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Re: Reason for Changes in the list of required courses for the Bachelor of Arts in Italian Studies

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The changes in the list of required courses are due to new Italian courses recently implemented and that may serve the interest of the students better than previous ones; to the new WCL courses that were not included so far among the elective courses that could count toward the degree in Italian Studies; and to the necessity to create a more student-friendly list of options (instead of asking them to petition or ask permission to take a course not included in the previous list).

Explanation of the proposed changes in the Italian Studies catalog - Major

Point 1: no changes made

Point 2: the existing catalog page does not list the 3000-4000 level courses that the student can take. I have just provided the numeric list (from Italian 3301 to Italian 4308).

Point 3: so far, Italian 3335 (Survey of Italian Literature) is mandatory for Italian majors. However, the new Italian 4308 (Dante and His Times) that I have taught successfully in 2010, is equally essential to the fulfillment of the literature requirements. Making it the equivalent of Italian 3335 gives me the possibility of teaching it more often and increases the students' options.

Point 4: Economics 3389 has been deleted in the assumption that it will be replaced by the new WCL courses whose content is closer to the course of study in the Italian Bachelors. Italian 3305 has been moved to point 2; Italian 3306 is for minors or students with a different minor or major. I have also added all the new WCL courses that are not currently included in the catalog page, and whose content makes them fit to be chosen as elective courses.

Explanation of the proposed changes in the Italian Studies catalog - Minor

Point 3: same change as Major, point 3: Italian 3335 (Survey of Italian Literature) becomes equivalent to Italian 4308 (Dante and His Times).

<http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/colleges/las/majors/italian/index.php>

Italian Major

Italian Studies

Director: Alessandro Carrera

The department offers an interdisciplinary program in Italian studies leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree.

The program allows students to major in a broad area, rather than in one specific department.

Bachelor of Arts in Italian Studies

In addition to completing the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts, students majoring in Italian Studies must complete 30 semester hours in areas listed. The requirements for the major in Italian

Studies include:

1. Six semester hours: **ITAL 2301 and 2302.**
2. Nine semester hours in courses ~~at the 3000-4000 level~~ taught in Italian, or courses that require a substantial amount of written work in Italian, selected from ITAL 3301, 3302, 3303, 3304, 3305, 3308, 3335, 3345, ~~4308~~. *→ and*
3. **ITAL 3335** or **4308**, ~~(students can take either one or both; one of them will fulfill the requirement)~~
4. Twelve semester hours selected from **ARCH 3354, ARTH 3381, 3383; CLAS 3306, 3307, 3308; ECON 3389; ENGL 4330; HIST 4330, 3336, 4333; ITAL 3305 or 3306; MUSI 3300, 3301, 4380; THEA 3335, 3336, WCL 2351, 2352, 4351, 4352, 4353** (students can also *substitute* take courses listed in 2. *item have not been taken* that exceed the nine hours ~~required~~, or other courses with the consent of the program director).

Italian Studies majors must earn at least a 2.00 grade point average in all Italian courses counting toward the major and attempted at the University of Houston.

Students who have not taken their first three semesters of Italian at the University of Houston (including those with two or more years of high school Italian) must take a placement examination and see a department advisor before enrolling in Italian courses. Credit may be awarded by examination for courses at the 2000- and 3000-level. For information see the departmental advisor.

Transfer students must take at least 9 semester hours of advanced Italian course work in residence to qualify for a bachelor's degree with a major in Italian Studies.

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Minor in Italian

Students minoring in Italian must complete at least 15 semester hours in Italian, nine of which must be advanced. Students must complete the following:

1. **ITAL 2301** and **2302**.
2. Six semester hours taught in Italian at the advanced level, selected from **ITAL 3301**, **ITAL 3302**, **ITAL 3303**, **ITAL 3304**.
3. **ITAL 3336**, ~~or 4308 (students can take either one or both, each one of them will fulfill the requirement).~~

Nine semester hours of the minor, including six advanced hours, must be completed in residence. A 2.00 minimum grade point average must be earned on all minor courses attempted at the University of Houston.

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