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MEMORANDUM

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To: CLASS Curriculum Committee
From: Thomas Behr
Date: 11/8/10
Re: ILAS 2350 "Introduction to Liberal Studies" requirement for B.A.

The course ILAS 2350 "Introduction to Liberal Studies" is proposed as a new course starting Fall 2011 and to be added as a required course for the B.A. in Liberal Studies.

This class complements the other required course for Liberal Studies, the capstone ILAS 4350 "Liberal Studies Senior Seminar" and assists students in their Sophomore year to begin to acquire an interdisciplinary understanding of the theories and methods of the various branches of knowledge as well as to build reading, research, reasoning, writing and discussion skills to prepare them for their upper level courses. This new course requirement could be waived upon petition and approval by the Director of Liberal Studies for transfer students who enter UH as "core complete."

See Attachment I for proposed catalogue language changes, highlighted in boldface, including a revision of the name of the ILAS 4350 course to accord with the title in PeopleSoft.

Respectfully,

Thomas Behr
Director of Liberal Studies

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Jan 25, 2011
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Appendix One

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Director: Thomas Behr

The Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Liberal Studies offers a broadly interdisciplinary liberal arts program that may be tailored to match a wide variety of educational and professional goals of students. In addition to fulfilling Core, College and University requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree, students majoring in Liberal Studies must satisfy the following:

1. All requirements for a Minor in each of three different fields within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences: two of the three Minors must be from programs that also offer a Major, and one of the three Minors may be from outside the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Minors outside of C.L.A.S.S. that can count toward the Liberal Studies Major include the Global Business Minor from Bauer College of Business, with other such Minors to be considered upon approval by the Director of Liberal Studies and the Office of the Dean of C.L.A.S.S. Since the program is interdisciplinary in nature, students majoring in Liberal Studies will not have to fulfill the College requirement for an additional 9 hours across three fields outside of their Major.
2. File degree plans for each of the three Minors, complete the 15 or 18 credit hours and all other requirements for each of the chosen Minors, including grade point averages, for a total of 45 to 54 credit hours. Courses taken for any Minor cannot be used to satisfy requirements in either of the other two Minors.
3. **A 3 hour "Introduction to Liberal Studies" (ILAS 2350) seminar, to be taken in the student's Sophomore year or in the first semester having declared the Liberal Studies major beyond Freshman year, whichever is sooner. For transfer students who arrive at University of Houston with "core complete status" as determined by University of Houston transfer policies and regulations, this requirement may be waived upon petition and approval by the Director of Liberal Studies.**

4. A 3 hour "**Liberal Studies Senior Seminar**" (ILAS 4350); students may petition to substitute a Capstone course in one of their Minors for this requirement upon approval by the Director of Liberal Studies and the Office of the Dean of C.L.A.S.S.
5. All other Core, College, and University requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

The flexibility of putting together three Minors, with the potential for petitioning in a Minor from outside of C.L.A.S.S., suggests that students should consult closely with the Liberal Studies advisor or Director in formulating a coherent and professionally practical program for this Major.