TO:  CLASS Undergraduate Committee
FROM:  Hildegard Glass, Program Director, German / German Area Studies, MCL
RE:  Proposed Changes to German Area Studies Minor and Bachelor of Arts in German Area Studies Degree Requirements

DATE:  September 14, 2010

The German program requests to make the following changes to the German Area Studies Minor and the German Area Studies B.A. degree requirements (effective Fall 2011). The cbm-form for GERM 3374 is submitted together with this memorandum.

German Area Studies Minor

Current Catalog:
A minor in German area studies requires 15 semester hours taken from courses listed below. A minimum of nine semester hours must be in residence, and at least six of these must be advanced. A student must earn a 2.00 grade point average in all courses attempted in the minor field at the University of Houston.

1. GERM 2332, 3333 and 4373.

2. Six semester hours selected from GERM 3362, 3363, 3364, 3380, 3395; HIST 3357, 3358; or from other disciplines if course content relates directly to the field of German Area Studies. Approval by program director required.

Proposed Changes:

1. GERM 2332, 3333, and 4373 or 4374.

2. Six semester hours selected from GERM 3350, 3362, 3363, 3364, 3380, 3384, 3385, 3386, 3387, 3388; HIST 3357, 3358; or from other disciplines if course content relates directly to the field of German Area Studies. Approval by program director required.

Bachelor of Arts in German Area Studies
All requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree must be met. Several of the German area studies courses also may be allowed to meet some of the specified degree requirements.

The German area studies major requires 30 semester hours, including German as well as courses in other disciplines (such as art, economics, geography, history, music, philosophy, and political science) that addresses relevant topics. German area studies majors must earn at least a 2.50 grade point average in all German courses counting toward the major and attempted at the University of Houston.

1. GERM 3330, 3333, 3334, and 4373.
2. Six semester hours selected from GERM 3362, 3363, 3364, 3380, or 3395.
3. Three additional hours of advanced German courses.
4. HIST 3357 or 3358.
5. Six semester hours of art, music, or philosophy, history, economics, or political science. Course content must deal with issues related directly to the field of German Area Studies. Approval by program director required.

Proposed Changes:

1. GERM 3330, 3333, 3334, and 4373 or 4374
2. Six semester hours selected from GERM 3350, 3362, 3363, 3364, 3380, 3384, 3385, 3386, 3387, 3388.