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James Thompson
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Dear Dean Thompson and Members of the Administrative Boards,

I am writing with a proposed change to the undergraduate Minor track in Greek in the Department of Classics. The Minor track in Greek offers an opportunity for students majoring in other subjects to take a sequence of courses in Greek language and literature, from beginning to advanced. We offer this option particularly for students majoring in Religious Studies, Comparative Literature, English, Linguistics, History, and other fields who want to establish and document proficiency in classical Greek as part of their larger research goals. In this sense, the Minor in Greek is a cross-disciplinary track for students who have some interest in Greek, but who do not plan to major (nor, indeed, to pursue graduate study) in Classics. To encourage such students to begin Greek and to continue studying the language, we would like to make the Greek Minor more compatible with our current pattern of course offerings and fully accessible to students who begin Greek in their second year at UNC.

The Minor in Greek currently requires students to complete nine hours in advanced Greek (GREK 221 or higher). With our current offering of only one advanced Greek course per semester, students who begin Greek in their second year need to take at least one course at another institution to complete the Minor. We therefore propose changing the requirement for advanced Greek from nine hours to six hours, and adding a requirement for three hours of coursework in classical civilization, archaeology, language, and/or literature in translation. The revised Minor requirements would thus still ensure that students complete at least six semesters of classical Greek language courses as well as acquire a broader background in classical Graeco-Roman culture.

This proposal was discussed and unanimously endorsed by the Department faculty in our meeting on Wednesday 27 September.

I am attaching a Word document with the mark-up showing the requested changes. Thank you for your consideration, and please let me know if you need any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J B Rives". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

James B. Rives
Kenan Eminent Professor and Chair
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Greek Minor: Academic Catalogue Entry

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor course requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum of 12 hours of C or better in the minor (some minors require more)

For more information, please consult the [degree requirements section of the catalog](#).

Core Requirements ¹

GREK 204	Intermediate Greek II	3
or GREK 205	Introductory Greek New Testament	
Three <u>Two</u> (23) additional courses numbered GREK 221 or higher		6 <u>9</u>
<u>One (1) additional course: any CLAR or CLAS course or any GREK or LATN course not being used to fulfill the foreign language General Education requirement</u>		<u>3</u>
Total Hours		12

¹ The minor in Greek may not be used as an option for majors in classical archaeology or classical civilization who have chosen that language to fulfill degree requirements in that major.

Department of Classics course descriptions include:

- Classical Archaeology (CLAR)
- Classics in English/Classical Civilization (CLAS)
- Greek (GREK)
- Latin (LATN)

Greek (GREK) course descriptions:

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Classics is the study of the ancient Greek and Roman world; the Greek and Latin languages and literature; and the history, art, and culture that have been fundamental in shaping modern society. The Greek minor is a less intensive version of the Greek concentration in the major, and requires only three courses in Greek beyond the fourth semester. It is a useful option for students with a particular interest in ancient philosophy or early Christianity.

Department Programs

Majors

- Classics Major, B.A. – Classical Archaeology (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/classics-major-ba-classical-archaeology>)
- Classics Major, B.A. – Classical Civilization (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/classics-major-ba-classical-civilization>)
- Classics Major, B.A. – Greek, Latin, and Combined Greek and Latin (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/classics-major-ba-greek-latin>)

Minors

- Classical Humanities Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/classical-humanities-minor>)
- Greek Minor (p. 1)
- Latin Minor (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/latin-minor>)

Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Classics (<http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/classics>)
- Ph.D. in Classics (<http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/classics>)

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Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements ¹		
GREK 204 or GREK 205	Intermediate Greek II Introductory Greek New Testament	3
Two (2) additional courses numbered GREK 221 or higher		6
One (1) additional course chosen from any CLAR or CLAS course or any GREK or LATN course not being used to fulfill the foreign language General Education (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements) requirement		3
Total Hours		12

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- Greek (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/departments/classics/#coursestext>) (GREK)
- Latin (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/departments/classics/#coursestext>) (LATN)

See the program page here (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/classics-major-ba-greek-latin/#opportunitiesstext>) for special opportunities.