### DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ITALIAN DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2018-2020

Dean Randy Diehl in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the Secretary of the Faculty Council the following proposal to modify and rename the Italian degree program in the College of Liberal Arts chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog*, 2018-2020. The Department of French and Italian faculty approved the proposal on April 3, 2017; the College Curriculum Design and Assessment Committee approved it on April 19, 2017, and the Dean and the College faculty approved it on June 5, 2017. The Secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive interest to one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the proposal on October 17, 2017, and forwarded it to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by October 29, 2017.

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<b>TYPE OF CHANGE:</b> Academ			Change			
Degree Program Change (THECB form required)						
PR	OPOSED CLASSIF	ICATION:	Exclusive	General	Major	
1.	IF THE ANSWER	TO ANY OF T	HE FOLLOWIN	<b>G</b> QUESTIONS	IS YES, THE CO	LLEGE MUST
	CONSULT LINDA DICKENS, DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT, TO				IENT, TO	
	<b>DETERMINE IF S</b>	ACSCOC APP	ROVAL IS REQU	J <b>IRED.</b>		
	• Is this a new deg	gree program?			Yes 🛛	🛛 No 🗌
	• Is this program b	being deleted?			Yes	🗌 No 🖂
	• Does the program	m offer courses	that will be taught	off campus?	Yes 🛛	🛛 No 🗌
	• Will courses in t	his program be	delivered electronic	cally?	Yes	🗌 No 🖂

# 2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE:

We are replacing Italian with Italian Studies. The "Studies" designation for the new major in Italian indicates a curriculum that transcends traditional literature-language-culture offerings. Internships in the US and abroad, enhanced opportunities for undergraduate research, and creative integration of ITC courses into the curriculum represent strategic, attractive innovations. With an emphasis on experience abroad, research and independent learning, the new major in Italian Studies will prepare 21st-century students to participate meaningfully and productively in the international arena. In addition, the new major in Italian Studies offers students curricular coherence along with ease and flexibility in semester-to-semester planning. We expect this combination of features to result in increased enrollments overall and increased numbers of majors.

# 3. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES: (Please check all that apply)

		Courses in other colleges	Courses in proposer's college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges	⊠ Flags
	Course in the core curriculum		Change in course sequencing for an existing program	Courses that have to be added to the inventory
		Change in admission requirements (external or internal)	Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office)	-
4.	SCO	OPE OF PROPOSED CHANG	E:	
	a.	Does this proposal impact other If yes, then how would you do s	Yes 🗌 No 🔀	
<ul> <li>b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college? Yes ⊠ N If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect? 2 students/year over a 4-year p</li> </ul>				Yes ⊠ No □ over a 4-year period, 8

students

c. Do you anticipate a net <u>increase</u> (or decrease) in the number of <u>students from outside</u> of your college taking <u>classes in your college</u>?
 Yes ⊠ No □

If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved. 10 students/year over a 4-

year period, 40 students

d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of <u>students from your college</u> taking <u>courses in other colleges</u>? Yes No X If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

### If 4 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions:

If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level. No budgetary impact for another college/school.

How many students do you expect to be impacted? <u>N/A</u> Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included: <u>N/A</u> Person communicated with: <u>N/A</u> Date of communication: <u>N/A</u> Response:

e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? <u>No.</u> If yes, explain:

# If yes, Undergraduate Studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:

Person communicated with: Date of communication: Response:

f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? <u>No.</u> Note: THECB Semester Credit Hour Change Form required, download from URL: http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/DocFetch.cfm?DocID=2419&format=doc If yes, explain:

## 5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

Department approval date:	April 3, 2017	Approved by the Department of French and Italian
College approval date:	April 19, 2017	Approved by the COLA Curriculum Design and
		Assessment Committee
Dean approval date:	06/05/17	Approved by Dean Randy Diehl and the COLA Faculty

#### **PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:**

#### ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

{No changes up to this point}

#### Italian <u>Studies</u> Honors Program

Majors who plan to seek special honors in Italian <u>Studies</u> may apply to the honors adviser for admission to the honors program during the semester in which they will complete <u>sixty</u> [<del>60</del>] semester hours of coursework. To enter the program, a student must have completed at least <u>sixty</u> [<del>60</del>] semester hours of coursework, including <u>twelve</u> [<del>12</del>] hours of upper-division coursework in Italian. These <u>twelve</u> [<del>12</del>] hours must include Italian 365, Italian 375, or Italian Civilization 360. A University grade point average of at least 3.00 and a grade point average in Italian of at least 3.50 are also required for admission. The requirements for graduation with special honors, which are in addition to the requirements of the major, are

- 1. Italian 379H, Honors Tutorial Course, with a grade of at least B
- 2. Satisfactory performance on an honors examination
- 3. A University grade point average of at least 3.00 and a grade point average of at least 3.50 in the coursework required for the major and for honors
- 4. Completion in residence at the University of at least <u>sixty</u> [<del>60</del>] semester hours of coursework counted toward the degree

## DEGREES AND PROGRAMS

## ITALIAN Studies

Major

<u>Twenty-four</u> [24] semester hours of upper-division coursework in Italian, including Italian <u>320.</u> [<del>321, 328,</del> and <del>329.</del> Three semester hours chosen from Italian Civilization 349 or 360 may be counted toward this requirement.]

Three hours in Italian courses chosen from Italian 321 or 325 or 328

Three hours in Italian Civilization

Fifteen hours in additional Italian upper-division

Up to three hours of Italian Civilization may be counted for three hours of additional Italian upper-division Up to three hours of Liberal Arts 320 may be counted for three hours of additional Italian Civilization Only one may be counted for the Major: Liberal Arts 320, three hours of additional Italian Civilization Only one may be counted for the Major: Liberal Arts 320, Italian 349P, 368O.