



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Michael K. Young
President

April 25, 2014

Dean Robert C. Stacey
College of Arts and Sciences
Box 353765

Dear Bob:

Based upon 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 Bachelor of Arts degree in History. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Department of History is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2014.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Young".

Michael K. Young
President

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Matt Erickson (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Ms. Virjean Edwards. (with enclosure)



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CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE
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New Programs

- ☐ Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree.
- ☐ Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____.
- ☐ Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____.
- ☐ Leading to a minor in _____.

Changes to Existing Programs

- ☐ New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.
- ☐ Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.
- X Revised Program Requirements for the Major in History within the Bachelor of Arts.
- ☐ Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____.
- ☐ Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____.

Other Changes

- ☐ Change name of program from _____ to _____.
- ☐ Change delivery method or location of program.
- ☐ New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____.
- ☐ New Honors Requirements for _____.
- ☐ Eliminate program in _____.

Proposed Effective Date: **Quarter:** X Autumn ☐ Winter ☐ Spring ☐ Summer **Year:** 20 14

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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 History Department wishes to modify how students gain breadth of historical knowledge within the major. The current breadth requirement obligates students to take a course specifically designated as "broad" in each of three fields: European, United States, and non-Western history. We would like to propose eliminating the "broad" designation from courses and replacing the "three areas" requirement (U.S. European, and non-Western) with one that instead encourages breadth of knowledge of four different parts of the world. Under this new requirement, students would be required to take a five-credit course in each of four of the six areas that we teach: Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East and Africa, U.S. and Canada, and Comparative and Transregional history. All other requirements within the major would remain the same.

The new set of requirements will eliminate confusion about the "broad" designation and will achieve, in our view, an emphasis on breadth of knowledge about the world that will be highly valuable to our students as they move into a variety of careers. Requiring students to take courses in four of six areas, moreover, will increase student interest in all six areas. In recent years, our Department has made a concerted effort to expand its course offerings in non-U.S. and non-European history at the 100 and 200 levels. We are confident that we have sufficient courses to support this shift in requirements.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED

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.

Department/Unit: None.	Chair/Program Director:	Date:
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CATALOG COPY

Catalog Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

1. At least one 5-credit "broad" course (as designated by the department) in each of the following fields: ~~European, United States, and non-Western history (any area outside Europe, the United States, and Canada)~~

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.

1. At least one 5-credit course in each of four of the following six fields: Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East and Africa, United States and Canada, and Comparative and Transregional.

see attached

APPROVALS

Chair/Program Director:	Date:
<i>[Signature]</i>	12/15/13
College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee:	Date:
<i>[Signature]</i>	12/17/13
Dean/Vice Chancellor:	Date:
<i>[Signature]</i>	12/17/13
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:	Date:
<i>[Signature]</i>	18 April 2014

POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)

Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:

Date:

Current Catalog Copy:

Major Requirements

60 credits, to include:

1. At least one 5-credit ~~"broad" course (as designated by the department) in each of the following fields: European, United States, and non-Western history (any area outside Europe, the United States, and Canada)~~
2. At least 10 credits in pre-modern history and 10 credits in modern history (as designated by the department)
3. At least 30 upper-division credits completed in residence at the UW
4. 5 credits of HIST 388, to be completed no later than within two quarters of declaring the major
5. 5 credits of undergraduate senior seminar (as designated by the department)
6. Beyond the required subjects, the student may or may not specialize, depending upon personal interests and career plans.
7. A minimum GPA of 2.25 for all history courses and minimum grade of 2.0 in all history courses taken to fulfill requirements for the major.

Proposed Catalog Copy:

Major Requirements

60 credits, to include:

1. At least one 5-credit course in four of the following six fields: Asia; Europe; Latin American and the Caribbean; Middle East and Africa; United States and Canada; and Comparative and Transregional.
2. At least 10 credits in pre-modern history and 10 credits in modern history (as designated by the department)
3. At least 30 upper-division History credits completed in residence at the UW
4. 5 credits of HIST 388, to be completed no later than within two quarters of declaring the major
5. 5 credits of undergraduate senior seminar (as designated by the department)
6. Approved electives to reach 60 credits.
7. Beyond the required subjects, the student may or may not specialize, depending upon personal interests and career plans.
8. A minimum GPA of 2.25 for all history courses and minimum grade of 2.0 in all history courses taken to fulfill requirements for the major.