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Memo To: Registrar's Office
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Memo From: Douglas Kanter, Chair
Department of History

RE: Program Change for Department of History

The Department of History is proposing to 1) eliminate the requirement for History majors to complete nine (9) credits in Upper Division coursework in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters and 2) increase the Upper Division coursework requirement in Latin American History (LAH) and World History (AFH/ASH) from three (3) credits in each to six (6) credits in each. This proposed change will result in History Majors being required to complete forty-two (42) credits in History courses instead of thirty-six (36) credits in History courses.

The overall requirements for the History major will actually be reduced by this change:

Current Requirements: 36 credits in History Courses
9 credits in College Electives
4-8 credits in Foreign Language
49-53 Total credits for Major

Proposed Changes: 42 credits in History Courses
4-8 credits in Foreign Language
46-50 Total credits for Major

The reasoning behind these proposed changes reflects the needs and interests of our students in terms of receiving more exposure to the wide range of Upper Division content/training the Department offers.

These changes, while also putting us in line with many other units in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters (with little or no College elective requirements), are on par with History Major requirements in many of the other SUS universities.