

March 2, 2009

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 foreign language proficiency requirement for the College of Arts and Sciences. A copy of the proposal is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the College of Arts and Sciences is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2009 and thereafter.

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: Dr. Kevin Mihata (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
Todd Milton, J.D. (with enclosure CA&S-20090120)



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
**CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE
 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

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| College/Campus Arts and Sciences | Department/Unit | Date 2/13/2009 |
| New Programs | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____ | | |
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| Changes to Existing Programs | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____ | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised Program Requirements for FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY within the Bachelor of _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____ | | |
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| Other Changes | | |
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| Contact Person: Kevin Mihata | Phone: 1-0856 | Email: kmihata@u.washington.edu | Box: 353765 |
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EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE
 For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

The Humanities chairs have unanimously agreed that three or more years of high school language study provide sufficient exposure to cultural and linguistic diversity to meet the goals of the Arts and Sciences language proficiency requirement. There is also solid national research to show that three years of high school language study produces a level of linguistic proficiency fully comparable to one year of university-level language study (our current requirement). We therefore propose that effective Autumn 2009, students who have successfully completed three years of high school-level study in a single foreign language be considered to have met the A&S foreign language proficiency requirement. The language requirement as it currently stands would remain in effect for all other students.

| OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED | | |
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| List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. *See online instructions. | | |
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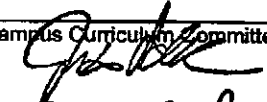

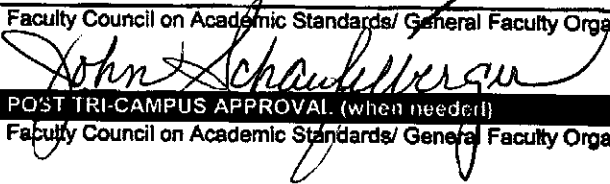
...They must also complete coursework through the end of the first-year college sequence in a foreign language, with at least a 2.0 in the third-quarter course, or demonstrate equivalent proficiency by passing an examination or by receiving a passing grade in a qualifying course beyond the first-year level.

PROPOSED CATALOG COPY

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications). Please note: all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

...They must also complete coursework through the end of the first-year college sequence in a foreign language, with at least a 2.0 in the third-quarter course, or demonstrate equivalent proficiency THROUGH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE THIRD-YEAR OR HIGHER LEVEL OF HIGH SCHOOL LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION; BY PASSING AN EXAMINATION; or by receiving a passing grade in a qualifying course beyond the first-year level.

APPROVALS

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| Chair/Program Director: | Date: |
| College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee:  | Date: 2/12/09 |
| Dean/Vice Chancellor:  | Date: 2/17/09 |
| Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:  | Date: 2/27/09 |
| POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed): Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair: | Date: |