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In April of 2005, the Department of History voted in favor of adopting a capstone course requirement as part of its undergraduate curriculum. All History majors will be required to successfully complete capstone course before they receive their B.A. in History. We would like for this requirement to be approved by College so that we may designate capstone courses and phase in the requirement in fall of 2006.

Implementation of the course:

As part of the 18 advanced hours history majors must take from a total of 36 hours to complete their majors, a series of three hour 4000 level courses will be designated as historical methods capstone courses. Currently history majors already must take 6 hours at the 4000 level.

The historical methods seminar capstone courses will be selected from courses at the 4000 level. The catalogue will list those 4000 level courses that will satisfy the capstone requirement. They will have special designations in the class schedule and later in the undergraduate studies catalog after completing and submitting CBM course change forms for those classes that will be re-entitled as "Historical Methods Seminar." For example, 4327 will become "Historical methods seminar on Europe between 1930-1945," while 4305 will become "HMS in Texas Slavery."

Catalog Description:

The following statement will be attached at the end of the paragraph that describes the Bachelor of Arts in History (Undergraduate Studies Catalog 2005-2007, page 215): History majors are required to complete one Historical Methods Seminar capstone course prior to graduation. With the permission of the Director of the Undergraduate Program, students may fulfill this requirement by writing a senior thesis, by doing a faculty-directed internship or by taking a 6000 level graduate seminar.

Capstone course include:

Hist. 4304 The American Revolution	Hist.4305 Seminar in Texas Slavery
Hist. 4322 Environment in the U.S	Hist. 4327 Europe 1930-1945
Hist. 4348 Soc Hist of Early Modern England	Hist. 4350 Alexander the Great
Hist. 4365 Women In Latin America	Create Hist.4390 Historical Method Seminar

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Historical Methods Seminar Requirement

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Requirements	Hours
36 hours (at least 18 advanced) to include:	
HIST 1376 or 1377	3
HIST 1378 or 1379	3
IIIST 2351, 2361, or 3379	3
IIIST 2353, 2363, or 3380	3
U. S. History, 3000- or 4000-level	6
4000-level (any subject area)	3
4000-level capstone course (HIST 4303, 4305, 4322, 4327, 4348, 4350, 4365, or 4390)	3
History electives (any level)	6