on students currently pursuing these degrees. We are confident that we will be able to offer both the courses needed to fulfill these adjusted requirements and courses needed for students wishing to pursue these degrees with the existing requirements. We don't anticipate major challenges with implementing these revisions, but welcome any input from the Administrative Boards and your office.

Please contact me if you have any questions about these requests.

Sincerely,

Beverly Taylor
Department Chair

Student Advising and Transition Plan

Major in English: Our requested revisions will call for the reduction of the 1660-1900 historical period requirements from two courses to one. This reduction will result in a corresponding increase in electives from three to four. The hours required for the major and all other elements will remain the same, as illustrated in the following table:

Current Major	Requested Changes
ENGL 120	ENGL 120
ENGL 121 or 150	ENGL 121 or 150
ENGL 225	ENGL 225
1 pre-1660	1 pre-1660
1 1660-1900	1 1660-1900
1 1660-1900	1 post-1900
1 post-1900	Elective
Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective

Advisors will also want to be aware of our revision of the lists of courses that count toward period requirements:

- One pre-1660 course: ENGL 226, 227, 228, 230, 285, 314*, 316*, 319, 320, 321*, 322, 325, 326, 327, 330, 430, 619, 630, 660
- One 1660–1900 courses: ENGL 278*, 314*, 315*, 316*, 321*, 331, 332, 333, 337, 338, 339, 340, 343, 344, 347*, 367, 373*, 374*, 387*, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 631, 637, 638
- One post-1900 course: ENGL 266, 269, 278*, 281, 288, 289, 313, 314*, 315*, 316*, 317, 318, 345, 347*, 348, 350, 355, 356, 357, 359, 360, 364, 365, 368, 369, 370, 373*, 374*, 375, 380, 381, 387*, 388, 389, 410, 445, 462, 463, 466, 472, 475, 481, 488, 489, 530, 580, 607, 657, 659, 665, 666, 674, 675, 676, 680

Advisors will also want to note the new language that no longer requires that two of the courses counted toward the degree must focus primarily on American literature: "Courses marked with an asterisk may fit more than one category but can be counted only once. For example, ENGL 347 may fulfill either the 1660–1900 or the post-1900 requirement, but not both."

Minor in English: Advisors will want to be aware of our revision of the list of courses which count toward the American literature requirement:

Four courses numbered between ENGL 200 and 699, one of which must be an American literature course selected from ENGL 246, 265, 270, 271, 289, 315, 343, 344, 345, 347, 348, 350, 356, 359, 360, 361, 367, 368, 369, 371, 373, 374, 375, 443, 444, 445, 446, 472, 475, 657, or 670