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MEMORANDUM

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To: CLASS Curriculum Committee
From: Thomas Behr
Date: 11/19/12
Re: Changes to Liberal Studies Catalogue Language

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The two and one-half years experience of the Liberal Studies program has shown that students are interested in a wide range of "third" minors from outside of C.L.A.S.S. that until this year have required a formal petition for other than "pre-approved" minors, such as the Global Business minor in Bauer—which, incidentally, is being phased out as a Bauer minor program. To streamline the administration of adding particular "outside" minors, we are proposing to pre-approve all eligible minor programs from Architecture, Business, Engineering, NSM, and Technology.

Also, with the introduction of the Practicum requirement for the B.A. in Liberal Studies in Academic Year 2012/13, some clarifications of the manner in which the Practicum can be satisfied would be useful along with clarifications to avoid confusion with earlier wording concerning the ILAS 4350 capstone that permitted petition for an alternative capstone.

Therefore, the following changes are requested (deletions crossed out, additions bolded, see proposed catalogue language in Appendix One):

In requirement #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 may count toward the Liberal Studies Major include ~~the Global Business Minor from Bauer College of Business, with other such~~ **eligible** Minor programs from **Architecture, Business, Engineering, Natural Sciences & Mathematics, and Technology**, to be considered upon approval of **consultation with** 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.

In requirement #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.~~

In requirement #5 - A Practicum is required from one of the alternatives as follows: a) an approved UH credit-bearing, study-abroad program, b) an approved UH credit-bearing internship program or public service project, or c) an approved UH credit-bearing research project, **including a significant research capstone project or honors thesis**. Credit hours related to this requirement may apply to

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one of a student's minors or not, as determined by the minor program. Satisfaction of this requirement shall be determined upon submission of the relevant application as established by the Director of Liberal Studies. Refer to the Liberal Studies website for suggested options.

Respectfully,

Thomas Behr
Director of Liberal Studies

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 may count toward the Liberal Studies Major include eligible programs from Architecture, Business, Engineering, Natural Sciences & Mathematics, and Technology, upon consultation with the Director of Liberal Studies. 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.
4. A 3 hour "Liberal Studies Senior Seminar" (ILAS 4350).
5. A Practicum is required from one of the alternatives as follows: a) an approved UH credit-bearing, study-abroad program, b) an approved UH credit-bearing internship program or public service project, or c) an approved UH credit-bearing research project, including a significant research capstone project or honors thesis. Credit hours related to this requirement may apply to one of a student's minors or not, as determined by the minor program. Satisfaction of this requirement shall be determined upon submission of the relevant application as established by the Director of Liberal Studies. Refer to the Liberal Studies website for suggested options.
6. 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.