School of Art

Art history minor

Revise description

Admissions Standards/Procedures

- A graduate minor in art history may be arranged during the student’s first semester of study with the consent of the student’s area instructors and the art history faculty. Students must state their intention to pursue the graduate minor in art history before the end of their first year of graduate study. Consent of the student's area instructors and the art history faculty are required.

Required Courses

- Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours in art history that is the specific components of which will be agreed upon by the art history faculty after review of the student’s previous undergraduate and graduate course work.
- No more than 3 credit hours of independent study may be applied to the minor.

Non-Course Requirements

- A reading knowledge of French, German, or Italian is a prerequisite, unless waived by the art history faculty.
- Graduate Council policy stipulates that a member from the minor unit must serve on the thesis committee.

Rationale: The revision applies to the following: 1) a graduate student must arrange a minor during their first year of study; 2) 12 credit hours must be agreed upon by the art history faculty after review of previous undergraduate and graduate course work; 3) no more than 3 credit hours of independent study may be applied to the minor.

Impact on other units: none, financial impact: none
Revise concentration title

Mathematical Ecology and Evolution Concentration - Mathematical Biology Concentration

Rationale: The proposed change will make the concentration name more consistent with the proposed associated new course names and be more general to reflect the diverse research our students engage in with faculty who have a diverse range of research within the field of mathematical biology. The proposed change would also make the concentration sound less niche to students and better reflect the reality that the concentration is within a more broadly defined program within the greater context of ecology and other biological sciences.

Impact on other units: none. Financial impact: none
French major, MA

Revise requirements

Thesis Option

Students who choose the thesis option demonstrate their research skills by submitting a thesis and passing an oral examination on it and on related matters. The student will work closely with a faculty member who specializes in their field of interests. Additional information can be found in the MFLL Graduate Handbook available on the department’s webpage.

Credit Hours Required
Minimum of 30 graduate credit hours

Required Courses: No change
Additional Course Requirements: No change

Non-Course Requirements
- The thesis committee must be established and a formal proposal approved by the end of the second semester of course work.
- The thesis must be completed by the end of the fourth semester of course work.
- The thesis will be 70-100 pages in length.
- Any student who fails to receive a passing grade in FREN 500 in their third and fourth semesters will be required to complete the Project Option.
- A written examination covering the course work and selected items from a master reading list (two fields)
- A final oral examination covering the thesis.

Course Only with Comprehensive Exam Option

Students who choose this option need to submit a paper from a course taken with one of the members of his/her committee, developed to approximately twenty-five pages in length. An oral examination will follow, covering the research paper.

Credit Hours Required: No change
Required Courses: No Change
Additional Course Requirements: No Change

Non-Course Requirements
- A research paper from a course, which the candidate substantially expands with the approval of the committee.
- A written examination covering the course work and selected items from a master reading list (three fields)
- A final oral examination to discuss the research paper.

Rationale: There is no longer a Project Option for the French MA; students will be advised based on their individual situation should they fail French 500. This switch will allow students to concentrate on their written exams and will bring French into alignment with the other MA’s in MFLL (German and Spanish).

Impact on other units: none. Financial impact: none
German Major, MA

Revise Description

THESIS OPTION
Students in the thesis option demonstrate their research capability by submitting a thesis (usually 40 to 75 pages long) and passing an oral examination on it and on related matters. Additional information can be found in the MFLL Graduate Handbook.

Credit Hours Required
Minimum of 30 graduate credit hours

Required Courses
- GERM 500 (6 credit hours)

24 credit hours on literature, culture, film or language taught in the German program
- Only one of which may be chosen from GERM 411-GERM 412 or GERM 485.
- Graduate courses in other programs may be counted with permission of the graduate advisor in German.
- MFLL 512 is required for all students and may be taken only one.
- A maximum of three 400-level courses (taken for graduate credit) may be counted toward the 24 credit hours of graduate course work.
- Enrollment in GERM 595 for 1 credit hour per semester for the duration of the degree whenever GERM 595 is offered

NON-COURSE REQUIREMENTS
- An exam over the designated reading list is required
- A thesis defense
- A standardized language exam, such as the Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung.
- Students who are interested in future PhD-level study are strongly advised to choose the thesis option.
- A maximum of 3 credit hours of GERM 595 can be counted towards the degree

COURSE ONLY WITH COMPREHENSIVE EXAM OPTION
In this option students demonstrate their research capability by submitting to their three-person graduate committee a dossier consisting of two research papers, the first a seminar paper written in a 600-level German course and the second a paper previously written for another graduate course in German. Additional information on this option can be found in the MFLL Graduate Handbook available on the department’s webpage.

