

Curriculum Committee Form A: Discipline Summary

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Curriculum Committee
Form A

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Discipline/Division: French/Humanities

Catalog Years (e.g., 2009-2011): 2009-2011

Statistical Summary of Proposed Changes:

(a)	(b)	(b) – (a)
Present (from current catalog)	Proposed (for new catalog)	Net Change*
8-10	8-10	0
32-40	32-40	0
4-6	6	+0-2
16-24	24	+0-8
11	13	+2
7		
17	23	+6
7		
0	1	+1

The Major

Total courses required for a major*:

Total credits required for a major*:

The Minor

Total courses required for a minor*:

Total credits required for a minor*:

Entire Discipline

Total 1xxx and 2xxx courses listed in the catalog**:

Total 1xxx and 2xxx courses taught last year**:

Total 3xxx and 4xxx courses listed in the catalog**:

Total 3xxx and 4xxx courses taught last year**:

Number of courses with no General Education designator**:

*Includes required courses from other disciplines.

**Does not include Directed Studies or Senior Honors Projects. Courses with multiple sections count only once.

Please summarize the intent of the proposed changes.

We are moving all of the courses that we taught under the Humanities Discipline into French (we are eliminating a total of 6 Humanities courses, which is exactly the number of courses we are adding to French). In effect, this is a neutral change, not adding to the number of courses we teach, but shifting them from one discipline to another. We are moving these courses so as to receive credit for teaching them in French, and to solidify our SCH and FTE numbers.

We are also eliminating courses that were taught by instructors no longer at UMM and adding some that will be taught by our new faculty member. This change increases the number of courses in the French curriculum by two classes. See addendum A for a chart illustrating these changes.

We have eliminated the Gen Ed designator from Fren 1001 to eliminate confusion, since it does not satisfy the FL Gen Ed (only Fren 1002 or equivalent does).

Although the number of credits and courses for our major has not changed, we are adding a requirement that the students compile a "French Major's Portfolio" which will include all syllabi, papers and exams that they will have completed from Fren 3001 all the way through the rest of their coursework for the major. This portfolio will aid us in our assessment of the discipline.

The changes to our minor guarantee that students minoring in French take a minimum of 6 courses (24 credits). Since many of our minors test into Fren 3001, they are exempt from the requirement of taking Fren 2001 and Fren 2002. These two courses represent 33.33% of the minor requirements, so students testing into Fren 3001 end up taking only 4 courses for their minors. We do not feel that four courses are sufficient for the minor, so we are requiring that students take 24 credits, no matter where they test into our program.

Although we encounter the same problem with our major (some students do not need to take 2001 and/or 2002), we have decided not to change our major program at this time because we've had French majors in the recent past who may not have been able to complete their majors if they had been required to take 2 additional courses.

Finally, we are adding Fren 1022 to clarify how the July in Paris program satisfies the FL Gen Ed requirement.

What are the financial or staffing implications of this proposal for the Discipline?

None.

What are the financial or staffing implications of this proposal for other Disciplines?

We will no longer be staffing courses in the HUM Discipline, although we will still be teaching courses with a Hum Gen Ed designator that will be taught in English and open to the general student population.