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RE: Consolidation of GERMAN / GERMAN AREA STUDIES B.A. degrees

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In response to the new Texas Coordinating Board policy regarding "low-producing B.A. programs," the German program in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages seeks to consolidate the two distinct B.A. degrees currently offered in German ("German" and "German Area Studies") into one German B.A. degree with two possible concentrations:

1. German Language and Literature
2. German Area Studies.

In the proposed new degree plan below, the current requirements for the German / German Area Studies B.A.s have been modified as follows:

1. Where the old plans required GERM 4373 students may now select either GERM 4373 or 4374. GERM 4374 is a newly proposed course currently under consideration by council and, together with the CBM form for GERM 4374, we had already submitted a request to make this change.
2. Last year, a number of new German film classes (all core VPA) were approved. Section #2 of the German Language and Literature concentration and the German Area Studies has been amended to include all of those newly approved classes.
3. World Cultures and Literatures was added to the list of disciplines in section #5 of the German Area Studies concentration.
4. Additionally, the German Language and Literature concentration differs from the old German B.A. as follows: students are now required to take three hours from the list of GERM courses taught in English. This curriculum change will expose students to broader and more theoretical approaches to German cultural history. For the sake of clarification, we added "taught in English" or "taught in German" to the course choices given in sections #2 and #3.

We request that the existing German Area Studies B.A. be phased out. We will no longer admit students into this program.

We will maintain the current minors in German and German Area Studies.

Please note that the number of hours required have been left unchanged: GERMAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (27), GERMAN AREA STUDIES (30)

GERMAN B.A.

German majors must earn at least a 2.50 grade point average in all courses counting toward the major requirements and attempted at the University of Houston. Students who have not taken their first three semesters of German at the University of Houston (including those with two or more years of high school German) must take a placement examination and see a department advisor before enrolling in German courses. Credit may be awarded by examination in language courses on the 2000- and 3000-level. For information see the program director. Transfer students must take at least 12 semester hours of advanced German course work in residence to qualify for a bachelor's degree with a German major or German teacher education major.

Track 1: Concentration in German Language and Literature (27 hrs.)

In addition to the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree, students majoring in German with a concentration in German Language and Literature must complete:

1. GERM 3330, 3331, 3332, 3333, 3334, and 4373 or 4374 .
2. Three semester hours selected from GERM 3362, 3363, 3364, 3380, 3381, 3382, 3384, 3385, 3386, 3387 (taught in English)
3. Six additional hours of advanced (4000-level) German courses.(taught in German)
4. The sophomore level of a second foreign language, or six hours in another field approved by the department.

Track 2: Concentration in German Area Studies (30 hrs.)

In addition to the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree, students majoring in German with a concentration in German Area Studies must complete:

1. GERM 3330, 3333; 3334, and 4373.or 4373
2. Six semester hours selected from GERM 3362, 3363, 3364, 3380, 3381, 3382, 3384, 3385, 3386, 3387 (taught in English)
3. Three additional hours of advanced (4000-level) German courses. taught in German
4. HIST 3357 or 3358.
5. Six semester hours of art, music, or philosophy, history, economics, political science, or World Cultures and Literatures. Course content must deal with issues related directly to the field of German Area Studies. Approval by program director required.