Credit Hours Required
Minimum of 30 graduate credit hours

Required Courses
The 30 credit hours consist of courses on literature, culture, film, or language taught in the German program.
- At least one 600-level course for which a seminar paper is required.
- Only one course may be chosen from GERM 411-GERM 412 or GERM 485
- Graduate courses in other programs may be counted with permission of the graduate advisor in German.
- MFLL 512 is required for all students and may be taken only one.
- A maximum of three 400-level courses (taken for graduate credit) may be counted toward the 30 credit hours of graduate course work.
- Enrollment in GERM 595 for 1 credit hour per semester for the duration of the degree whenever GERM 595 is offered

NON-COURSE REQUIREMENTS
- A common written exam over the designated reading list
• A standardized language exam, such as the Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung
• Each non-thesis MA candidate will have a committee of three faculty members in German to whom the student will submit a dossier consisting of
  • the seminar paper (see first bullet under Required Courses) and
  • one paper previously submitted in a graduate course; the length and type of the papers is described in greater detail in the Manual for Graduate Students in German.

Rationale: In 2018-19, German has started to offer a one-hour graduate colloquium based on student demand for the fall and the spring semesters under the independent study course number. In order to be able to limit the number of hours students can apply towards their degree, we are adding a designated course number for the "Graduate Colloquium" in German and specify that students enrolled in the "German Major, MA" need to take 1 credit hour of GERM 595 per semester for the duration of the degree whenever GERM 595 is offered. The proposed change of the degree program description for BOTH degree options of the "German Major, MA" specifies this new requirement and also the maximum number of credit hours of GERM 595 that can count toward the degree.

Impact on other units: none. Financial impact: none
MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES MAJOR, PhD

Revise requirement

FIRST CONCENTRATION — FRENCH, GERMAN OR SPANISH
The course work for all concentrations must be distributed as follows:
First Concentration: German. A minimum of 39 credit hours of German courses beyond the bachelor’s degree, distributed as follows.

- 400-level – A maximum of 6 graduate credit hours of 400-level classes taken for the MA may be applied.
- 500-level – A minimum of 21 credit hours must be taken. These must include MFLL 512, MFLL 584, and GERM 500-level – A minimum of 21 credit hours must be taken. These must include MFLL 512, MFLL 584, GERM 519, and GERM 595. Enrollment in GERM 595 is required for 1 credit hour per semester for the duration of the degree whenever GERM 595 is offered. Thesis credit hours are excluded, and a maximum of 3 credit hours of GERM 595 can be counted towards the degree. If MFLL 512 is used as part of a second concentration in applied linguistics, another course must be substituted in the first concentration.

Rationale: In 2018-19, German has started to offer a one-hour graduate colloquium based on student demand for the fall and the spring semesters under the independent study course number. In order to be able to limit the number of credit hours students can apply towards their degree, we are adding a designated course number for the German "Graduate Colloquium" (GERM 595) and specify that students enrolled in the "Modern Foreign Languages Major, PhD" with a "First Concentration in German" need to take 1 credit hour of GERM 595 per semester for the duration of the degree whenever GERM 595 is offered. The proposed change of the degree program description specifies this new requirement and also the maximum number of credit hours of GERM 595 that can count toward the degree.

Impact on other units: none. Financial impact: none
School of Music

^Drop concentration

MMusic Pedagogy Piano or Vocal concentration

Rationale: The School of Music no longer offers this graduate concentration.
Impact on other units: none. Financial impact: none
MPPA, Public Policy and Administration Major-Public Policy Track

Revise Requirements

Public Policy Track
Must complete one of the following courses
POLS 513
POLS 514

Must complete two of the following courses
POLS 543
POLS 556
POLS 654

Complete the requirements in one of the following specialized areas.
Energy and Environment Specialization, must complete two of the following courses
POLS 549
POLS 551
POLS 554
NOTE. One course may be taken in another department with prior approval.

Global Security Specialization, must complete two of the following courses
POLS 571
POLS 573
POLS 580
POLS 684
POLS 685
POLS 686
NOTE. One course may be taken in another department with prior approval.

Customized Policy Specialization
Must complete any two graduate courses in a particular policy area in Political Science or another department with prior approval.
Department of Theatre

Theatre Major MFA (Concentrations: Costume Design, Lighting Design, Scenic Design, and Sound and Digital Media)

Revise requirements

Required courses
THEA 491 Foreign Study
THEA 492 Off-Campus Study

Rationale: The requirement is not always valid, and we end up forgiving the requirement as often as we include it.
Impact on other units: none. Financial impact: none