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Mark A. Emmert, President

November 10, 2008

Dean Ana Mari Cauce College of Arts and Sciences Box 353765

Dear Ana Mari:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised program requirements for the minor in French. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Division of French and Italian Studies is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2008.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Mark A. Emmert

President

## Enclosure

cc: Ms. Jennifer Keene (with enclosure)

Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)

Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)

Mr. Todd Mildon, J.D. (with enclosure FRENCH-20080410A)



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## **EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE** (Revised Program Requirements for the Minor in French)

The Division of French & Italian Studies is proposing three changes to our current French minor requirements:

1. As part of their minor requirements, current French minors are required to complete two survey courses from the following group: FRENCH 304, 305 and 306. We would like to give students the option to take French 307, Survey of Francophone Literatures and Cultures as a survey course requirement. In other words, the Division would like to require French minors to complete two of the following four survey courses: FRENCH 304, FRENCH 305, FRENCH 306, FRENCH 307.

FRENCH 307 surveys colonial and postcolonial Francophone literatures and cultures in the contemporary era while taking into account France's significant colonial history as well as its repercussions and effects on the current-day socio-political context in France. This course seeks to familiarize students with France's role as a colonial power in shaping geopolitical relations and the cultural production of the various nations that were once its colonies. It also intends to broaden students' appreciation of the breadth of French language by presenting francophone texts, and it endeavors to introduce students to various reading practices and techniques of literary criticism. The addition of this course to the minor will reflect current trends in the study of French and Francophone literatures and cultures. Including this course in our minor requirements will also take advantage of the areas of expertise of our changing faculty (we are currently conducting a faculty search for a specialist in Francophone Studies) and will also help to reduce enrollment pressures in our other survey courses, which experience over-crowding.

2. French minors are also required to take FRENCH 378, Contemporary France. We would like to give them the option to take FRENCH 376, Culture, Politics and Society in France from the Religious Wars to Revolutions, *or* FRENCH 378.

FRENCH 376 serves as an introduction to the culture of France and focuses on the profound changes that defined the evolution of modern France, with a particular emphasis on two inter-related developments: the rise of the centralized State and the transformation of the traditional social structure, both of which are recurrent themes in the literary and artistic works of the time, as well as critical for the evolution of intellectual culture in the period. This course also complements required survey literature courses by providing students with a context that will enable them to better grasp the trajectory of French literary history. On a practical level, including this course in our minor requirements will introduce greater flexibility and choice at the 300-level, and will relieve over-crowding the French 378.

3. Establish a minimum 2.0 grade requirement for French minor courses. This rule is already in place for the major in Italian, and we wish to have a similar policy in the French major and the Italian minor, for the sake of uniformity.

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Date: Mon, 27 Oct 2008 15:41:19 -0700 (FDT)
From: J. Keene <jkeene@u.washington.edu>
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Subject: Re: French and Italian 1503's Follow Up
Sure, we'll go for that.

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On Mon, 27 Oct 2008, uwcr@u.washington.edu wrote:

> Would you like a 2.0 cum GPA? I can do that.

> Jennifer
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