

UC 10694 09F

TO: Lawrence Williams, Chair
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Degree Programs Committee: Programs

SUBJECT: UC 10394 09F – Proposed Revision to Bachelor of Arts in Art

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The Committee met on Wednesday, November 4 to review UC 10394 09F which proposes a revision to the Bachelor of Arts in Art Degree. Participating in the consideration of this proposal were Betty Barr, Debbie Hermann, and Richard Scamell. Pat Deeves and John Reed attended the meeting as guests.

Background

The Bachelor of Arts in Art is currently listed in the Undergraduate Catalog as the Bachelor of Arts in Art with Teacher Certification. UC 10394 09F proposes to broaden the options available to students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Art and to offer the path toward becoming an Art teacher as one choice, but not the only choice.

The change proposed is to extract the required 27 semester hours of Education courses from the current program. By extracting these requirements, the remaining degree structure provides for students to minor in education or in any other minor program approved by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

Requirements under the proposed degree plan are as follows:

- University of Houston Core Requirements 42 hours
- College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Requirements varies
 - 2000 level or above courses in one foreign language 6 hours
 - Three courses outside of the major requirements, core requirements, and language requirements – limit of one course per field 9 hours
 - Completion of one of the following requirements varies*
 - ❖ An approved minor
 - ❖ A second major
 - ❖ A second bachelor's degree
 - ❖ A senior honors thesis
- Major Requirements 51 hours
 - Art History (4 courses) 12 hours
 - Fundamentals of Art (5 courses) 15 hours
 - Eight Studio Courses 24 hours
- Electives To Meet Required 120 Hours For Graduation varies

Discussion

By extracting the 27 hours of Education courses from the current program, as shown above, it is possible for students to complete the degree plan in 120 hours. A student who prefers to elect coursework in Education could still do so through the College of Education, although 132 semester hours would be required to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Art.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends approval of UC 10394 09F.

* A 15-hour minor would bring the number of College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Requirements hours to 30. By double-counting one of the Art History courses toward the University of Houston core requirements, the maximum total number of hours required for the degree would be $39 + 30 + 51 = 120$ hours. Students writing a senior honors thesis would be required to take nine hours of electives to meet the 120 hours required for graduation. Students choosing a second major, a second bachelor's degree, a minor requiring more than 15 hours of coursework, or a minor in education would be required to complete more than 120 hours to obtain a Bachelor of Arts in Art.

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